



## Minutes

### Board Meeting

August 29, 2013 – Rehearsal Hall, Virginia City, Montana

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Marilyn Ross, Bill Howell, Andy Poole and Ellen Baumler for Bruce Whittenberg

STAFF PRESENT: Elijah Allen, Dianne Carey

Purpose: A public hearing to determine the historic/non-historic value of Montana Heritage Commission property proposed to sell to Madison County for Madison County Courthouse parking. The Montana Heritage Commission is open to take comment from any interested party on whether the properties considered are historic or non-historic.

Elijah described the location of the lots, .689 acres which is approx 12 lots, located the opposite side of Wallace Street from the courthouse. These lots were brought to our attention by the county commissioners with a proposal to purchase said lots to be used as a parking lot.

Ellen Baumler noted there were a few historic structures on those lots very early. Elijah said an archaeological survey was done many years ago. We have contracted with archaeologists to survey those properties again and it should be done in a couple of weeks. John Ellingsen brought in Sanborn maps showing that in 1884 there were 3 structures which did not seem to be of any significant historic value. Additionally, John showed photos of the lot in 1900. Ellen brought in two earlier maps as well, which corresponded to the material presented by John Ellingsen.

It was John Ellingsen's opinion that the lots are not of any historic significance that would preclude it being used for parking for the county. John is the former curator for the Montana Heritage Commission.

Janet Allested feels there should be a current archaeological study and is in favor of the Montana Heritage Commission selling the lots to the county.

For the archaeological services Madison County and the Commission will be splitting the cost at \$2,500 each.

Meeting closed at 2:20 p.m. after no further comments.