

Madison County Housing Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 29, 2022, 9 a.m.

Courtroom, 2nd Floor, County Administrative Building

Virginia City, Montana

Board Attendees: Les Gilman, Jaime Edmundson, Martha Klaumann, Ray Shaw, Mary Beth Walsh.

Absent: Cindy Gockel, Mary Oliver

Supporters: Commissioner John Heckler

Public: Steve Dobbs, Gary Hilliker and Richard Piedmonte

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Beth Walsh and was recorded by IT Department.

Chair Walsh asked the guests to introduced themselves.

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were amended with this correction: Under **HB 701** the first sentence will read 'vote on Marijuana Excise Tax on the November 2022 ballot'. Les moved to approve the amended minutes. Ray seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

The Crossing Subdivision (Sheridan): No update

Dahlman Subdivision (Sheridan): No update

Affordable Housing ARPA Program: No update

Envision Ennis: No action

Region Wide Housing Study: Mary Beth reported that Joe Willauer said HRC&D is over budget so Butte Local Development Corp may fund the Housing Study. This will identify what housing is available and where the housing shortages are. He expects the housing study to cost \$50,000.

Workforce housing/short term housing-area restrictions/local law update: As of July 1, 2022, the Town of Ennis will be requiring a business license for vacation rentals. The State is responsible for collecting 7% bed tax. Twin Bridges proposed that the vacation rentals be a specific percentage of all housing in town. Mary Beth did not know if that was officially approved.

Housing Resource List: Martha wrote a letter to be sent out to professionals who would benefit from the Affordable Housing Resource List. Mary Beth will send it to Mayors to share with their Town Councils. Jaime will send to GAR (Gallatin Association of Realtors).

New Business

Open Board Position: We can open the Board up to 9 members so need to think of others who would be interested.

Economic Development Board: Commissioner Heckler was uncertain of the future of proposed Economic Development Board. Martha reported that the Jefferson Local Development Corp (JLDC) started as as an Extension project. When it was sustainable, it became a nonprofit funded by the local mine, county and grants. Tom Harrington just retired and Eric Seidensticker is in his position now. JLDC refurbished the Borden Hotel and is now selling it. JLDC has several employees, some of which are funded by Extension. They recently hired a Child Care Coordinator using ARPA funds.

Budget: Les made and Jaime seconded a motion to make the following changes to the 2022-23 budget: Decrease Publications \$500 from FY22, increase Schooling \$500 and add \$8000 for Housing Study. Motion carried.

Invitation to Commissioner Candidates to attend May meeting: After discussion, it was agreed we would make personal effort to meet candidates and not invite them to our meetings.

2022 Big Sky Business Insight Summit May 18-20, Missoula: Ray could attend at least part of the meeting. Martha also interested but has to work out a conflict.

Opportunity for Public Comment for items not on the agenda:

Commissioner John Heckler encouraged the Board to not be humble as we ask for money, to look at the budget as what we need to spend to complete beneficial projects.

Steve Dobbs, Gary Hilliker, Richard Piedmonte and Ryan Wolter shared thoughts and asked questions regarding The Crossing Subdivision.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Next meeting: Friday, May 27, 2022 at 9 am at the 2nd Floor Courtroom, County Administrative Building, Virginia City.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Klaumann, Secretary



Approved by Chair Mary Beth Walsh