

**Madison County Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 07, 2020**

On Tuesday, April 07, 2020, a meeting of the Madison County Board of Health came to order at 4:41 p.m. via web/phone.

Board Members in attendance were, Douglas B. Young D.V.M, Melinda Tichenor- MVMC Lab Director, Dayna Thergesen – CPNP, Molly Biehl – D.O. and Whitney Marsh – RN Ennis Schools. Also in attendance were, Melissa Brummell – MCPHD Director, Jennifer Martens - Public Health Clerk, Erin Montgomery – TPS, Joe Brummell – Director of Emergency Management, Rob Wallingford – Deputy of Emergency Management, Van Puckett – Sanitarian, Kacey Smart – Sanitarian clerk, Lynda Holt – Dispatch and John Moore – Ennis Chief of Police.

**Coronavirus COVID – 19:**

As of now, Madison County has had 8 positive cases of COVID-19.

**Orders for Public Health and Safety**

**Renova Hot Springs**

Due to the COVID–19 outbreak and Governor Bullock’s stay at home directive the board would like to close down Renova Hot Springs to the public effective immediately. The Public Health department has received numerous complaints from the public regarding public congregating on the grounds. Sheriff Fortner suggests the board close Renova Hot Springs by board order so the department can start to enforce the closure. County Attorney Chris Christensen also suggested the board create a specific order that allows law enforcement to enforce the closures. Governor Bullock’s directive is civil so it is not enforceable. Erin Montgomery created signage to notify the public of the closure. The Sheriff’s department will post the sign at Renova Hot Springs once the order is approved. Jennifer Martens will forward the message on to The Madisonian. We will also post it to our county webpage and county Facebook pages. Melissa Brummell checked prior to the meeting with Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall if we should have a separate order for this particular closure. He concurred.

Whitney Marsh made a motion to close Renova Hot Springs until further notice. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

**Vacation Rentals**

Doug Young would like us to take a look at tightening up the lodging at the local hotels, motels etc. to help relieve the potential spread of COVID-19 and possible overload on our local healthcare system. Molly Biehl would also like us to take a look at possibly shutting down local fishing access in large park areas. Doug is not sure what type of authority we would have over that type of decision. Dayna Thergesen suggested we get a representative from Fish Wildlife & Parks at the next meeting for clarification on what they are currently doing with closures. Melissa will work with the county attorney on a draft comparable to the Whitefish order before the next meeting.

Doug Young made the motion to table the closure of vacation rentals until Thursday, April 09, 2020. Deputy County Attorney Justin Ekwall advised we need a more detailed agenda to allow for public comment. Melinda Tichenor seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

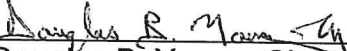
Dayna Therghesen made the motion to approve the March 24, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Molly Biehl seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting date:**

Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

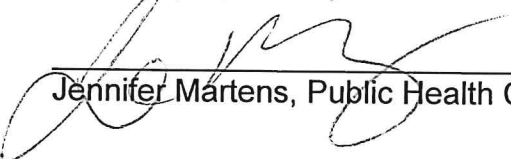
**Meeting Adjourned:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Melinda Tichenor at 5:51 pm, Molly Biehl second the motion, all voted Aye, and the motion was passed unanimously.

  
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Douglas B. Young, Chairman  
Madison County Board of Health

Date Approved: April 23, 2020

Minutes prepared by:

  
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Jennifer Martens, Public Health Clerk