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Commissioners Regular Meeting

January 20, 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:

Colton Lauer, Madison County Attorney
Duncan Hedges, Sheriff
Shawna Lutgen, Grants Manager
Dillan Haugland, Solid Waste Foreman
Leona Stredwick, MVM
Pat Jacobs, Architecture Trio
Mati Bishop, The Madisonian

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

2. Public Comment (Please Limit to 5 Minutes Per Person)

Leona Stredwick, an employee of Madison Valley Manor, provided testimony regarding the nursing facility's admission procedures. She expressed support for Christine Preece, the Nursing Home Administrator of Madison County, and offered insights into the condition of MVM before Christine Preece assumed the role of administrator, noting that state and federal regulations were not being followed. Since Christine Preece became the administrator, these issues have been corrected.

Commissioner Todd remarked that the Madison Valley Little Learners has officially opened today.

Commissioner Nye stated that work on the Seyler Lane Bridge is scheduled to begin January 26, 2026.

Colton Lauer, Madison County Attorney, commented on creating a packet for the meeting with Virginia City regarding the Virginia City / Sheriff's Department MOU.

Comment: Stredwick and Lauer. Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Minutes for January 12, 2026, Work Session

3.2. Minutes for January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting

3.3. MOU Community Crisis Response Services

3.4. Crisis Care and Grief Counseling Services Agreement

3.5. 2026 Forester Contract

**3.6. Harrison Phase 2 Wastewater, MT-CDBG24-PF-01 Request for Funds #2
\$2,474.00**

3.7. Approval of Claims

RESOLVED: Commissioner Gilman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Commissioner Todd seconded the motion.
For: William Todd, Duke Gilman, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

4. Reports of Committees

None

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. Nursing Home USDA Grant MOU Execution

Paul Marsh, representing the Nursing Home Foundation, participated in the meeting via WebEx and informed attendees that the foundation's legal counsel and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have not yet reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to continue the Nursing Home USDA Grant MOU Execution to next week. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.
For: Ron Nye, William Todd, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: Marsh (Webex). Discussion: None.

6. New Business

6.1. Gravel Pits Royalty Reports

Shawna Lutgen, Madison County Grants Manager, presented the Gravel Royalty report for Harrison and McKee gravel pits.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moves to approve the Gravel Royalty Reports as presented. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

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

Comment: Lutgen. Discussion: Commissioner Todd.

6.2. Historical Preservation Grant for the Courthouse

Commissioner Nye stated that Great West Engineering is unable to assist Madison County with this grant. Commissioner Nye has communicated with Jim Jarvis, who has offered to assist the county with this grant at a rate of \$50.00 per hour for 60 hours, totaling \$3,000.00.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve Jim Jarvis assisting Madison County with the Historical Preservation Grant for the Courthouse. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

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

Comment: Lutgen. Discussion: Commissioner Gilman, Commissioner Nye, and Commissioner Todd.

6.3. Solid Waste - Truck Purchase

Dillan Haugland, Madison County's Solid Waste Foreman, discussed the procurement of a truck for the Solid Waste Department to replace the vehicle involved in an accident.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve the going-out-for-bid for a truck with specs for the Solid Waste Department. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

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

Comment: Haugland and Lauer. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

The upcoming Regular Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:00 am, in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Signature: 
Ronald E. Nye, Commissioner, Chairman
Date Approved: January 27, 2026

Date: 1/27/2026

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

Date: 1/27/2026

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

Date: 1/27/26

