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**Madison County board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023**

On Tuesday June 13, 2023 a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10: 00 am on the Second Floor in the Motor Vehicle Office of the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Chairman, Ron Nye, and Bill Todd present. Lisa Carruthers, Assistant to Commissioners, was present to take meeting minutes.

All those present included David Buchler, Carmin Hill, Mark Fiege, Pete Armstrong, Brooke Schandelmeier, Jennifer Westfall, Jordan Allhands, Alison Elser. Ryan Wolter, IT Administrator facilitated WebEx. Those who attended via WebEx or phone include other unidentified phone attendees.

ALL STAND FOR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dan Allhands calls the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Resolution 34-2023: Resolution Declaring an Emergency in Madison County see attached

Bill Todd made a motion to approve Resolution 34-2023. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:02 am Dan Allhands, Chairman passed the motion.

Compensation Board recommendations: elected officials receive a 6.5% Cost of living increase and \$2,250.00 salary increase. The compensation board has followed the consumer price index, the latest cpi numbers were 8.9% but based on comparably sized counties in terms of population, taxable incomes, caseloads. Madison County is on the low end of the income scale the increase is brought forward with the notion to not just have immediate retention but the long term qualified. A 6.5% cost of living increase will be applied to all county employees as well. Retention is the serious problem. Finance thought those numbers were reasonable and affordable. Taxable value will be available in August.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the compensation boards recommendations of a 6.5% Cost of living increase and a \$2,250.00 wage increase for all Madison County elected officials. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:05 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Discussion and Action Items:

Bill Todd made a motion to reappoint Jon Olsen to BSTRPB. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:08am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion

Bill Todd Made a motion to appoint Ty Sandru TB rural FD board. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:09 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the religious exemption. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:09 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

10:00 am Courthouse Status and Next- Step: Justice Court, District Court and County Attorney

David Buchler, Judge Allhands, Carmin Hill wanted to keep the courthouse issue in the forefront and in everyone minds. Need to keep looking towards a long-term solution and find out what our options are. Until we know what the price tag is for potential options we do not know the options. Need to start working towards two options either get the courthouse up and running or compare the cost of adding onto the admin building while keeping in mind the addition of a jail and sheriffs office. It was recommended to the commissioners to send out an RFQ to know what individual contractors would bid. Bill Todd is willing to take over the RFQ process to go forward. The county needs room and more offices. Once we have the real numbers then we could take the next step so we are not just talking about it, need to move forward and figure out what is going on with the courthouse. It is important that we keep moving forward and address all the issues, utilize it as a holistic plan, no longer having employees in there is an opportunity to approach this. All the employees are feeling much better and not ill. All three commissioners agree that proceeding forward is the way to go.

10:20 am Resolution 31-2023 Allison

Bill Todd made a motion to approve Resolution 31-2023 seconded by Ron Nye. No further Discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:21 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve signing the quit claim deed for abandoned west street from resolution 26-2023. Seconded by Ron Nye. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:22 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Discussion Item:

Mark Fiji chief of Harrison Fire Dept. Pete Armstrong is a friend and mentor

Wants to talk about when the two floods occurred in Pony, Mt. They were out there as north willow creek flood, there was debris in front of the two culverts where pony road passes, culvert on Beatrice street, four or five culverts couldn't handle the volume and one failed. Called for assistance and discovered that the county and the state were responsible for some of those roads. President of cataract water use district the water master had been doing a release right at the time of the flood. What happened was uncoordinated. The culverts could not handle the volume, houses were being flooded, historic hotel was flooded. Beatrice street flooded, requesting bigger culverts to be prepared for the extraordinary.

Pete stated that the county needs an established chain of command, we need somebody at dispatches end to have the weekend coverage that can make a decision and respond to dispatch. Request an order of operations if we have a need the road crew. The culvert goes across Broadway for pony creek the state put a sleeve in there which restricted the flow. The commissioners need to write them a letter.

David Buchler suggests that everyone sit down with Joe Brummel to enforce a mutual aid connection. Get a meeting set up with DES, Road Foreman, and local crews.

10:35 am Discussion of new Solid Waste position: Guy Buyan from solid waste, we need help, potentially hiring a potential body to get them by, have one retiring in October one is down and has no schedule to come back. Getting a CDL driver, temporary site clean-up, Cardwell was a mess that site needs to be manned as it was overwhelmed. Jefferson County is taking advantage of the site. The neighbors want to get that stopped. Should the county ask Jefferson County and pay a fee and they manage the site? How does the county manage the site and enforce it? Try to get a part time guy into the fall, CDL preferred but not required. Employees were getting vacation and sick leave; the new employee could help out on the weekends and manage the sites. Jennifer Westfall to create a part time position CDL preferred 90 working days.

RSID Discussion and/or Action Items: Vicki Tilstra

Paid off 2006 series all we have left is Ousell falls

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the Bond Call Letter. Seconded by Ron Nye. No Further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:47 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the Budget Resolution RSID 2006. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:48 am Dan Allhands, Chairman Carried the motion.

10:48 am Golf Course Update: Steadman Shealy see attached exhibit A submitted to the Board

11:00 am Grants: Shawna Lutgen, Grant Administrator Craig Erickson, GWE Becky Lawson, SMA Architects

MVM Updates: last week discussed a broader net for an electrical contractor, basically to cover the eastern third of the state Billings Gazette, Central part Great Falls Tribune, Western part of the state the Missoulian, and of course the Madisonian. Cost is \$3-\$3500 to place notices in the papers. There are two or three large electrical contractors who are familiar with federal aid projects and reach out to them one is Townsend electric who are currently in Sheridan and they would like to reach out to them. Cost is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15,000.00 with the county match has been met, there is currently \$28,000 in the fund, the cost or the procurement is refundable from the grant. This plan has the blessing from the Dept of Commerce

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the plan to expand the advertisement up to \$3500 for the Madison Valley Manor electrical project. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:08 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

TB Stormwater ARPA Reimbursement & Close Out

Twin Bridges Water ARPA reimbursement original pay application just included a statement for the quick stop in Sheridan so they need to list the 17 invoices and resubmit, once signed will get that back in front of the DNRC, and close out the grant.³³

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the signing of the Twin Bridges Storm Water ARPA reimbursement and closeout the grant. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:10 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Virginia City Water Project

Hoping to have a proposed budget from last Tuesday from Matt. Did not get a proposed budget from DNRC so does not have anything available. DNRC and Dept of commerce have extensive funding available but do not have the information as of yet. Will get back on the agenda when he has the information. See attached exhibit B submitted to the board.

Bill Todd thanked the GIS department last week, forgot to thank Michelle in planning for training the GIS department.

Meeting Minutes:

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:12 am Dan Allhands carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:12 am Dan Allhands carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the May 15, 2023 MACo Insurance Renewal meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:12 am Dan Allhands carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:12 am Dan Allhands carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the May 30, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:12 am Dan Allhands carried the motion.

Bill Todd made a motion to approve the Forest Service Special Meeting "Schedule A" agreement minutes as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:14 am Dan Allhands carried the motion.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM by Dan Allhands, Chairman.

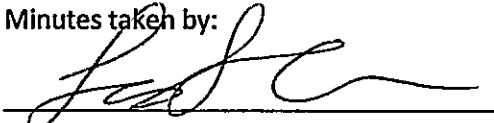
Next Meeting: The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2023 beginning at 9:30 am in the Drivers Licensing Office in the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.



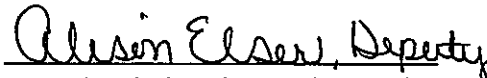
Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: June 27, 2023

Minutes taken by:



Lisa Carruthers
Assistant to Commissioners

Attest: 
Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County

