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**Madison County
Commissioners Regular Meeting**

February 17, 2026, 1:00 pm 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:

Ronald E. Nye, Commissioner District 2, Chairman
William A. Todd, Commissioner, District 3,

Absent:

Duke W. Gilman, Commissioner District 1

In Attendance:

Ryan Wolter, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection
Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' Assistant / Airport Secretary was present to take minutes
Heather Thurs, Commissioners' Clerk / Tax Appeal Secretary was present to take minutes

Attendee List:

Duncan Hedges, Sheriff
Craig Schroder, Undersheriff
Colton Lauer, Madison County Attorney
Cody Marxer, Planning Director
Dillan Haugland, Solid Waste Foreman
Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder
Megan Todd, Western Research Systems
Erin Steva, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Jim Jarvis, VC Schoolhouse Foundation
Sheri Jarvis, VC Schoolhouse Foundation
Steve Primm

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

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

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Minutes for February 2, 2026, Work Session

3.2. Minutes for February 9, 2026, Work Session - do not have

3.3. Minutes for February 9, 2026, Special Meeting

3.4. Minutes for February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting

3.5. Approval of Claims

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Nye
For: Ron Nye, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

4. Reports of Committees

None

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

6.1. Solid Waste - Truck Bid Opening

A bid was received from Four Open A Trucks DBA Floyd's Truck Center. The bid amount is \$133,295.00.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to accept the bid from Four Open A Trucks DBA FLoyd's Truck Center for the amount of \$133,295.00. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.
For: William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: Haugland. Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye.

6.2. MOU - Regarding Madison County Container Site Improvements

Erin Steva of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition appeared before the Commissioner and presented the MOU on container sit improvements for Madison County.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve the MOU - Regarding Madison County Container Site Improvements. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.
For: William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: Steva. Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye.

6.3. Roy and Buchbauer Trust Survey Appeal

Cody Marxer, the Madison County Planning Director, appeared before the Commissioners and provided information on the reasons why the Exemption Review Board denied the Exemption Application.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to deny the appeal for Roy and Buchbauer Trust Survey Appeal. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.
For: Ron Nye, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: Marxer. Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye

6.4. Sheriff's Pay Discrepancy Discussion

Dr. Megan Todd of Western Research Systems outlined the potential consequences of failing to reach an agreement.

Commissioner Todd observed that approximately 11,000 paychecks require reprocessing, amounting to \$60,000.00, with the figure increasing daily. He recommends resolving this matter promptly.

Duncan Hedges, the Sheriff of Madison County, observed that the remuneration in question pertains not only to his own salary but also to that of every subordinate employee. He emphasized that the calculations must be conducted each year consistently.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve the updated proposal from Wipfli. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.
For: William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: Todd and Hedges. Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye.

6.5. Payroll Correction - Updated Proposal

For information regarding this matter, please refer to the preceding item: Sheriff's Pay Discrepancy Discussion.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

6.6. MHPG Application Letter of Support and Permission for the VC Schoolhouse Phase 3 - Interior Renovation Project

Jim and Sheri Jarvis, representing the Virginia City Schoolhouse Foundation, provided an update regarding the ongoing repair processes.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve the MHPG Application Letter of Support and Permission for the VC Schoolhouse Phase 3 - Interior Renovation Project. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.
For: William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: Sheri Jarvis and Jim Jarvis. Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye

6.7. Resolution 14-2026 A Resolution Adopting 2026 Personnel Policy

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to approve Resolution 14-2026, A Resolution Adoption 2026 Personnel Policy. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.
For: William Todd, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

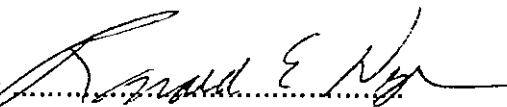
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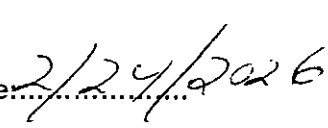
RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nye seconded the motion.

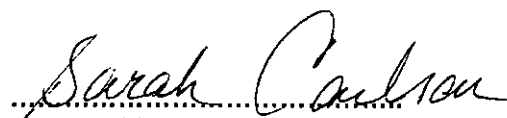
For: Ron Nye and William Todd. Motion passed.

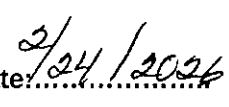
With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

The upcoming Regular Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 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: February 24, 2026

Date: 

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

Date: 

Attest: 
Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County

Date: 