On Thursday, May 3, 2019, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted Preliminary Budget Hearings beginning at 10:20 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Conference Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Ron Nye, Chairman, Jim Hart, and Dan Allhands present. Laurie Buyan, Commissioners Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the hearings were Bonnie O’Neill, Vicki Tilstra, Kacey Smart, and Van Puckett.

Sanitarian Preliminary Budget Hearing: Van Puckett, Sanitarian, and Kacey Smart, Sanitarian’s Assistant, met with the Board to review the Sanitarian’s preliminary budget. Bonnie O’Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, and Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, were present for this portion of the meeting. Kacey stated that there are not many changes to the budget and discussed purchases taken from small items of equipment that put the line item over, noting that that line item will remain the same because these were one-time expenses. She stated that fuel expenses will go up due to Van driving a pick-up rather than the Subaru, so $1,000 will be added to that line item; and that the telephone line will go up because of the data cards for both laptops, so $375 will be added to that line item. There was discussion about the budget for short-term help versus contract labor. Kacey stated that she thought the short-term person would be contract labor but because it wasn’t, $10,000 will be moved from Contract Services (398) to Salary/Wages-Extra Help (112). There was also discussion regarding making the Sanitarian position exempt but Bonnie stated that she would talk to Van about it before bringing a request to the Board. On the revenue side, Kacey stated that septic inspections are way up and food inspections have also increased.

With no further business, the hearings concluded at 10:50 a.m.