

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 30, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, a special meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Jim Hart, and Ron Nye present. Laurie Buyan, Commissioners' Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Joe Brummell, Jon Osborn, Robert Erdall, and Mike Stears. Ryan Wolter, IT Support Specialist, was present to administer a power point presentation.

Amended Fire Ban Resolution: Joe Brummell, DES, met with the Board to discuss an amendment to the recently approved burn ban resolution. Joe reviewed a power point presentation with current fire statistics for Madison County, noting that there have been 6 structure fires and 19 wildland/grass fire so far this year. He added that 95 % of these fires have been human caused. Joe listed other Counties that currently have burn bans in place including Jefferson County, Park County, Beaverhead County, and two districts in Gallatin County.

Bob Erdall stated that the Virginia City Fire Department met last night and unanimously decided that there would be no fireworks in Virginia City this year. Joe stated that the assistant Fire Chief in Big Sky specifically requested that Big Sky be included in the proposed fireworks ban. It was also noted that Moonlight Basin Ranch has purchased the fireworks that were intended to be sold in Big Sky this year. Jon Osborn stated that there is talk of reverting fireworks to New Year's celebrations rather than 4th of July due to weather considerations.

Joe reviewed fire activity, drought index, and a map of current bans by stages throughout the state.

Following much discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve Resolution 27-2021, a resolution amending Resolution 26-2021 imposing a burn ban/fireworks ban in Madison County. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: August 17, 2021

Minutes prepared by:

Laurie Buyan, Executive Assistant

Attest: _____
Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County