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**Madison County  
Commissioners Regular Meeting**

February 24, 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:**

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

**Absent:**

Duke W. Gilman, Commissioner District 1

**In Attendance:**

Jeff LeVegue, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection  
Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' Administrative Assistant was present to take minutes

**Attendee List:**

Duncan Hedges, Sheriff  
Craig Schroder, Undersheriff  
Colton Lauer, Madison County Attorney  
Cody Marxer, Planning Director  
Shawna Lutgen, Grants Manager  
Jennifer Tezak, Human Resources  
Susan Hanson, Human Resources  
Amy Robbins, Fairground Manager  
Kristi Millhouse, Finance Director  
Pat Jacobs, Architecture Trio  
Mati Bishop, The Madisonian  
Joanne Galiger, Nursing Home Foundation  
Angela Mueller, Virginia City  
Trevor Walter

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

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

Joanne Galiger inquired about the nursing home survey. Commissioner Gilman stated that the contracted firm was currently conducting the survey.

Comment: Galiger. Discussion: Commissioner Gilman.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1. Minutes for February 9, 2026, Work Session**

- 3.2. Minutes for February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 3.3. Minutes for February 19, 2026, Special Meeting
- 3.4. Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement Services
- 3.5. DCI - Structural Engineering Service Proposal for the Senior Bus Barn Metal Building Foundation
- 3.6. Change Order No. 2 - TRMCC ADA Improvements Increase of \$38,860.14
- 3.7. Contractor Payment No. 3 - TRMCC ADA Improvements for \$89,660.07
- 3.8. OneDigital 2025/2026 Fiscal Year GASB 75 Valuation
- 3.9. Nursing Home USDA Grant MOU Execution
- 3.10. Approval of Claims

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

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

#### **4. Reports of Committees**

None

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

#### **6. New Business**

##### **6.1. Part-Time / Temporary Fair Secretary**

Amy Robbins, the Manager of Madison County Fairgrounds, requested the appointment of a part-time, temporary fair secretary to begin training as a backup and to learn the ticketing process before the fair season. Amy will seek approval from the fair board before advertising the position

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve a part-time/temporary fair secretary position. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Ron Nye, Duke Gilman, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: Robbins, Tezak, and Hanson. Discussion: Commissioner Gilman, Commissioner Todd, and Commissioner Nye.

##### **6.2. MHP Grant Application for the MC Courthouse Exterior Restoration Project**

Jim Jarvis and Pat Jacobs are diligently working to complete the grant application before the deadline. Commissioner Todd stated that once the grant application is complete, they need to send a copy to the county.

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the MHP Grant Application for the MC Courthouse Exterior Restoration Project. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: William Todd, Duke Gilman, Ron Nye. Motion passed.

Comment: Jarvis (WebEx). Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye.

### **6.3. Treacy Foundation Grant - Letter of Intent**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Treacy Foundation Grant Letter of Intent. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Ron Nye, Duke Gilman, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: Jarvis (WebEx). Discussion: Commissioner Todd and Commissioner Nye.

### **6.4. Courthouse Construction Document Approval**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Courthouse Construction Documents as presented. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, and William Todd. Motion passed.

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

### **6.5. Courthouse Cost Estimate Approval**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Courthouse cost Estimate as presented. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, and William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

### **6.6. Approval of Courthouse Bid Documents**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Courthouse Bid Documents as presented. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, and William Todd. Motion passed.

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

### **6.7. Emergency Buildings Safety Updates**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Emergency Building Safety Updates. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: William Todd, Ron Nye, Duke Gilman. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

**6.8. SW MT Drug Task Force MOU Fiscal Year 2027**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to approve the SW MT Drug Task Force MOU for Fiscal Year 2027. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Ron Nye, Duke Gilman, William Todd. Motion passed.

Comment: None. Discussion: None.

**Public Comment:**

Paul Marsh, with the Nursing Home Foundation, asked the Commissioner when the Nursing Home USDA Grant MOU would be signed, and whether the Commissioners are willing to work with the foundation as a partner in a professional and cooperative manner, or are we going to be faced with an adversarial, bullying, non-communicating, and accusatory attitude of the past two years?

The Commissioners informed Paul Marsh that the MOU would be signed after the meeting adjourns.

Commissioner Todd noted that adding this to the consent agenda and moving ahead with it demonstrates our willingness to work with the foundation regardless of the circumstances. Pride is a stupid reason to lose a million dollars. We are not the ones who matter; the residents are.

Commissioner Nye stated that he agrees with Commissioner Todd's point and that we need to update the kitchen at the Madison Valley Manor. We need the funds to complete the project. It was added to the consent agenda, and we approved it, which indicates what this Commission is willing to do.

Commissioner Gilman stated that he always wants to work with the foundation, believes in the nursing homes, and wants to keep them within the county. He's sorry this has been a mess, and he's glad to be moving forward.

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

**Adjournment**

**RESOLVED:** Commissioner Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.  
For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, and William Todd. Motion passed.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

The upcoming Regular Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 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: 3/3/2026

Date Approved: March 3, 2026

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

Date: *3/3/2026*

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

Date: *3/3/26*

