

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 28, 2021, Emergency Meeting Minutes**

On Thursday, January 28, 2021, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted an emergency meeting that came to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Chairman, Jim Hart, and Ron Nye present. Because no one was present to take minutes the meeting was recorded, and minutes were subsequently prepared by Jane Bacon, Commissioner's Clerk.

**TRMCC Boiler:** The Board discussed the boiler situation at TRMCC after being alerted about potential problems with the burner and concerns that the boiler might fail in the imminent future, leaving the facility without heat. Dave Reintsma, TRMCC Maintenance, Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, and Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, were present for the meeting. Gail Nelson, TRMCC Administrator in Training, participated by telephone. Ron asked Dave about time and labor costs for installing a new boiler. Dave expressed concern that there is no backup if the boilers are down during installation, and Jim noted that Tony Forsythe (Maintenance Manager for County buildings in Virginia City) thought the smaller size of the new boilers would allow them to be installed without removing the old one. Discussion included replacing the boiler versus replacing/repairing just the burner unit, minimizing down time, expected wait time of two years for CDBG grant funding, and other possible sources for funding. Vicki mentioned a donation account for TRMCC that could be used, and there is some money in TRMCC's budget. Replacing just the burner unit is estimated to take five weeks; ordering new boilers is expected to take 7-10 days. A call was made to Joe Tate, L&J Plumbing, to discuss installation details. Joe recommended removing the old boiler to get it out of the way, confirmed his plan to have everything set up prior to arrival of the new boiler(s) to minimize down time, discussed labor costs, and quoted a reduced cost for the boilers of \$45,581. Gail said the plan of action for down time includes evacuating residents from one wing and using portable heating units, and she recommended replacing the boiler due to its age and apparent condition. Joe was instructed to order the boilers and proceed with installation. Dan noted that an indirect heater can be rented if needed, and will supply this information to Gail as a backup plan. The topic will also be added to the next regular Commission meeting Agenda.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**Next meeting:** The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

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Dan W. Allhands, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: February 23, 2021

Minutes prepared by:

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Jane Bacon, Commissioners' Clerk

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Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County