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## Madison County

### Commissioners Regular Meeting

January 6, 2026, 10:00 am Mountain Time until concluded  
103 W Wallace St, Virginia City, MT 59755, United States  
First Floor Public Meeting Room  
Administrative Office Building, Virginia City, Montana

#### Present:

Duke W. Gilman, Commissioner District 1  
Ronald E. Nye, Commissioner District 2, Chairman  
William A. Todd, Commissioner, District 3

#### In attendance:

Ryan Wolter, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection  
Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' / Airport Assistant, was present to take minutes

#### Attendee List:

Cody Marxer, Planning Director  
Kasey Smart, Sanitation  
Sheri Jarvis, VC Schoolhouse Foundation

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call
2. Public Comment (Please Limit to 5 Minutes Per Person)

None

#### 3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1. Minutes for December 15, 2025, Work Session
- 3.2. Minutes for December 22, 2025, Work Session
- 3.3. Minutes for December 22, 2025, Special Meeting
- 3.4. Minutes for December 23, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 3.5. Approval of Claims

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Gilman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Todd.

For: Duke Gilman, William Todd. Not present for the vote: Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

#### 4. Reports of Committees

None

#### 5. Unfinished Business

None

#### 6. New Business

##### 6.1. Election of the Commission Chairman for 2026

Commissioner Duke Gilman nominated Commissioner Ron Nye for the 2026 chairman position.

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Gilman moved to nominate Ron Nye to be Chairman for 2026. Commissioner Todd seconded the motion.  
For: William Todd, Ron Nye, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: Commissioner Gilman, Commissioner Todd, and Commissioner Nye.

##### 6.2. RESOLUTION 1-2026, A Resolution Setting Mileage Rates for Calendar Year 2026

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve RESOLUTION 1-2026, A Resolution Setting Mileage Rates for Calendar Year 2026. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Ron Nye, Duke Gilman, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

##### 6.3. RESOLUTION 2-2026, A Resolution Setting Dates for Commission Meetings

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve RESOLUTION 2-2026, A Resolution Setting Dates for Commission Meetings. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: William Todd, Duke Gilman, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: Commissioner Gilman and Commissioner Todd.

##### 6.4. RESOLUTION 3-2026, A Resolution Setting County Office Hours

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve RESOLUTION 3-2026, A Resolution Setting County Office Hours. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Ron Nye, William Todd, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

##### 6.5. RESOLUTION 4-2026, A Resolution Establishing Locations for Posting Public Notice

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve RESOLUTION 4-2026, A Resolution Establishing Locations for Posting Public Notice. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

**6.6. RESOLUTION 5-2026, A Resolution Establishing Agenda Items Submission Time Frame**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve RESOLUTION 5-2026, A Resolution Establishing Agenda Items Submission Time Frame. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

**6.7. Bus Barn Contract**

Colton Lauer, the Attorney for Madison County, participated in the meeting via WebEx and stated that the attorney's office is presently in the process of developing a county-standardized contract for use in this matter.

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to continue the Bus Barn Contract until next week. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

For: William Todd, Ron Nye, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: Lauer (WebEx). Discussion: None.

**6.8. Virginia City Schoolhouse Window Restoration Project - Letter of Support**

Sheri Jarvis, representing the Virginia City Schoolhouse Foundation, provided the Commissioners with information on the grant application process to repair the schoolhouse's windows and requested a letter of support.

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Letter of Support for the Virginia City Schoolhouse Window Restoration Project with Foundation for Montana History. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

For: Ron Nye, William Todd, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: Jarvis and Lauer (WebEx). Discussion: Commissioner Gilman and Commissioner Todd

**6.9. FY2026 County Motor Vehicle Graveyard Grant for \$32,548.60**

Kasey Smart from the Madison County Sanitation Department provided an explanation of the operational procedures of the junk vehicle program in partnership with the State of Montana.

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the FY2026 County Motor Vehicle Graveyard Grant for \$32,548.60. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

For: William Todd, Ron Nye, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: Smart. Discussion: Commissioner Gilman and Commissioner Nye.

**6.10. Approval for the Viewer's Committee to Conduct an Inspection of 2 Alley Closures in Pony, Montana**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to accept the two petitions, appoint the Viewer's Committee, and set the hearing date for February 27, 2026. The viewers' committee will be Ron Nye, Todd Gilstrap, and Stephen Ore. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: Commissioner Nye and Commissioner Todd.

## 7. BOARD RENEWALS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 7.1. Reappoint Steve Burke to the Laurin Cemetery Board

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to Reappoint Steve Burke to the Laurin Cemetery Board. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

### 7.2. Reappoint Rita Owens to the Planning Board

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to Reappoint Rita Owens to the Planning Board. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

### 7.3. Resignation of Steve Janzen from the Planning Board

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to accept the Resignation of Steve Janzen from the Planning Board and advertise for a replacement. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

## Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

The upcoming Regular Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 am, in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Signed, .....  
Ronald E. Nye, Commissioner, Chairman  
Date Approved: January 13, 2026

Date: 1/13/2026

Signed: *Sarah Carlson*  
Minutes prepared by:  
Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' / Airport Assistant

Date: *1/13/2026*

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

Date: *1/13/26*

