

MAYOR
Joe Purcell

POLICE CHIEF
Paul M. George Jr.



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Michael Hurff Jr.

FINANCE OFFICER/CITY CLERK
Andrew Lehr

The City of Hardin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Committee & Council Meetings
of Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Held by virtual meeting and the Public is invited to attend in person.

Topic: Resolutions or Ordinances Committee Meeting – 6:15 p.m.

City of Hardin Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Start Time: 6:15 p.m. Mountain Time

The meeting will open at 6:00 p.m.

If you will be logging into the Council meeting by:

Computer: Please identify yourself by submitting your first and last name by using the “Chat” function.

Phone: Please identify yourself by stating your First and Last Name.

City of Hardin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Montana Legislature House Bill 890

The City of
HARDIN

406 North Cheyenne
Hardin MT 59034
(406) 665-9292

**Committee Meeting
AGENDA**

July 2, 2024

Council Chambers
401 N. Cheyenne
and by virtual meeting

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

• **Resolutions or Ordinances**

6:15 p.m.

- Curb Stop Fund

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HARDIN CITY CODE
ESTABLISHING A CURB STOP AND CURB STOP BOX
REPLACEMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin desires to modify and change the City Code of Hardin, Montana in order to establish a curb stop and curb stop box replacement fund in the City of Hardin, Montana;

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin has the authority to fix and establish, by ordinance or resolution, and collect rates, rentals, and charges for the water services, water facilities, and benefits directly or indirectly afforded by the water system, taking into account services provided and benefits received, per Mont. Code Ann. § 7-13-430 (2019);

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin has the power to regulate the construction, use, and repair of vaults, cisterns, hydrants, pumps, sewers, and gutters, per § 7-13-4105;

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin finds that there are numerous curb stops and curb stop boxes that are in need of repair so that those services can be shut off for various reasons including delinquent accounts;

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin finds that not all persons with an account can afford the upfront cost of a curb stop or curb stop box replacement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA, Title 3, Chapter 3A, Section 19, Rule 13 is amended by creating a new fourth, fifth and sixth paragraph as follows:

The City shall give the account holder and property owner notice, in writing, of the need for curb stop or curb stop box repair. If the account holder or property owner does not provide proof to the City that the requested repairs have been completed or scheduled for completion within 30 days of the notice, then the City, at the discretion of the Public Works Director and Mayor, may replace or cause another to replace the curb stop, curb stop box, or both at the expense of the account holder or property owner.

By resolution, the City may establish fees for a general curb stop and curb stop replacement fund. If implemented, the City may charge a fee to each active metered account, both commercial and residential, to be placed into a separate account and used only for the replacement of curb stops and curbs stop boxes in the City of Hardin. Upon determination of the Public Works Director and Mayor, pursuant to this rule, a metered curb stop or

metered curb stop box, 2 inches or less, may be replaced and the City may fund up to 75% of the cost, but no more than \$1,000, towards the cost of the replacement from this fund. Any remaining amount shall be borne by the account holder or property owner. The City is not obligated to use any of the curb stop replacement funds for replacement, and the account holder or property owner may be responsible for the full cost of any curb stop or curb stop box replacements if the property owner or tenant is responsible for the damage to curb stop or curb stop box whether by neglect or action.

The City will only replace or install one curb stop or one curb stop box per account in a ten-year period. Any private water systems within the City limits, such as those used by trailer courts or other similar multiple domestic or commercial connections that have only one meter and one account will be assessed only one fee per account, regardless of the number of housing connections upon that account. All connections in the interior of such private systems that use additional curb stops or curb stop boxes shall be the responsibility of the account holder or property owner and the City shall not use any of the funds from this Rule to replace those connections.

DATE OF EFFECT.

The amendment to this ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

FIRST READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 16th day of February, 2021.

YEAS 4

NAYS 2



[Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]

City Clerk

POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this 18th day of February, 2021.

Andrew Lehn
City Clerk

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 2nd day of March, 2021.

YEAS 4

NAYS 2



[Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehn
City Clerk

AGENDA

*The City of Hardin
406 N. Cheyenne Avenue
Hardin, MT 59034*

July 2, 2024

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL: Mayor: _____

Alderspersons: Steven Hopes _____ Clayton Greer _____ Chris Sharpe _____
Rock Massine _____ Jeremy Krebs _____ Antonio Espinoza _____

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council Meeting 6/18/2024 Claims

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MAYOR: ○ City of Hardin Wayfinding Survey

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Personnel Committee/City Policy:** Mayor
- **Sewer & Water:** Massine
- **Law Enforcement:** Hopes
- **Streets & Alleys:** Espinoza
- **Parks & Playgrounds:** Krebs
- **Finance/Landfill:** Greer
- **Resolutions and Ordinances:** Sharpe ○ Curb Stop Fund

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION:

- Hardin Otters Swim Team
- Montana Department of Transportation – Summer 2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Family Dollar Beer/Wine Liquor License
- Barry Damschen Contract – Amendment NO. 29
- Curb Stop Fund
- Cost Allocations ○ Computer ○ Internet
- Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023 Audit – Final Report
- Little Horn State Bank – CD’s

STAFF REPORTS

- **Public Works:**
- **Finance:**
- **Police:**
- **Legal:**
- **Economic Development:**

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolution NO. 2368 – Establishing Wages for Certain City Employees for Fiscal Year 2024/2025
 Resolution NO. 2369 – Establishing Wages for Non-Union Employees for Fiscal Year 2024/2025
 Resolution NO. 2370 – Establishing Wages for Hardin City Police Department Employees for Fiscal Year 2024/2025
 Resolution NO. 2371 – Authorizing City Finance Officer to Transfer Interest Earned in Investments to the Public Safety Fund
 Resolution NO. 2372 – Approving Appointment of a Non-Union Salaried Employee and Wages for FY 2024/2025
 Resolution NO. 2373– Approving Application for License to Serve Beer, Beer and Wine or Liquor
 Ordinance NO. 2024-08: Second Reading - City of Hardin Granting to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Franchise rights

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Budget Meetings - July 9th, 10th, and 11th and continuing as needed

City Offices Closed - Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day

Letters of Interest for a Community Representative to serve on the Impact Fee Committee - due by July 9, 2024

Landfill Container Site Bids due - on or before July 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Bid Opening - 3:00 p.m.

City of Hardin Job Openings: Full-time positions: Police Officer and Police Service Aide (PSA). Part-time positions: Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Apprentice and Janitor/Facilities Maintenance. Positions are open until filled.

CLOSED SESSION - Legal

Meeting adjourned at _____ P.M.

*Additions to the Agenda can be voted on by Council to add to the Agenda for the next Council meeting.
Agenda items will need to be submitted by Wednesday noon before a Tuesday Council meeting.*

**THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY of HARDIN, MONTANA**

COUNCIL MEETING: The Regular Council Meeting for June 18, 2024 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Joe Purcell presiding by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Aldermen were present: Steven Hopes, Clayton Greer, Chris Sharpe, Rock Massine, Antonio Espinoza, and Jeremy Krebs.

Also present: Finance Officer/City Clerk Andrew Lehr, Public Works Director Michael Hurff, Jr., Deputy City Clerk Angela Zimmer, City Attorney Jordan Knudsen, and Police Chief Paul George, Jr.

Also present physically and by virtual meeting: Member(s) of the public

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS & CLAIMS: Hopes made the motion to approve the Council minutes as written for June 4, 2024. Motion seconded by Greer. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Greer made a motion to approve the claims for June 18, 2024.

	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
April, 2024	31092	\$ 3,745.80
May, 2024	31072-31080, 31082-31090, 31093-31100, 31102	97,601.44
June, 2024	31071, 31081, 31101, 31103-31104	<u>57,531.97</u>
Total Submitted		\$ 158,879.21

Sharpe seconded. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Corrina Kirschenmann-Kuntz reported the business at the triangle on 3rd Street has vehicles parked down there again. She noted the Montana State Highway Department had been contacted in previous years adding they cannot be parked there during Little Big Horn Days. Kuntz voiced her appreciation to the police department; a parking issue near her home has been resolved.

MAYOR:

Mayor Purcell reported the Ash Contract has been sent to Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and the City is waiting for the signed agreement.

Mayor Purcell extended a "Thank You" to Lehr for his hard work on the audit; he received high compliments from the auditors.

Personnel Policy/City Policy:

Sewer & Water:

Law Enforcement:

Streets & Alleys:

Parks & Playgrounds:

Krebs reported the Yes Coalition held a movie in the parks; it was a success. Krebs noted the new equipment for Heimat park has been delivered and voiced the parks look great.

Finance/Landfill:

Resolutions & Ordinances:

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Purcell reported the City received information about the Montana League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference, a newsletter from Phillips 66 Pipeline, and the City-County Planning Board minutes of May 13, 2024.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Purcell reported the City received a recommendation from the City-County Planning Board (CCPB) to approve a Variance Application that was submitted by Patrick Sargent to build a larger garage on his property located at 622 N. Crawford Avenue. Sargent was present via Zoom. Krebs asked if there were any objections at the CCPB meeting. Kuntz nodded no. Krebs motioned to approve the recommendation of the CCPB. Massine seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Purcell reported the Area Chamber of Commerce requested approval for a Beer and Wine Permit to include permit fees to be waived for Little Big Horn Days; scheduled from June 21st to June 23rd. Greer motioned to approve the requests. Krebs seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Purcell reported the Area Chamber of Commerce requested approval for a Beer and Wine Permit to include permit fees to be waived for the 6th Annual 4th of July Celebration. He noted the state license is still pending. Hopes motioned to approve the requests pending approval the state gives them permission; on the 200 Block only. Greer seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Hurff requested approval to replace curb and gutter at the addresses listed in the council packets, with a 50% cost to the homeowner and 50% cost to the City. The addresses and total approximate costs: 502 N. Cody Avenue in the amount of \$9,000; 415 6th St. West in the amount of \$3,000; 421 6th St. West in the amount of \$3,000; and 601 N. Choteau Avenue in the amount of \$3,000. Kuntz asked if the City did this with sidewalks as well. Hurff reported the sidewalk is the full responsibility of the property owner; the city shares the cost of 50% for curb and gutter. Krebs motioned to approve the curb and gutter requests. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works:

Finance:

Lehr reported the City received the Community Development Block Grant for the Economic Development Strategy. He will begin to work on the Request for Proposals.

Lehr reported the first budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th and there will be a final meeting with the auditor to finalize the audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. He added the finding will be published in the paper. Mayor Purcell extended a "Thank You" to Lehr for his work on the audit.

Police:

Police Chief Paul George, Jr. reviewed calls for service. He reported the two applicants, Police Officer and School Resource Officer (SRO) positions, were approved by the Police Commission. The department has one Police Officer position open at this time and he is looking to fill that vacancy with a Police Manager.

Police Chief George reported Little Big Horn Days is scheduled for this weekend; the department will have extra officers on duty and the Sheriff's Department will also be providing assistance.

Legal:

Knudsen reported the City was served with a lawsuit about an incident that occurred two years ago. He can provide more information during a noticed closed meeting or Council members can visit with him individually at different times.

Economic Development:

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Ordinance NO. 2024-08: City of Hardin Granting to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Franchise Rights. Mark Vinger, representative with Montana Dakota Utilities, reported this is a process that is done every twenty-five years. He reviewed the three minor changes to the existing agreement. Hopes motioned to approve the first reading of the Ordinance. Sharpe seconded. On a voice vote the motion passed. (5/1) Krebs abstained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Purcell announced the following employee anniversaries: Dean Baker, 10 years; Sean Beasley, 2 years; Brock Boyer, 2 years; Candyce Crooked Arm, 1 year; Michael Hurff, 14 years; Remington Malensek, 1 year; Tamara Mendez, 5 years; and Shawndae OldElk, 3 years.

Mayor Purcell reported the Hardin Acreage Community Focus Group is scheduled for June 20, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. at the One Health Main Campus; Budget Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th and July 9th, 10th and 11th and continuing as needed; the Letters of Interest for a Community Representative to serve on the Impact Fee Committee are due by July 9th; advertisements for bids for the Landfill Container Site will be advertised this week; and Public Notices to Destroy Weeds, Sump Pump reminders, and Fireworks Restrictions have been noticed.

The City of Hardin has the following Job Openings: Full time positions: Police Officers, Police Service Aide (PSA), and Economic Development Director. Part-Time position: Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Apprentice. Positions are open until filled.

Greer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Hopes seconded. On a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Joe Purcell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer/City Clerk

City of Hardin

Submitted for Approval

July 2, 2024

Month	CLAIM No.	Monthly Total
May, 2024	31105, 31107-31109, 31112, 31167	\$ 101,043.40
June, 2024	31106, 31110-31111, 31113-31144, 31165-31166, 31168-31169, 31173, 31175-31188	93,221.82
July, 2024	31145-31164, 31170-31172, 31174, 31189	<u>57,081.98</u>
Claims Total (Expenditures)		\$ 251,347.20
June Payroll		<u>226,638.53</u>
TOTAL Submitted		\$ 477,985.73

**Claims or Expenditures over \$5,000
per Resolution #2189**

Vendor	Purpose	Check #	Amount
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	ARPA Water Projects 1st ST & Gabel	40421	9,423.75
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	Waste Water Phase II/III Engineering	40422	75,079.95
MORRISON-MAIERLE	Lodge Grass Equipment procurement eng.	-99690	12,509.70
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	Legal Services	40471	8,000.00
AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS	Full Case Software - Legal/court	-99686	12,225.50
MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHOR	Property Insurance Premium	-99685	51,840.00
U.S. BANK TRUST -SpA LOCKBOX CM9695	SRF 2021B Debt Payment	-99692	18,425.00
RUGGED COMPUTING INC	PD vehicle laptops	40487	9,913.77
BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	2nd 1/2 of Container Design Engineering	40455	5,000.00
MATOVICH OIL CO.	Gas, oil, diesel, DEF, etc	40478	10,441.28

CITY OF HARDIN

Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: May, 2024

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
BIG SKY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLLC	CL 31105	40419	200.00
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 31107	40421	9,423.75
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 31108	40422	75,079.95
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 31109	40423	3,680.00
MORRISON-MAIERLE	CL 31112	-99690	12,509.70
EMMA GARCIA	CL 31167	40450	150.00
			101,043.40

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Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: June, 2024

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
ROBERT W SNIVELY PC	CL 31106	40420	299.98
KOLETON MILLER	CL 31110	40424	169.95
ANGELA ZIMMER	CL 31111	40425	109.99
U.S. BANK TRUST -SpA LOCKBOX CM9695	CL 31113	-99692	18,425.00
DAKOTA BAHR	CL 31114	40426	192.51
ANGELA STOPS	CL 31115	40453	150.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	CL 31116	40428	123.00
MT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	CL 31117	40429	70.00
BIG SKY LINEN & UNIFORM INC	CL 31118	-99691	106.92
BILLINGS PETERBILT/JACKSON GROUP	CL 31119	40460	726.96
BIG SKY FIRE EQUIPMENT	CL 31120	40456	1,310.04
BIG SKY TIRE & SERVICE CO LLC	CL 31121	40457	1,255.00
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	CL 31122	40462	883.38
BILLINGS CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	CL 31123	40459	375.84
CENTURYLINK	CL 31124	-99689	236.84
ENERGY LABORATORIES INC	CL 31125	40466	899.00
HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD	CL 31126	40468	539.90
HAWKINS, INC	CL 31127	40467	1,483.41
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	CL 31128	40480	748.73
IBS, INC.	CL 31129	40469	194.11
KNIFE RIVER INC	CL 31130	40473	2,494.70
KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO.	CL 31131	40474	278.10
LYNN'S SUPERFOODS	CL 31132	40477	115.22
LUMBERZACS INC	CL 31133	40476	338.13
LASER LABS INC	CL 31134	40475	1,606.00
MONTANA MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATES	CL 31135	40481	300.00
NEWMAN SIGNS INC	CL 31136	40484	524.20
ONSOLVE, LLC	CL 31137	-99688	2,945.78
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	CL 31138	40489	647.82
NSI SOLUTIONS INC	CL 31139	-99687	268.00
TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY ASSN	CL 31140	40490	20.00
TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO	CL 31141	40491	646.19
USA BlueBook	CL 31142	40493	1,111.56
WEGNER WATER SERVICES INC	CL 31143	40494	100.00
WESTERN OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	CL 31144	40495	190.00
RUGGED COMMPUTING INC	CL 31165	40487	9,913.77
BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	CL 31166	40455	5,000.00
MONTANA SEPTIC	CL 31168	40482	2,500.00
BILL TALMAGE	CL 31169	40458	750.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	CL 31173	40465	210.00
MATOVICH OIL CO.	CL 31175	40478	10,441.28

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For the Accounting Period: June, 2024

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RUTHANN FUNKE	CL 31176	40488	84.00
ANTHONY CASH	CL 31177	40454	15.00
KITTI BACKBONE	CL 31178	40472	78.65
RICHARD JEFFERSON	CL 31179	40486	15.00
ANGELA ZIMMER	CL 31180	40451	92.93
CITY WATER DEPT	CL 31181	40464	3,155.53
MIKE'S QUICK LUBE & SERVICE LLC	CL 31182	40479	310.00
NORTHWEST SCIENTIFIC, INC.	CL 31183	40485	244.88
* CASH	CL 31184	40452	140.04
JORDAN W KNUDSEN	CL 31185	40471	8,000.00
AVENU INSIGHTS & ANALYTICS	CL 31186	-99686	12,225.50
CHRIS L SCHNEIDER	CL 31187	40463	132.15
JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT LLC	CL 31188	40470	26.83
			93,221.82

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Claims Report

For the Accounting Period: July, 2024

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
JACK WEICHMAN	CL 31145	40430	100.00
BOB SCHOEN	CL 31146	40431	100.00
PAT BRECKENRIDGE	CL 31147	40432	100.00
TERRY BULLIS	CL 31148	40433	100.00
RON NEDENS	CL 31149	40434	100.00
DENNIS FOX	CL 31150	40435	100.00
HARRY KAUTZMAN	CL 31151	40436	100.00
ROB BRYSON	CL 31152	40437	100.00
KENTON G KEPP	CL 31153	40438	100.00
JAY LUNDBERG	CL 31154	40439	100.00
DANIEL J KLINGENSTEIN	CL 31155	40440	100.00
LARRY W VANDERSLOOT	CL 31156	40441	100.00
JIM WEDEL	CL 31157	40442	100.00
TIM A WAGNER	CL 31158	40443	100.00
TEDDY J BURROUGHS	CL 31159	40444	100.00
KATHERINE M JOHNSON	CL 31160	40445	50.00
SANDRA K BIERY	CL 31161	40446	50.00
KEITH BRECKENRIDGE	CL 31162	40447	100.00
JERRY WEMPLE	CL 31163	40448	100.00
MARK BETTS	CL 31164	40449	100.00
WISPWEST.NET	CL 31170	40496	115.12
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	CL 31171	40492	515.00
MOUNTAIN ALARM	CL 31172	40483	464.50
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	CL 31174	40461	2,247.36
MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHORITY	CL 31189	-99685	51,840.00
			57,081.98

CITY OF HARDIN

Check Report

7/2/2024

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BIG SKY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLLC	CL 31105	40419	200.00
ROBERT W SNIVELY PC	CL 31106	40420	299.98
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 31107	40421	9,423.75
STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES INC	CL 31108	40422	75,079.95
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BOB SCHOEN	CL 31146	40431	100.00
PAT BRECKENRIDGE	CL 31147	40432	100.00
TERRY BULLIS	CL 31148	40433	100.00
RON NEDENS	CL 31149	40434	100.00
DENNIS FOX	CL 31150	40435	100.00
HARRY KAUTZMAN	CL 31151	40436	100.00
ROB BRYSON	CL 31152	40437	100.00
KENTON G KEPP	CL 31153	40438	100.00
JAY LUNDBERG	CL 31154	40439	100.00
DANIEL J KLINGENSTEIN	CL 31155	40440	100.00
LARRY W VANDERSLOOT	CL 31156	40441	100.00
JIM WEDEL	CL 31157	40442	100.00
TIM A WAGNER	CL 31158	40443	100.00
TEDDY J BURROUGHS	CL 31159	40444	100.00
KATHERINE M JOHNSON	CL 31160	40445	50.00
SANDRA K BIERY	CL 31161	40446	50.00
KEITH BRECKENRIDGE	CL 31162	40447	100.00
JERRY WEMPLE	CL 31163	40448	100.00
MARK BETTS	CL 31164	40449	100.00
EMMA GARCIA	CL 31167	40450	150.00
ANGELA ZIMMER	CL 31180	40451	92.93
* CASH	CL 31184	40452	140.04
ANGELA STOPS	CL 31115	40453	150.00
ANTHONY CASH	CL 31177	40454	15.00
BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	CL 31166	40455	5,000.00
BIG SKY FIRE EQUIPMENT	CL 31120	40456	1,310.04
BIG SKY TIRE & SERVICE CO LLC	CL 31121	40457	1,255.00
BILL TALMAGE	CL 31169	40458	750.00
BILLINGS CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY	CL 31123	40459	375.84

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BILLINGS PETERBILT/JACKSON GROUP	CL 31119	40460	726.96
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	CL 31174	40461	2,247.36
C & B OPERATIONS LLC	CL 31122	40462	883.38
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JORDAN W KNUDSEN	CL 31185	40471	8,000.00
KITTI BACKBONE	CL 31178	40472	78.65
KNIFE RIVER INC	CL 31130	40473	2,494.70
KOIS BROTHERS EQUIPMENT CO.	CL 31131	40474	278.10
LASER LABS INC	CL 31134	40475	1,606.00
LUMBERZACS INC	CL 31133	40476	338.13
LYNN'S SUPERFOODS	CL 31132	40477	115.22
MATOVICH OIL CO.	CL 31175	40478	10,441.28
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MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	CL 31128	40480	748.73
MONTANA MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATES	CL 31135	40481	300.00
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MOUNTAIN ALARM	CL 31172	40483	464.50
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RICHARD JEFFERSON	CL 31179	40486	15.00
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RUTHANN FUNKE	CL 31176	40488	84.00
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USA BlueBook	CL 31142	40493	1,111.56
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WESTERN OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC	CL 31144	40495	190.00
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MONTANA MUNICIPAL INTERLOCAL AUTHORITY	CL 31189	-99685	51,840.00
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Check Report

7/2/2024

Vendor	Claim #	Check	Amount
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City of Hardin Wayfinding Survey

Introduction

The City of Hardin is installing wayfinding signs to help serve the community and its visitors. These signs will help clearly communicate directions and locations of Hardin's points-of-interest. We would like your input to help determine the best design to move forward with.

Thank you for dedicating 5 minutes to share your valuable insights!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3VJXS6>

OPTION #1

- LOGOS -

1



PRIMARY HEADER / BRAND GRAPHIC
Secondary Variations

PRIMARY SIGN SHAPE

Pedestrian Totem
Informational Sign 1

Photo
View

Pedestrian Totem
directional Sign 2

Banner



COMMUNITY WAYFINDING
MDT (MUTCD) STANDARD
with CUSTOM CAP

LARGE
ROADSIDE DIRECTIONAL

POLE STICKERS

GATEWAY

SMALL
ROADSIDE DIRECTIONAL

TRAIL/PARK

EXISTING STREET LIGHT POLE OR NEW DOT STANDARD POLE

84" MIN

DOT STANDARD POLE

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EXISTING STREET LIGHT POLE OR NEW DOT STANDARD POLE

THIS SIGNPOST MUST MEET THE MUTCD STANDARD FOR TRAIL/PARK TO BE USED IN THIS AREA.

OPTION #1

- SIGNS -

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BIG HORN COUNTY
 HISTORY & ADVENTURE
 THE HEART OF HISTORY
 LANDSCAPE OF HISTORY
 HISTORY & HEART
 HEARTFUL & HISTORIC
 HORIZON OF HISTORY
 CULTURE-HISTORY-NATURE



OPTION #2

- LOGOS -

2



PRIMARY HEADER / BRAND GRAPHIC
Secondary Variations



PRIMARY SIGN SHAPE



Pedestrian Totem
Informational Side 1



Profile
View



Pedestrian Totem
Informational Side 2



Banner



COMMUNITY WAYFINDING
MDT (MUTCD) STANDARD
with CUSTOM CAP



LARGE
ROADSIDE DIRECTIONAL



POLE STICKERS



GATEWAY



SMALL
ROADSIDE DIRECTIONAL



TRAIL MARKER

OPTION #2

- SIGNS -

2

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HISTORIC HORIZONS

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Confluence of History

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- HISTORY & ADVENTURE
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- HISTORIC HORIZONS
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BIG HORN COUNTY
Adventure here!

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History & Adventure

HARDIN
The Heart of History

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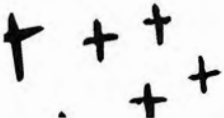
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Built by Teamwork: The Stories Behind the MT 41 Bridge Reopening

As told by MDT's Structures and Innovations Engineer, Lenci Kappes, written by Newsline Editor, Lauren Eichenfels

In the world of transportation infrastructure, challenges – like a bridge closure – can seem daunting, overwhelming, and even a little discouraging. But sometimes, those challenges present opportunities, and when all is said and done, what started as a looming mountain emerges on the other side as a positive example of the power of teamwork and community.

For those who read the news coverage of the April closure and rapid reopening of the Montana Highway 41 (MT 41) bridge crossing the Beaverhead River near the small town of Twin Bridges, let's just say you're getting some of the facts but missing the true story behind what occurred in less than a week. That story holds many, many examples of the humans and connections that made the rapid repair and reopening of this structure possible.

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Pictured above: Team MDT working at the MT 41 bridge site near Twin Bridges, Mont. on Friday, April 12, 2024.

New MDT Employee Memorial Unveiled

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) recognizes its employees for their dedication to maintaining Montana's transportation system. We have now taken it one step further: to recognize those employees who tragically lost their lives while on the job.

The MDT Employee Memorial is an employee-driven initiative that focuses on remembering our coworkers-turned-family who are no longer with us. The memorial committee is comprised of staff from across the agency, who work towards the shared goal of honoring lost employees and their families. MDT Facilities Bureau combined designs from three consultants and constructed the memorial, along with help from MDT Maintenance and the Sign Shop. It represents elements of MDT's transportation infrastructure and Montana's geography, showcasing Helena's "Sleeping Giant" in the background.

On Tuesday, April 16, 2024, as part of National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), Governor Greg Gianforte and Melissa Dyekman, widow of late MDT employee Jeff Dyekman, joined Team MDT to dedicate this memorial. The MDT Employee Memorial holds personal significance to the families of those it recognizes, and is a reminder to drive safely, especially when passing through work zones.

The memorial is in the foyer of MDT Headquarters in Helena. For more information, please visit <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/mdt/memorial.aspx>.

Pictured at right: Melissa Dyekman speaks at the memorial dedication ceremony.



Federal Surface Transportation Program Status



The Federal Aid Highway Program (FAHP), administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), encompasses most of the federal programs providing federal highway funds to the states. This program is primarily funded from revenues collected by the United States Treasury from certain federal taxes on gasoline, tire sales, and other items, which are deposited into the federal Highway Trust Fund. Most of these federal funds are distributed to state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) based on formulas outlined in federal law. These formula funds allow states to know annual federal funding levels so project planning can take place. In addition to formula funds, federal funds are available through a wide range of competitive grant programs. These competitive grant programs have different requirements, timeframes, and target audiences. State DOTs, local governments, and tribes apply for these competitive grants in hopes of receiving a grant award. Unlike formula funds, funding from a competitive grant award is specific to the project that was listed in the grant application and may not be used for other projects or purposes. Additionally, the FAHP is a reimbursement program, meaning states must pay for construction costs then request reimbursement for the federal share from FHWA.



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SAVE THE DATES OCTOBER 16 & 17

2024 Annual Transportation Safety Meeting

Delta Colonial Hotel
2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana

This event brings together federal, state, tribal, and local safety partners to share implementation of Montana's Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan (CHSP) emphasis areas, assess progress in reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries, and explore new opportunities to enhance traffic safety awareness.

Emphasis Areas:

- Roadway Departures & Intersection-Related Crashes
- Impaired Driving Crashes
- Unrestrained Vehicle Occupants
- Emergency Response Post-Crash Care

The agenda is under development and will be posted at www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/plans/chsp-meetings.shtml.

For additional information, please contact Pam Langve-Davis at 406-444-7646 or plangvedavis@mt.gov.

New Public Information Officer (PIO)

Charity Burns recently joined the Director's Office as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for MDT. She was first hired at the department in this role in December 2004, then moved to MDT's Rail, Transit and Planning Division in 2010 as a Transportation Planner and Division Information Officer. In 2020, she moved to the Highways and Engineering Division's Engineering Operation Bureau to be a project manager.

Prior to coming to MDT, Charity was the Public Relations Manager for AAA MountainWest, covering the territory of Montana, Alaska, and Wyoming.

Charity has a Bachelor's of Science degree in business with a marketing emphasis from Montana State University – Bozeman.

Contact Charity at 406-444-6281 or chburns@mt.gov.



Charity Burns, MDT PIO

New State Highway Traffic Safety Section Supervisor

Kevin Dusko has been with the Montana Department of Transportation for 11 years, and was recently hired as the State Highway Traffic Safety Section Supervisor. This section administers funding received from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and is intended to reduce highway fatalities and serious injuries in Montana. It also administers state funding for emergency medical service (EMS) providers to purchase ambulances, emergency response vehicles, or equipment for training to increase the ability for EMS programs to provide medical care to patients.

Prior to coming to MDT, Kevin was a grant manager with the Montana Board of Crime Control. Early in his career, Kevin spent over 10 years providing direct services within the juvenile Correctional arena. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology.

Fun Fact: Outside of his work for MDT, Kevin loves to camp, hike and fish. His son Sam (pictured above with Kevin) typically outshines him in fishing skills.

Contact Kevin at 406-444-7411 or kedusko@mt.gov.



Kevin Dusko, MDT State Highway Traffic Safety Section Supervisor

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MDT's Barb Sheridan Honored with Transit Excellence Award

Barb Sheridan, MDT Transit Planner, was recently awarded the prestigious Orval Meyer Award for Transit Excellence. This is the highest honor from the Montana Transit Association (MTA), and "...recognizes a person who gives of himself or herself for the improvement and development of transit in Montana in the same spirit as longtime MTA member Orval Meyer." Nominations for the award are provided by MTA membership and Montana's statewide transit community. MTA seeks to honor those who meet traits demonstrated by Orval Meyer, including honesty, integrity, exceptional work ethic, compassion, customer service, and humility.

Barb was awarded the Orval Meyer Award in recognition of her important role in advancing Montana's transportation sector for decades. During her career, she has touched many areas of transit service and operations. She has developed countless relationships and partnerships across MDT and the statewide transit community. Her team members describe her as a "fearless advocate" when working with and assisting transit service providers, their riders and communities across the state.

Congratulations to Barb for this well-deserved honor!



Barb Sheridan, MDT Transit Planner, pictured holding her MTA Orval Meyer Award.

MDT's Patricia Burke Honored with Prismatic Award

Patricia Burke, MDT's Traffic Safety Engineering Supervisor, was recently awarded the prestigious Prismatic Legacy Award for her work on behalf of AASHTOWare, a division of the national American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO). AASHTOWare offers a variety of transportation software products that are available to state departments of transportation (DOTs) across the country through a collaborative business model. The AASHTOWare Prismatic Legacy Award serves to "recognize and honor the valuable role state DOT volunteers play in its software development work."

Patricia received the award for her contributions and efforts "...as a leader in fostering a collaborative environment during the establishment of the AASHTOWare Safety User Experience Committee." She spent several years serving in committee leadership roles, and also helped "...develop innovative user permissions and roles features to support critical cyber security needs of state DOTs."

Congratulations to Patricia for this well-deserved honor! Read more about the award nomination in the AASHTO Journal: <https://aashtojournal.transportation.org/mdts-burke-wins-aashtoware-prismatic-award/>.



2024 Prismatic Legacy Award Winner

Patricia Burke, MDT

AASHTOWare SOLUTIONS

MDT's Col. Russ Christoferson Leading CVSA in 2024

In October 2023, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) announced new leadership, which included Colonel Russ Christoferson of MDT's Motor Carrier Services (MCS) Division. Col. Christoferson is currently leading CVSA as President, and his term will expire in 2027.

Col. Christoferson has been a part of Team MDT since January 7, 1996, serving and protecting the traveling public as part of MDT's MCS Enforcement.

The CVSA President's role has never been held by a Montana. The responsibility demonstrates a tremendous dedication to leading the Alliance forward, uniting teamwork across international jurisdictions and fostering collaboration among the industry. Ultimately, the benefactor and bottom line is to improve highway safety in a consistent and proactive method.

Congratulations to Col. Christoferson on this prestigious leadership role! Learn more about CVSA and its current leadership here: <https://www.cvsa.org/about-cvsa/current-leadership/>.



Col. Russ Christoferson, CVSA President

Bicycling the Big Sky Map Updated for 2024



Planning a bicycle trip in Montana? MDT's *Bicycling the Big Sky* pocket map has been updated for 2024 and is now available for distribution. This helpful resource is a companion to the Official State Highway Map and includes highway information for bicyclists, state laws and regulations pertaining to bicyclists and safety tips for sharing the road.

Additional bicycle and pedestrian safety resource materials are available upon request and include pamphlets on Montana bicycle and pedestrian laws, Share the Road bumper stickers, Walk and Ride Safe brochures for parents and children, helmet fitting information, the A to Z by

Bike booklet, and traffic safety coloring books. You can request print copies of the map and other resources from MDT by email at mdtbikeped@mt.gov.

To view an electronic copy of the *Bicycling the Big Sky* Map and additional bicycle and pedestrian program information, scan the QR Code to the right with your mobile device or visit <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/bikeped/>.



Celebrating Good Roads in Montana

There are over 73,000* miles of roads open to public travel in our state (including nearly 12,916 miles of MDT routes) that accommodate over 13 billion annual vehicle miles traveled (AVMT). Simply put, roads and roadways (including bridges) keep our great state connected and moving forward! The third Tuesday in June marks Good Roads Day, designated by the Montana Legislature in 1947, whereby the people of the state are asked to contribute toward the improvement and safety of public highways (MCA 60-1-104). For MDT, building "good roads" takes time and means a continuous planning process that is underway long before ground is ever broken on a project. It can take eight years to complete a road project, but long-range planning starts anywhere from 1 to 20 years prior to the project start date.

Join MDT in celebrating and share what #GoodRoads mean to you! See the footer on page 2 of this issue for information on how to connect with MDT on our social media channels.

*Find more facts about funding and Montana's roads in MDT's Fact Book: <https://mdt.mt.gov/fs/factbook/>.



MDT Aeronautics Division's Role in Aircraft Emergencies

In 2009, the satellites that monitored the 121.5 MHz frequency were decommissioned. There is currently no satellite-based system in place that will automatically trigger a search and rescue (SAR) if one of these older type beacons is activated. Newer distress beacons like a 406 MHz Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELTs) are monitored by a global network of satellites offering automatic detection by the Airforce Rescue Command Center.

The improvement in speed and accuracy in locating one of the newer 406 MHz ELTs as compared to the older 121.5 MHz is dramatic. Once detected, the older 121.5 beacons could only provide positional accuracy within a 12 to 15 Nautical Mile (NM) radius. That creates a search grid of 782 square miles. Compare that with a 406 MHz ELT which has a satellite-based accuracy of a one to three NM radius. This offers a significant advantage over the older ELT technology by giving search and rescue teams only 17 square miles to search. Since 406 MHz ELT's use Global Positioning System (GPS) to pinpoint location, search and rescue crews can proceed directly to the site of the rescue very quickly, cutting the average rescue time for the newer 406 MHz ELTs to less than 5 hours. The average time to locate a 121.5 beacon is over 40 hours.

As of February 2019, it is illegal to manufacture, install or repair a 121.5 ELT beacon. New or replacement ELTs must be 406 MHz beacons. It is important to properly register your 406 MHz beacon with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Registration number, name and contact information are required. This allows SAR teams to try to contact you in the event your beacon is accidentally activated, or if you've been involved in an incident and require assistance. You must renew your beacon registration every 2 years. It is also important to update your account if you sell, transfer, or purchase an aircraft that has a 406 MHz beacon installed.

The MDT Aeronautics Division is responsible for the search for missing or overdue aircraft, and for ELT transmissions in the state. The MDT Aeronautics Division has search aircraft equipped with technology to locate emergency locator transmitters. They also train to locate missing aircraft with forensics, grid searches, and other techniques for aircraft that do not have an active distress signal broadcasting from an accident site. County Sheriff Departments are responsible for missing persons and ground search operations in Montana.

The MDT Aeronautics Division SAR program accomplishes the requirements of the air search operations by utilizing the department's pilots and aircraft, as well as volunteer pilots and their aircraft. The MDT Aeronautics Division is always available 24 hours a day to respond to aircraft related emergencies and does so on average 30 times per year.

TranPlanMT 2023 Biennial Surveys: Reports Available Online

During odd years, MDT solicits public and stakeholder feedback through surveys as part of MDT's long-range transportation plan, TranPlanMT. In partnership with the University of Montana—Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), survey responses are gathered anonymously from a statistical sample of public respondents statewide, as well as from MDT's valued transportation stakeholders. This important process helps MDT continue to plan, build and maintain a transportation system that serves Montanans and the general traveling public of our state.

After survey responses are collected, the results are compiled into two survey reports—Public Involvement and Stakeholder—and published on the TranPlanMT website. The 2023 survey reports are available online (along with historical reports from past surveys) at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/tranplan/>.

Follow the link under "Surveys" and navigate to the bottom of the web page to select the 2023 survey report (or the biennium survey reports you'd like to view).



Planning a visit to the Beartooth Highway this summer? Check MDT's 511 Travel Info resources and Know Before You Go! <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/>

(Photo taken during last year's Beartooth Highway clearing.)

Commit to Safety in the “Cone Zone”

Warmer weather, clear roads, orange cones, and barrels – it’s construction season in Montana. Reduced speeds, detours, and delays can all wear on a driver’s patience. As you travel through these “cone zones,” please remember to manage your speed, space, and stress – there are loved ones working here! MDT work zone staff and construction crews work hard to keep Montana’s roads safe. Their families and friends want them to come home.

Work zone safety isn’t just to protect workers, though. In 2023, there were 222 work zone crashes reported, and 90 occurred with a worker present (based on preliminary data). Each year, the majority of national work zone crash fatalities are motorists and their passengers. So plan ahead, slow down, and stay alert! Your loved ones also want you home.

Safer Driving in Work Zones

Remember the Three S’s of work zone safety: speed, space and stress.

1. MANAGE YOUR SPEED

Slow down when approaching all work zones. Follow posted speed limits, especially within construction zones, and adjust your speed for weather conditions. Don’t resume normal speed until you see roadway signs indicating it’s safe to do so.

2. MANAGE YOUR SPACE

Leave adequate braking room between your vehicle and the one ahead of you, don’t pass on the shoulder, and don’t drive across the median. Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment, and workers, and give yourself an out. When stopped in traffic, leave a safety zone between you and the vehicle in front of you, and don’t try to force tailgaters to back off by slamming on your brakes.

3. MANAGE YOUR STRESS

Keep your cool, don’t rush, and pay attention. Avoid cell phone or radio distractions, as well as distractions from other stopped vehicles or construction activity. Expect delays and use the Traveler Information Map to learn about construction, leave a bit earlier, or try an alternate route.

Visit www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero/people/workzones.shtm to learn more about work zone safety in Montana.

JD the Beartooth Highway Bear says “Slow Down in the Cone Zone!”

You may recognize this furry member of MDT’s Beartooth Highway clearing crew from his appearances during snow clearing that takes place on this scenic route each spring. But you may not know that JD was named in honor of one of MDT’s own—Jeff Dyekman—who was tragically lost in a work zone crash in Billings in 2018.



MDT remains committed to the goal of Vision Zero—zero deaths and zero serious injuries on Montana’s roadways. As a department, we believe no death on our roads is acceptable, and everyone deserves to return home safely to their loved ones.

So as you travel through one of the many work zones around Montana this summer, remember JD and slow down, stay alert, and stay safe. The people you see at work wearing orange are bringing you better roads ahead, and they deserve to return home safely to their family and friends.

Montana Awarded Funds for Teen Driver Training in Tribal Communities

Montana’s Safe On All Roads (SOAR)

Program is a tribal traffic safety program MDT implemented in 2006. Through this program, each Tribal Community employs their own coordinator with funding through MDT’s highway traffic safety program to educate community members on traffic safety issues.



Young drivers are the most dangerous age group on the road due to inexperience and immaturity, which puts everyone at risk. Over the last five years, Montana drivers under 21 have represented 11% of all traffic fatalities (per Fatality Analysis Reporting System data), while representing only 6% of the licensed drivers in the state (according to MVD data).

In an effort to reduce these statistics, MDT applied for and received additional funds through the Governor’s Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) and Ford Motor Company to support tribal teen traffic safety efforts. This funding was awarded specifically to improve drivers’ education programs in Tribal communities. MDT, in collaboration with Montana’s Office of Public Instruction (OPI), is launching a program to enhance driver education for Tribal youth. The program includes hands-on driver training workshops through OPI’s Montana Drive and focuses on Native American teens, many of whom are unable to access formal instruction.

MDT will also use the grant funds to provide five scholarships of \$5,000 each to help teachers in Native American communities become driver education instructors. This will help address a shortage of driving instructors in Tribal areas and ensure the long-term viability of the program.

If you have questions about the SOAR program or would like to assist with this project, contact Sheila Cozzie at 406-444-7301 or scozzie@mt.gov.



Melissa Dyekman, widow of the late MDT employee Jeff Dyekman, and her children in front of the employee memorial at MDT Headquarters on April 16, 2024.

Built by Teamwork (cont.)

When Team MDT gathered for a meeting on Tuesday, April 9, following the closure of the MT 41 bridge the night before, the gravity of the situation was palpable. Everyone participating understood the impact of the closure on the rural communities relying on that bridge for safe passage over the Beaverhead River, as well as the impact on commercial traffic utilizing the state route. Despite the pressure, everyone – from leadership to staff – quickly began working together on potential solutions for the repair and reopening of the structure. While replacement options were estimated to be at least 2 years out, the group continued brainstorming and turned to a past situation with a bridge near Chinook as inspiration for alternative options for the closed MT 41 bridge.



Pictured above: The pre-repair condition of the bridge's concrete cap shows the loss of support under the girder bearings.

From this meeting on, it truly became an example of “many hands make light work.” From leadership to the Bridge Bureau’s engineers, everyone in the room wanted to do whatever they could to find a solution for the closure quickly. MDT’s Maintenance Division Administrator (Jon Swartz) gave full support to the effort by providing priority access to the Maintenance Shop for fabrication and related needs.

MDT’s Bridge Bureau (Lenci Kappes, Dave Crumley) designed a repair plan for the bridge, and staff spanning MDT’s Engineering Division, Maintenance Division, and Butte District went to work to gather the needed materials before traveling to the site. MDT construction and contracting staff (Dave Gates the Construction Engineer; Brandon Graff and Clancy Williams in Alternative Contracting) assisted the Bridge Bureau in locating a contractor with the equipment needed for the repairs. One came through with a lead on a barge for the repair, saying it was unused sitting in a field currently, and that they could guarantee it would “float until it sinks.”

On Wednesday, April 10, the Maintenance Shop (Doug Robbins, Walt Kerttula and the fabrication/stock crew) prioritized the fabrication of the steel plates as promised, ordering materials and completing the fabrication just two days after the initial meeting. By Thursday, April 11, the plates were ready to pick up from the shop in Helena. “They said they’d be ready early Thursday morning, so I was going to be there on time with donuts as a thank-you,” remembers Kappes with a chuckle. “I ran into Jon Swartz while I was there, and I remember there was this powerful, ‘we can do this’ attitude. It was truly inspiring.”



Pictured above: Steel plates and hardware ready for pickup at the Maintenance Shop.

Meanwhile, MDT’s Butte Maintenance (Josh Ritchie, Maintenance Superintendent, and his crew) picked up the “loaner” barge from where it was parked in the contractor’s yard and fabricated a ladder for the watercraft to meet safety needs. As the local “hands on the project”, the Butte

Maintenance crew also handled much of the prep work – including gathering essential equipment such as generators, air compressors, tools, etc.

MDT’s Bridge engineers (Amanda Jackson) worked on a plan for the placement of the crane on the MT 41 bridge site for the barge launch, and (Jarrod Plummer) sourced the epoxy needed for the repairs. Due to the quantity of epoxy needed and the short turnaround time, Plummer traveled to Missoula to make an additional purchase of epoxy and then transported the materials to the bridge site. “It turns out, we bought all of the specialized epoxy in Montana,” said Kappes with a laugh. He added, “It was important we didn’t run out mid-repair.”



Pictured above: Setting the barge in the Beaverhead River.

“I wish I could speak to all the stories of everyone involved in this undertaking,” said Kappes. “It’s amazing the ownership and involvement that so many staff across our department likely felt with this repair. To think that people went home to their families after work that week, feeling pride in their hands-on impact (fabricating and drilling the steel plates, drilling anchor holes in the pier, running the John boat, mixing concrete, etc.) in completing this project... that’s powerful. Every person involved made it possible for us to restore that bridge to safe service!”

By Thursday afternoon, MDT was on-site with staff and equipment hard at work on the designed repair plan. As is the tendency with things like this, an additional opportunity came to light when MDT received word of pressure on the bridge site from the dam upstream. The dam needed to be released, which would elevate the water quickly and may have stopped the repair work on the bridge. The release was originally planned for Thursday evening, but thanks to MDT’s Chief Engineer (Dustin Rouse) and Preconstruction Engineer (Ryan Dahlke) quickly communicating with the appropriate local contacts, they were able to buy an additional day for the MDT site crew to complete the bridge repairs. The crew kept working on the bridge repairs well into the dark hours Friday evening, continuing to take shifts for needed breaks and rest. District staff continued to shuttle supplies as needed until the repairs were completed late Friday evening.



Pictured above: Dave Crumley setting up a bridge jack.

Fun Fact

The MT 41 bridge was barricaded at 4:30 p.m. MST on Monday, April 8, and the repair project was totally complete at 8:30 p.m. MST on Friday, April 12. That equates to **100 hours** from bridge closure to finished repairs. The reopening was delayed until Saturday morning for safety reasons (i.e., fatigued crews and avoiding working in the dark Friday night).

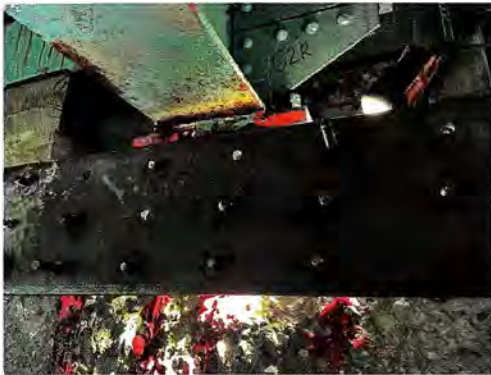
Moments of comradery were plentiful among those working at the bridge site. From those transporting needed supplies and equipment to the bridge team, there was an atmosphere of positivity and hard work. The members of Team MDT present at the site, led by Dave Crumley, shared the

courage and support needed to make this effort a success – or, as Kappes calls it, the “secret ingredient” in similar bridge repair projects. He fondly remembers the arrival of Meghan Coon, a fellow Bridge Designer for MDT, and her warm welcome from the Butte Maintenance Area crews. “There’s my girl!” one called as she arrived at the site. “Apparently, the day before while on-site, she [Meghan] had promised MDT stickers for their hard hats which she did end up mailing a few weeks later,” Kappes chuckled. “It was a small moment that demonstrated how connected we [Team MDT] are when it comes to our shared passion for serving the state we love.” Coon and Plummer would then go on to mix and deliver the HD50 concrete to finalize the beam seat repairs after the steel plates were installed.

When the sun rose on Saturday, April 13, the Butte Maintenance Area crews arrived at the site to complete needed clean-up activities before reopening the repaired bridge to the public later that morning.

“People came from all over,” remembers Kappes. “I’m from Kalispell, we had people from Helena, from the Butte area... Staff were involved from all over the state, coming together to make this effort possible.”

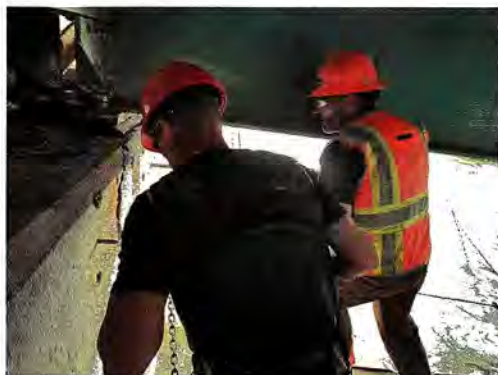
In less than a week, Team MDT closed and then reopened the MT 41 bridge to the traveling public. To many, it may have seemed a simple repair project. But, to the many hands that impacted or directly touched this project, it was so much more. With the bridge reopened, the repair project stands as an example of what



Pictured above: Example of repair progress at the end of the first night (Thursday) - some steel plates have been anchored and epoxied on the pier.



Pictured above: Bridge repairs near completion on Friday, with some beam sets finished and some waiting for epoxy to dry before finishing.



Pictured above: Lenci Kappes (right) running a hammer drill next to Ryan Dahlke (left) on Friday.

MDT can do as a unified, courageous team – particularly when it comes to the next project of this type. As Kappes put it, “It seems odd to find something so positive in a situation that isn’t positive. Because of this closure and the way we handled the repairs, this will set the example for the next bridge... because there will be a next one, unfortunately.” He added “It tears our hearts out to see our Montana communities impacted by bridge closures like this. Being **B.U.I.L.D.E.R.S.** is more than just our motto at MDT. It’s something we carry in our hearts every day we’re on the job. We are always ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work when it comes to the safety and accessibility of our statewide communities.”

Without the trust and empowerment provided by MDT’s leadership and the incredible teamwork across multiple areas and districts, the MT 41 bridge repair project would not have been as successful, nor would it have been completed as quickly. “If we hadn’t tried, the bridge would have remained closed until the originally anticipated August date, or even indefinitely,” said Kappes. “We have to be willing to explore options, trying things when and where possible.” He notes that while this repair approach worked for MT 41 and a Chinook bridge in the past, there are (and will continue to be) some bridges where this unfortunately won’t be the solution. “We’ll keep trying though – that’s the important thing!”

Not all bridge repairs make the news or land on the public radar – and that’s a good thing! While Twin Bridges and Chinook are notable examples of larger-scale repairs, many bridges with less significant repair needs are completed regularly as part of MDT’s statewide bridge inspections and maintenance. There are about 2,400* state-owned bridges across Montana that communities like Twin Bridges rely on for safe passage and access. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Crumley, Jarrod Plummer, and other MDT Maintenance staff, these repairs happen on bridges in communities across the state every day, safeguarding our statewide transportation infrastructure and helping to ensure Montana keeps moving safely, efficiently and effectively.

Kudos to the members of Team MDT that made this incredible project a success, including:

- ◆ **Leadership:** Dustin Rouse, Jon Swartz, Ryan Dahlke, Andy Cullison
- ◆ **Construction/Barge Inspectors:** Dave Gates, Brandon Graff, Clancy Williams
- ◆ **Bridge:** Dave Crumley, Lenci Kappes, Amanda Jackson, Jarrod Plummer, Meghan Coon, Tyler Steffan, Trevin Burkhartsmeier
- ◆ **Maintenance Shop in Helena:** Walt Kerttula, Doug Robbins, Jeremy Ackerman, Brandon Dearing, Curtis Madsen, Cole Martin, Karl Thalmann
- ◆ **Butte Maintenance Area Crews:** Josh Ritchie, Jim Pesanti, Brandon Smith, Eric Antikainen, Colton Morris, Ricardo Johnson, Wade Pittman, Harry Poppe, Dale Peterson, Jed Bleaker, Doug Kiewat

...and to the **many** others who touched this bridge repair and continue to work on other projects across Montana, helping ensure the safety of our statewide communities and the traveling public. ■

*Figure taken from MDT Fact Book: <https://mdt.mt.gov/fs/factbook/>.

100 Deadliest Days of Summer: Stay Safe in Your Travels!



Montanans are ready to get out and travel our great state! As residents and visitors head out on the roadways to explore Montana, MDT is urging travelers to remember the serious nature of driving and join the commitment to Vision Zero – zero deaths and zero serious injuries on our roadways.

Memorial Day to Labor Day is known as the “100 Deadliest Days of Summer” due to an increase in roadway fatalities and serious injuries nationwide. At other times of the year, the nation often travels less – either by choice or limiting factors such as season or weather conditions. Travelers tend to stay closer to home and use increased caution while driving. However, summer months bring clear roadways and better weather, lowering drivers’ guards.

Montana has one of the highest highway fatality rates per capita in the nation, and unfortunately, 2024 has not been optimal with a preliminary trend of increasing fatalities. As of June 3, 2024, 65 fatalities have occurred on Montana roads compared to 59 at this same time in 2023. Contributing factors of speed, not wearing a seat belt and impaired driving continue to contribute to lives lost on our roadways. Whether traveling across town or across the state, Montanans need to do their part and commit to safety.

While higher speeds and traffic volumes can contribute to the severity of highway crashes, drivers need to remember that crashes – including severe and fatal crashes – don’t just happen on the highway. When traveling in town, on unpaved roads, as well as on the highway, all drivers, riders, bicyclists and pedestrians must take care to be safe. Drivers should always:

- Follow posted speed limits and keep in mind changing road conditions.
- Be rested and give full attention to driving.
- Keep their vehicle in safe running condition.
- Scan their travel area for safety hazards such as wildlife and debris. Expect the unexpected.
- Buckle up and drive sober.
- Share the road. Watch for motorcyclists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Each of us has at least one reason to reach our destination safely! The impact of losing just one person to a preventable motor vehicle crash is devastating for family, friends, and communities. If we can each remember that we have a reason to buckle up, watch our speed, arrange a sober ride, and drive distraction-free, arriving safely can be achieved for all travelers. Check out the Engage website to learn more about MDT’s traffic safety campaign efforts: <https://www.engage-mt.org/>.

MDT is committed to safety on Montana’s roadways. To learn more about Vision Zero, contact Kevin Dusko at 406-444-7411 or kedusko@mt.gov.



MDT and FCCLA Traffic Safety Partnership

For the past 8 years, MDT has partnered with the Montana Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) to promote teen traffic safety. This is a peer-to-peer project that gives teens the opportunity to educate their peers on traffic safety issues facing their communities. FCCLA is an organization for students in Family and Consumer Sciences education through grade 12. There are 65 Chapters across Montana.

Teen drivers represent approximately 10% of all fatalities and 22% of Montana’s total serious injuries. Yet, teens only account for approximately 6.7% of the state’s population. MDT has made this issue a priority.

During the 2023/2024 school year, MDT awarded approximately \$12,500 to seven FCCLA chapters across the state to create their own local teen traffic safety campaign. These campaigns ranged from school assemblies on traffic safety issues, to billboard development, newspaper and radio ads, and YouTube videos. As in past year, prizes were given to the top three projects and were awarded as follows:

- 1st Place: \$2,500 grant to Three Forks FCCLA
- 2nd Place: \$1,500 grant to Beaverhead FCCLA
- 3rd Place: \$1,000 grant to Arlee FCCLA

Winners were announced during the Montana FCCLA Statewide Leadership Conference held in Bozeman on March 14, 2024.

MDT is excited to continue this partnership for the 2024/2025 year, and applauds these teens and their efforts to educate their peers on local traffic safety issues. For more information, contact Sheila Cozzie at 406-444-7301 or scozzie@mt.gov.

Beaverhead FCCLA students pictured with their 2nd place traffic safety campaign.



Share the Road with Motorcycles this Summer

Montana’s scenic views invite motorcyclists to hit the open road when warmer weather arrives. Safe driving and motorcycle riding behaviors include observing the speed limit, staying alert for other drivers and driving sober. Safe driving can mean the difference between a memorable summer and the tragedy of life lost on our roads. To kick off the summer travel season, MDT successfully carried out a behavioral safety campaign in May in recognition of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Motorcyclists remain an at-risk group for crashes and fatalities in Montana. “Motorcycles are some of the most vulnerable vehicles on the road,” said Casey Redder, Director of Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety (MMRS). “It is very important for drivers to remember that a motorcycle has all the rights of the road as any other motorist.”

Preliminary numbers for 2022 indicate there were 37 motorcycle fatalities in Montana, representing over 17% of the total fatalities. 28 of the 37 total fatalities, or 75%, were not wearing helmets. In the last 10 years, there has been an 11% increase in motorcycle fatalities.

In addition to making Montana’s drivers more aware of motorcycles, this year’s campaign also targeted motorcycle riders; including the riskiest rider, those over the age of 45. Almost 63% of all motorcycle fatalities are aged 45 or over, making this a priority traffic safety issue in Montana.

For more information on MDT’s Motorcycle Traffic Safety Program, contact Sheila Cozzie at 406-444-7301 or scozzie@mt.gov.

Montana Traffic Safety Dates

⇒ **May 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024**

National Heatstroke Prevention Awareness

⇒ **May 13, 2024 - June 2, 2024***

Click It or Ticket Law Enforcement Seat Belt Mobilization (2024 STEP)

⇒ **July 1, 2024 - July 7, 2024***

4th of July Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Law Enforcement Impaired Driving Mobilization (2024 STEP)

⇒ **August 14, 2024 - September 2, 2024***

Labor Day Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Law Enforcement Impaired Driving Mobilization (2024 STEP)

Note: There are approximately 30 STEP participating Law Enforcement agencies across the state that conduct intensive enforcement of specific traffic safety laws with extensive communication, education, and outreach informing the public about the enforcement activity. For more information, contact Spencer Harris, MDT Law Enforcement Liaison, at 406-444-0856 or sharris@mt.gov.

⇒ **September 15-21, 2024**

Child Passenger Safety Week (National Seat Check Saturday is September 21, 2024)

⇒ **September 23-29, 2024**

Rail Safety Week (Operation Lifesaver)

⇒ **October 1-31, 2024**

National Pedestrian Safety Month

***Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Mobilization Periods**

Stay Safe and Fit While Walking and Bicycling This Summer

There's nothing like stepping outside after a long winter and taking in the fresh Montana air! Walking or biking to run errands or commute is a fantastic way to enjoy the warmer weather and get some exercise. As you do, remember MDT's Vision Zero goal: Let's all commit to safety and courtesy on Montana's roads, whether we're driving, biking, or walking.

Here are some key safety tips from MDT to keep in mind:

Be Visible: If you're walking or biking, wear bright or reflective clothing so drivers can see you. Pedestrians and cyclists are smaller than vehicles and can be overlooked.

Be Alert: Pay attention to your surroundings, especially at intersections. Avoid using distractions like cell phones or headphones when you're on the move. They reduce your awareness and increase risk.

Be Considerate: Drivers, please leave a minimum of 3 feet of space when passing bicyclists (more is encouraged and appreciated for safety). Pedestrians have the right-of-way at crosswalks (marked or unmarked) at intersections. When turning, watch for cyclists and pedestrians who might be crossing. Respect each other's space and rights to keep everyone safe.

MDT wants to be a resource for you! If you are planning a bicycle or pedestrian focused event this summer (bike rodeos, health fairs, bicycling or running races, and other events), reach out to us at MDTBikePed@mt.gov. We would love to provide safety signage or materials for events!



Bicycling or walking are great active options for summer travel! Stay safe while out and about with tips and resources from MDT.

MDT Announces EMS Grant Opportunity, Applications Due June 30, 2024

The state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) grant opportunity opened on May 1, 2024, and the deadline for applications is June 30, 2024. The grant is used to enhance traffic safety in Montana by providing grant funds to mostly volunteer, Medicare-level billing providers for emergency response vehicles, ambulances, medical care equipment, communications equipment, and training. The grant provides approximately \$1 million annually, and to-date (since the beginning of the grant program in 2010), 206 individual awards have been made. Grant recipients are required to provide a 10% match for any grant funds received.

Online Application: Applications will only be accepted through the Montana Grants and Loan Web grants system at <https://funding.mt.gov/index.do>. Applicants will need to register and submit applications through the web-based system. For more information on eligibility and grant details, please visit MDT's website: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/grants-ems.aspx>.

For more information, contact Spencer Harris at 406-444-0856 or sharris@mt.gov.

Pictured below are examples of vehicles and equipment MDT EMS grant recipients were able to purchase with awarded funds to support their communities.



Research Projects Completed in 2023

MDT actively manages about 12 to 15 individual research projects at any given time, and the department adds and completes about three to five projects per year. Individual research projects are those that MDT has identified as questions or issues to solve needs specific to Montana. In 2023, we saw the following three research projects come to completion. An overview of each project is below, along with a link to the respective research webpage for more information.



Effectiveness of Highway Safety Public Education at Montana Motor Vehicle Registration Stations by Streaming a Variety of Safety Content: This project looked at the impacts of safety videos on viewers. The videos were shown to viewers at selected Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) offices. Learn more about this project:

<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/research/projects/safety/safetyvideos.aspx>




Artificial Intelligence (AI) based Tool to Estimate Contract Time: The objective of this project was to develop a quick and effective contract time determination tool. The idea used typical project characteristics such as work type, project location, major controlling work items and their quantities of work as input variables into a model. Using machine learning, the

model would estimate the most likely project duration or contract time by analyzing the data of the historical MDT highway projects. Learn more about this project: https://www.mdt.mt.gov/research/projects/const/ai_based_contracting_tool.aspx.



Evaluation of Thin Polymer Overlays for Bridge Decks: High friction surface treatments (HFSTs) are thin polymer concrete overlays that can extend the service life of bridges by restoring surface friction and preventing deicer fluid from seeping into the concrete. HFST can last for 15 years, however Montana has been observing much lower

performance results. Developing a better understanding of the long-term performance of HFSTs in Montana and determining if they are the best solution for skid resistance and protection of Montana bridges will provide both safety and fiscal benefits. Learn more about this project: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/research/projects/const/evaluation.aspx>.



MDT Library Spotlight

Did you know that MDT has a library? Located at MDT's Headquarters in Helena, the library's collection contains nearly 30,000 items in various formats, including all of MDT's final research reports, publications relating to transportation research more generally, professional development and engineering exam study material, and works on the history of transportation. The library is managed by a professional Librarian, Anders Johnson, who began work at MDT in the summer of 2023. While the library primarily serves all of MDT's employees across its various areas and districts, members of the public are also welcome to apply for a library card.

To learn more about the MDT Library and its services, including how to apply for a library card, visit the Library Services page on MDT's website: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/research/unique/services.aspx>.

MDT Permitting Process

Permitting at MDT can take on various forms, depending on the type and scope of the project proposed. Permit applications submitted to MDT are required when work is performed within the MDT right-of-way. Utility and Maintenance permits are subject to review by MDT staff. Utility permits include the installation of fiber optics, extension of water mains, gas, electric, and more. Maintenance permits include requests for approaches or encroachments within the MDT right-of-way. An approach permit is needed when the applicant requests to change the use of the existing approach, or to establish new access to their property. An encroachment permit is required when an applicant wishes to install a new facility such as a sidewalk, landscaping, or a storm drain, or if work will be performed within the MDT right-of-way. Two other Maintenance permits are forage (making hay within the right-of-way) and special use (parades and other events). For more information, please visit MDT's online permits and licenses page: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/permits.aspx>.

Most Utility and Maintenance permit applications are reviewed and approved directly by MDT District and Maintenance staff. Projects requiring review services across multiple areas of MDT (i.e., Traffic, Hydraulics, Construction, Surfacing, Right-of-Way, Geotech, Environmental, or Legal) are nominated for a coordinated Systems Impact Action Process (SIAP) review. SIAP plays an integral role in ensuring all projects proposed within the MDT right-of-way preserve the safety of the traveling public while also providing a timely, customer service focused review of all applications. For more information on the SIAP process, please visit our webpage: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/siap.aspx>.

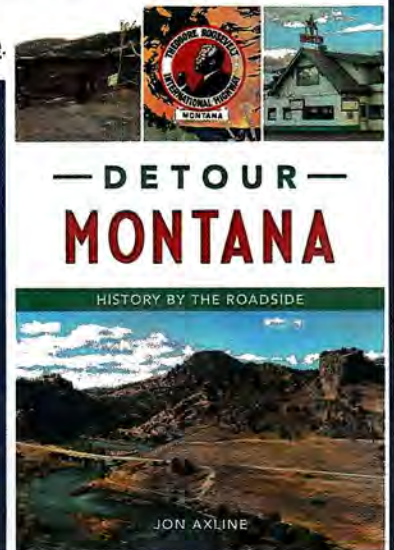
Detour Montana: History by the Roadside

Newest book by MDT's Historian, Jon Axline, out this summer!

Over his lengthy career as MDT's Historian, Jon Axline has contributed many short stories to the *Newsline*. These stories have given readers a glimpse into Montana's colorful, fascinating history as a state, with connections to statewide transportation.

Jon's newest book, *Detour Montana*, is a compilation of his favorite *Newsline* stories, as well as others he's written over the years of his career. The book will be a great summer read for history buffs, road trip travelers, and anyone who has a passion for Big Sky Country. Once released, *Detour Montana* will be available for purchase through the Montana Historical Society: <https://app.mt.gov/Shop/mhsstore>.

"I dedicate this book to my late colleague and dear friend Ellen Baumler. She read most of the chapters in this book while they were in draft form. Her excellent comments and suggestions made this a better book—with few, if any, passive voice sentences. She was an ace storyteller, and as we all know, history is a whopping good story. Godspeed my friend. I miss you." - Jon Axline, Detour Montana Introduction



Gone, But Not Completely Forgotten: Hiber Cemetery

By Jon Axline, MDT Historian

Montana is sprinkled with forgotten or nearly forgotten cemeteries. Some are small family plots associated with a specific homestead or ranch, while others served as cemeteries for towns that have long since disappeared. Sometimes their presence is a mystery. There are no communities connected to them or any other reasons that could explain why they exist. Many of those cemeteries are minimally maintained - if at all. Those buried there are long forgotten, have no family in the area or are unknown. MDT owns one of those cemeteries. The little cemetery is located in a field a few miles east of Laurel.

In October 1901, six-year-old Roy Hiber saddled his pony and trotted off on it across the family farm to visit his father. The saddle was homemade with rope stirrups. Something spooked the horse and it bucked Roy off its back. The little boy caught his boot in a stirrup, which scared the animal even more. The horse bolted across the field, trailing the boy across the ground behind it. By the time the pony stopped running, it had dragged the child for well over a mile. Roy's parents later found their little boy's mangled body.

Roy's parents had a contentious marriage, but they agreed on their feelings for their son. His is the only headstone in the cemetery. The stone's marble plinth reads "A Place is Vacant in Our Home Which Never Can Be Filled." Atop it is a manufactured marble headstone with a carved lily on top, representing innocence and purity. The east face of the headstone is carved with "Roy Edward Hiber Died Oct. 7, 1901 Aged 6 Yrs. 6 mos. 26 Days."

Hiber was buried next to an uncle, Will Consolver, who had died the year before. Will Consolver came to Laurel in 1899. He worked for and boarded with William Bode, a farmer, and his family in Laurel. Consolver was a member of an extended family that came to the Laurel area in the 1890s. In late 1900, doctors diagnosed him with a "brain abscess," an early term for a brain tumor, and gave him no hope for recovery. He died just before Christmas 1900. His family buried him at what was then known as the Allendale Cemetery. Allendale was essentially a paper community that never really existed. No houses, stores or post office were ever built there, just a flour mill that operated for only a couple years before it permanently closed. Consolver lies next to his nephew, Hiber, in an unmarked grave.

The cemetery also holds the remains of the infant son of John and Pearl Cusick, who died in January 1907. He was Hiber's cousin and also a nephew of Consolver. A little over a year later, in March 1908, William and Clara Jones laid their ten-year-old daughter, Edith Rose, to rest alongside her cousins and uncle. Born in Montana in 1897, Edith Rose died from diphtheria, an often fatal childhood disease at the time. There may be as many as two other people buried in the cemetery, but their names are not known. Only Roy Hiber's grave is marked by a headstone and is enclosed by a wood picket fence.

Roy Hiber's extended family established the cemetery in anticipation of the construction of a new church adjacent to it. At the turn of the twentieth century, residents in the area approached the unusually named Lake Huron Harriman about building a Presbyterian church on his property (Lake Huron had a brother named Lake Michigan). Harriman agreed to the proposal and was prepared to deed land to the congregation. The planned church is probably the reason why the cemetery was established at this site. For reasons unknown, however, the congregation decided to build their new church at a different site about a mile to the east. The Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church opened its doors in 1909, but closed in the 1920s for lack of parishioners. The cemetery remained unassociated with a church or any other organization and was nearly forgotten until the late twentieth century.

In November 1958, the Montana Highway Commission bought the property containing the cemetery in conjunction with its Interstate highway program. A year later, the commission awarded the Long Construction Company a project to construct a six-mile section of Interstate 90 between Mossmain and Billings. The contractor intended to utilize the property as a staging area, gravel source, and office site. But

before the project began, the contractor's foreman, Foster Oliver, had a task to perform: He made sure that the cemetery wouldn't be disturbed by the construction activity in the area. He had the cemetery fenced off with barbed wire. Oliver also imposed a 100-yard buffer around the burial ground. The fence, while badly deteriorated, still encloses the cemetery today.

The presence of the cemetery raised questions about who and how many people are buried there. Roy Hiber's grave is marked, but the others are not. In 1959, *Billings Gazette* correspondent, Charles Rightmire, reported that two graves flanking Hiber's plot were discernable at the time of his visit. He believed there were two others buried there as well. A descendent of Hiber's, Orville Jones, recalled that there were five burials there and possibly a sixth. A little over two weeks after Rightmire's article appeared in the *Gazette*, Roy Hiber and Will Consolver's niece wrote the *Gazette* that four people are buried in the cemetery: Roy Hiber, Will Consolver, Edith Rose Jones, and Frank Cusick.

The question remains though: how many people are buried in this lonely little cemetery? In November 2023, MDT conducted a ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the cemetery. GPR is an electromagnetic investigation method that works by sending out a radio signal at a certain frequency and dielectric constant. When this signal encounters soil or an object with a different dielectric constant, this signal is reflected back and appears on the GPR scan. In the case of this survey, materials of significance with a differing dielectric constant than the background will look white or black on an otherwise brown background. This makes it easy to identify materials that contain water, air, or metal, as the dielectric constant of these materials is very different from that of a typical soil. In the case of identifying unmarked graves that are over a century old, the materials remaining from these sites are essentially bones, decayed wood, and remnants of clothing fibers that may remain with the skeletal remains. GPR has recently been used to identify potential graves at Helena's old poor farm cemetery, and at the Boot Hill Cemetery in Billings Heights.

The electronic survey of the cemetery revealed the presence of three graves in addition to Hiber's marked grave. The GPR scanned the metal hardware attached to the caskets. Two graves flank Hiber's plot. One is outlined in small stones and probably marks Consolver's burial. The other is likely Edith Rose Jones' grave. Frank Cusick lies near Edith Rose's grave. If there are other graves associated with the cemetery, the names of the dead are lost to history.



Overview of the Hiber Cemetery as it appears at present day.



Roy Hiber's grave site as it appears at present day.

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MDT Wants Your Comments on New Projects

To receive a list of highway projects MDT plans to present to the Transportation Commission, please visit www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/planning/proposed_proj.pdf, www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/stip.shtml, or call 800-714-7296. You can mail comments on proposed projects to MDT Project Analysis Manager, PO Box 201001, Helena, MT 59620-1001 or email them to mdtstip@mt.gov.

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Mayor and City Council
City of Hardin
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Re: Family Dollar, LLC - Store #30512 Application for sale of beer and wine for off-premises consumption only ("Application")

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council members:

This firm represents Family Dollar Stores, LLC and its subsidiaries including Family Dollar, LLC, and we handle licensing matters for all Family Dollar locations and related entities nationally (collectively "Family Dollar").

This letter is being submitted for consideration in support of our pending application for a license for the retail sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only at the Hardin Store located at 924 North Center Avenue, Hardin, MT 59034. As the license is being considered at the July 2, 2024 Council meeting, this information is being provided in support of Family Dollar's application.

Family Dollar is a family-oriented store that provides a wide range of food and other retail items to its' customers. Family Dollar locations that sell alcohol do not sell "discounted alcohol" and the beer and wine our customers have the option of purchasing for off-premises consumption is equivalent in price and quality to what one would find at any local grocery store. For additional information, please see the [linked weekly advertisement \(https://www.familydollar.com/weekly-ads\)](https://www.familydollar.com/weekly-ads) which provides a sampling of the wide range of products that Family Dollar offers to its' customers. Also, I wanted to provide some additional information relating to how serious Family Dollar takes its obligation to be a responsible seller, complying with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

First, in addition to any requirements imposed by the State or Local jurisdiction, Family Dollar has a vigorous internal training and auditing program to ensure strict compliance and zero tolerance for violations. These internal procedures include, but are not limited to, training on the following:

- (a) Minimum age requirements and how those requirements apply. This includes the mandatory **use of hand-held scanners to verify birthdates** are within the range required to make the purchase.
- (b) How to recognize and differentiate between authentic forms of identification, typically a driver's license, and counterfeit identifications.
- (c) How to confirm the person presenting the identification is the person on the identification card.
- (d) Sales Associates' rights to refuse to sell any alcoholic beverage to a person who appears to be intoxicated and how to communicate that refusal respectfully.
- (e) Understanding the role and personal liability to guarantee compliance with all applicable rules and regulations with emphasis on Family Dollar's zero tolerance policy is strictly enforced.
- (f) How to cooperate with Law Enforcement as a partner to ensure compliance with the law.

With specific attention to the City of Hardin's local alcohol ordinances, Family Dollar will also train all associates on the local rules and regulations pertaining to off-premises selling including, but not limited to, (1) the duty to maintain a copy of the local ordinances on the premises; (2) duty to secure inventory when

not legal to sale; (3) the limited hours for legal sales and any no sales days; (4) duty to maintain the premises and allow zero loitering or drinking in the parking lots, which is absolutely prohibited by Family Dollar, and (5) the duty to confirm proper legal identification and age (as noted above, Family Dollar uses handheld scanners as well). In sum, and as complimentary to other small business in the area, Family Dollar simply wishes to provide a safe, family-oriented option to those families who wish to purchase beer and wine for consumption with their meals at home, just like many other grocery stores.

In addition, Family Dollar uses internal auditing programs and proprietary software to assess abnormal activities which detect, deter, and prohibit any violations of rules and regulations. Further, Family Dollar locations licensed to sell off-premises are all equipped with surveillance cameras that monitor the cash registers, front doors, receiving, and stockroom areas. Based on these vigorous internal compliance matters and a culture of zero tolerance, Family Dollar is proud to say that from 2019 to 2022, the percentage of licensed locations cited for alcohol sales violations nationally averaged ***less than one and a half percent (1.5%) per year*** of all licensed locations. During that period, the highest percentage of cited licensed locations as less than two and a half percent (2.5%).

In conclusion, Family Dollar greatly appreciates the opportunity to conduct business in the State of Montana and, specifically, in the City of Hardin. Family Dollar respectfully requests that you approve the resolution to allow beer and wine sales for off-premises consumption only at the Hardin Store located at 924 North Center Avenue, Hardin, MT 59034.

Please do not hesitate to email me jcrumly@decisions-consulting.com or give me a call at if you have any questions or want to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Decisions Consulting, LLC

/s/ Jonathan Crumly

Jonathan Crumly, Chief Operating Officer

cc: Ms. Angela Zimmer, Deputy City Clerk (cityclerk@hardinmt.com).

Angela Zimmer, Deputy City Clerk

From: Coleen Hosack <chosack@decisions-consulting.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:17 PM
To: Angela Zimmer, Deputy City Clerk
Cc: Lori McIntyre; Jonathan Crumly; Rob Hosack; Tommy Jackson
Subject: Family Dollar 30512, 924 North Center Avenue, Hardin, MT, Off Premise beer and wine application, July 2, 2024 City Council meeting
Attachments: Hearing Letter Hardin MT 30512.pdf

To: Ms. Angela Zimmer, Deputy City Clerk

Dear Ms. Zimmer,

Attached please find a letter in support of the referenced license application, to be considered before the Mayor and City Council on July 2, 2024.

We would appreciate receiving any written public comment (if any) received by the city in advance of the meeting.

Also, we would appreciate receiving a copy of the agenda for the meeting.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional or more complete information.

Sincerely,

Coleen Hosack
Manager of Business Administration

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Office: 678-660-5765

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AMENDMENT NO. 29

CITY OF HARDIN LANDFILL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

The Original Consultant Agreement for Professional Services ("Agreement") between the City of Hardin, Montana ("Owner") and Barry Damschen Consulting, LLC ("Consultant") shall be amended to provide the award and construction inspection consulting services for the 3-bay Z-wall roll off container site near the entrance of the Owner's landfill near Hardin. This amendment shall include work from July 3, 2024 through the end of the project.

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

1) Award Phase:

- a. Assist the City in evaluating the bids to select a contractor.
- b. Prepare the Notice of Award, Agreements, and Notice to Proceed to the selected contractor.

2) Construction Phase:

- a. Provide a benchmark and baseline for the contractor to construct the structure. This will be conducted during the same trip that a Pre-Construction Conference will be held.
- b. Provide on-site inspections during the work. It is assumed that a maximum of four (4) on-site inspections will be conducted during the work along with one final inspection.
- c. Review the payment requests submitted by the contractor.
- d. Review material submittals from the contractor including concrete mix design, rebar, schedule, fencing, gates, and drop chutes.
- e. Answer questions from the contractor during the project.

II. FEE

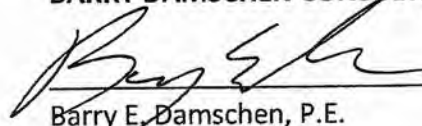
The Consultant shall conduct the work on a unit hourly rate plus expenses basis not to exceed \$13,000.00 without pre-approval from the Owner to exceed the maximum amount. The maximum fee may be increased if additional inspections are required.

The Owner and Consultant hereby agree to this Agreement.

CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA

BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC

Mayor



Barry E. Damschen, P.E.
Owner

Attest

6-19-24

Date

Date

Computer

Count	Name	No. of computers	Facilities	Finance	Legal	Police	Building/ Code	PSA	Economic Developm ent	Streets	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Landfill	Total
1.00	PWD	1.00	0.20							0.20	0.25	0.25	0.05	0.05	1.00
2.00	Asst PWD	1.00	0.20							0.20	0.25	0.25	0.05	0.05	1.00
3.00	PWD-tablet	1.00	0.20							0.20	0.25	0.25	0.05	0.05	1.00
4.00	Legal	1.00			1.00										1.00
5.00	Legal	1.00			1.00										1.00
6.00	Legal-tablet	1.00			1.00										1.00
7.00	UB	1.00		0.20							0.25	0.25	0.15	0.15	1.00
8.00	Cash	1.00		0.20							0.28	0.28		0.25	1.00
9.00	Deputy Clerk	1.00		0.45							0.20	0.20	0.05	0.10	1.00
10.00	Finance/ Clerk	1.00		0.23							0.25	0.25	0.11	0.16	1.00
11.00	ACE	1.00						1.00							1.00
12.00	Bldg Insp-tablet	1.00		0.25							0.25	0.25	0.10	0.15	1.00
13.00	WTP	1.00									1.00				1.00
14.00	Mayor	1.00		0.55							0.14	0.14	0.06	0.11	1.00
15.00	Shop	1.00		0.15							0.25	0.25	0.15	0.20	1.00
16.00	WWTP	1.00										1.00			1.00
17.00	Mapping-tablet	1.00								0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25		1.00
18.00	Landfill	1.00												1.00	1.00
19.00	Police Chief	1.00				1.00									1.00
20.00	TAC/ Admin Asst	1.00				1.00									1.00
21.00	Police Officer	1.00				1.00									1.00
22.00	Police Officer	1.00				1.00									1.00
23.00	Police Officer	1.00				1.00									1.00
24.00	Police Officer	1.00				1.00									1.00
25.00	Ec. Devel. Director	1.00							1.00						1.00
26.00	Building & Code	1.00					1.00								1.00
	Backup	distribute to all													-
	Server	distribute to all													-
	PD Server	distribute all to PD													
		26.00	0.60	2.03	3.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.85	3.62	3.62	1.02	2.27	26.00
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**Updated 6/28/24

INTERNET

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Count	Name	computers	Streets	Finance	Police	Control	Legal	Court	Building	Code- Fax	Ec. Dev.	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Landfill	Total
1.00	PWD	2.00	0.40	0.40								0.50	0.50	0.10	0.10	2.00
2.00	Asst PWD	2.00	0.40	0.40								0.50	0.50	0.10	0.10	2.00
3.00	Attorney	2.00					2.00									2.00
4.00	Legal Secretary	2.50					2.50									2.50
5.00	UB	3.00		0.75								0.75	0.75	0.30	0.45	3.00
6.00	Mayor	2.00		1.34								0.22	0.22	0.06	0.16	2.00
7.00	Deputy Clerk	2.00		1.00								0.34	0.34	0.10	0.22	2.00
8.00	Finance	4.00		1.00								1.00	1.00	0.40	0.60	4.00
9.00	ACE/Bldg Insp	2.00							1.00	1.00						2.00
10.00	Shop	2.00	0.50	0.30								0.10	0.30	0.40	0.40	2.00
11.00	Police Chief	2.00			2.00											2.00
12.00	Tac Officer	2.50			2.50											2.50
13.00	Police Officer 1	2.00			2.00											2.00
14.00	Police Officer 2	2.00			2.00											2.00
15.00	Court	4.00						4.00								4.00
16.00	PSA/ AC	2.00				2.00										2.00
17.00	Economic Develop	2.00									2.00					2.00
		40.00	1.30	5.19	8.50	2.00	4.50	4.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.41	3.61	1.46	2.03	40.00
		% of 40	3.00%	13.00%	21.00%	5.00%	10.00%	10.00%	3.00%	3.00%	5.00%	9.00%	9.00%	4.00%	5.00%	100.00%

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Updated 6/27/24

RESOLUTION NO. 2368

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA ESTABLISHING WAGES FOR CERTAIN CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") has approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 190 with an effective date of July 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 190 for certain city employees and part of that agreement that establishes the wages for those city employees for Fiscal Year 2024/2025;

WHEREAS, some non-salary employees of the City have opted out of Teamsters Union Local 190, and the City desires to set wages for those employees for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

That the wage schedule for fiscal year 2024/2025 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Union Local 190, representing certain city employees, and non-union employees attached as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and that the wages for certain city employees is finally determined and approved.

That the effective date of the wage schedule shall be July 1, 2024.

The Council further resolves that employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, pursuant to the Personnel Policies Manual and Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the resolution to have full intended effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of July, 2024.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Exhibit A
City of Hardin - Non-Exempt Employees

Name	Position	2024-2025 Wages
BAHR, DAKOTA	SEASONAL GENERAL LABOR	15.51
BAKER, DEAN L	LEAD - SEWER TREATMENT	27.72
BECKMAN, JEREMY J	MAINTENANCE WORKER V	28.55
BOYER, BROCK	GENERAL LABORER - WTP	15.82
CONNELLY, JOSEPH E	BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CO	25.09
* CROOKED ARM, CANDYCE	GENERAL LABORER	15.82
DRAKE, MINDY	SEASONAL PARKS GENERAL	15.51
GONZALES, MOSES	MAINTENANCE WORKER V	31.38
JEFFERSON, RICHARD	WTP OPERATOR	22.23
JOHNS, MERLE P	WTP OPERATOR	25.03
KUNTZ JR, KENNETH J	LEAD - WATER DISTRIBUT	27.72
LAUTT, TREVOR A	LEAD - WTP	28.22
* MALENSEK, REMINGTON	OPERATOR IN TRAINING -	15.51
* MCCONNELL, NATHAN W	GENERAL LABORER	15.51
MELVILLE, RANDY	MECHANIC	30.41
MENDEZ, TAMARA	LEGAL ASSISTANT II	24.54
MILLER, KOLETON	SEASONAL GENERAL LABOR	15.51
MILLER, ROSS	MAINTENANCE WORKER III	20.35
OLDCHIEF, HOWARD	SEASONAL PARKS GENERAL	15.51
OLDELK, SHAWNDAE	MWII & ASSISTANT MECHA	18.98
PETERS, STEFFEN	WWTP OPERATOR	24.54
RIEHL, MICHAEL O	MAINTENANCE WORKER II	18.68
SCHNEIDER, CHRIS L	LANDFILL LEAD	29.27
SMITH, LARICIA	COURT CLERK I	15.51
* STIEBER, JULIANNE	COURT CLERK I	16.46
STIMPSON, MICHAEL P	MAINTENANCE WORKER V	28.00
STRAIT, JUSTIN	GENERAL LABORER - PART	15.51
TAKES THE HORSE, MARKUS G	MAINTENANCE WORKER III	22.02
WEDEL, KRISTI	UB CLERK III	27.08
WILSON, BRYAN	MAINTENANCE WORKER I	17.07
* ZIMMER, ANGELA D	DEPUTY CITY CLERK II	23.42

Note: * - Employees that may be eligible to move to new position classification during fiscal year 2024-2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2369

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA ESTABLISHING WAGES OF NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") has determined the wages for non-union city employees for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to approve the wages for the non-union employees; and

WHEREAS, the policies set forth in the City of Hardin Personnel Policies Manual control the anniversary date for pay increase; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the non-union employees following increases in wages, which includes annual anniversary increases and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to memorialize the monthly compensation for elected Officials, without any raise from previous compensation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

That the following wages for non-union City employees listed below shall be effective as of July 1, 2024, and is hereby finally determined and approved:

Salaried Regular Employees:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>2023/2024 Rate</u>	<u>2024/2025 Rate</u>
Robert Snively	\$30.06/ hourly	\$31.58/ hourly
James Seykora	\$30.06/ hourly	\$31.58/ hourly
Paul George	\$3,461.53/ bi-weekly	\$3,636.34/ bi-weekly

Temporary Employees:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>2023/2024 Rate</u>	<u>2024/2025 Rate</u>
Judy Stieber	\$ 16.53/ hour	\$17.36/ hour

Elected Officials:

<u>OFFICIAL</u>	<u>2023/2024 Rate</u>	<u>2024/2025 Rate</u>
Mayor	\$ 850.00/ month	\$ 850.00/ month
Council President	\$ 625.00/ month	\$ 625.00/ month
Alderman	\$ 600.00/ month	\$ 600.00/ month

The Council further resolves that employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, pursuant to the Personnel Policies Manual, for the resolution to have the full intended effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of July, 2024.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2370

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA ESTABLISHING WAGES FOR HARDIN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") has previously established the wages and wage matrix for the Hardin Police Department for fiscal year 2023/2024;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to approve the wages for the employees of the Hardin Police Department for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed the current pay structure for officers and other Hardin Police Department employees, and desires to update the wages for those employees in the Hardin Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

That the wages for the Hardin Police Department employees, attached as Exhibit A, is hereby finally determined and approved and shall be effective as of July 1, 2024:

The Council further resolves that employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, pursuant to the Personnel Policies Manual and a Collective Bargaining Agreement, for the resolution to have full intended effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 2024.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Exhibit A
City of Hardin - Police Employees

Name	Position	2024-2025 Wages
BEASLEY, SEAN	Police Officer - 3	28.64
GEARHART, AUSTIN	Police Officer - 2	27.05
IMASA, RENNIE	Police Officer - 3	28.64
* NEDENS, TYLER	Police Officer - 1	24.72
* PERIN, ISHMAEL	Police Officer - 1	25.46
SMELLS, TIMOTHY T	Police Officer - 3	29.50
WEER, DAVE	Police Officer - 2	27.05
WELCH, LAURIE	School Resource Officer	29.17
YARLOTT, JULIE	TAC Officer/ Admin. Asst.	19.53

Note: * - Employees that may be eligible to move to new position classification during fiscal year 2024-2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2371

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN AUTHORIZING THE CITY FINANCE OFFICER TO TRANSFER INTEREST EARNED IN INVESTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hardin has numerous investments which are earning interest;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hardin desires that the interest earned be placed in the Public Safety Fund for use in Public Safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

That the City Council of the City of Hardin hereby authorizes the City Finance Officer to transfer funds earned as interest on investments to the Public Safety Fund, when in the judgment of the City Finance Officer, there are sufficient funds to transfer.

The Council further resolves that the officers and employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, for the resolution to have full effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of July, 2024.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2372

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A NON-UNION SALARIED EMPLOYEE AND THE WAGES FOR THE NON-UNION EMPLOYEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025.

WHEREAS, the City Council (hereinafter "Council") of the City of Hardin, Montana (hereinafter "City") has previously established an economic development office and the position of City Economic Development Director, which is now vacant;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the interest of the City to fill the position of Economic Development Director as a non-union salaried employee;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to accept the appointment of Tina Toyne as the City Economic Development Director approve the wages for said non-union employee who has accepted the position of City Economic Development Director;

WHEREAS, the policies set forth in the City of Hardin Personnel Policies Manual control the anniversary date for pay increase; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the following non-union employee receive the following salary as the City Economic Development Director.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

That the following salary for a certain non-union City employee listed below shall be effective July 8, 2024, and is hereby finally determined and approved:

Salaried Regular Non-Union Employees:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>2024/2025 Rate</u>
Tina Toyne, City Economic Development Director	\$2,240.00 bi weekly

The Council further resolves that employees of the City shall have the authority to make any actions necessary to effectively execute this resolution, pursuant to the Personnel Policies Manual, for the resolution to have full effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of July, 2024.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2373

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA APPROVING APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO SELL BEER AND WINE

WHEREAS, the City of Hardin, Montana (the "City") has the authority to issue licenses for the sale of Beer, Beer and Wine, or Liquor within the City Limits;

WHEREAS, the City is in receipt of a new application from a business for an annual license to sell Beer and Wine within the City Limits of the City for the 2024 calendar year, along with an application fee;

WHEREAS, the applicant has provided proof of a State of Montana license to sell beer and table wine for off premises consumption at their respective location;

WHEREAS, the City has investigated the applicants and has determined that the applicants meet the requirements of City Code of City of Hardin Section 5-5-1 et seq. and/or Section 5-6-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City as follows:

A. The Council finds that the following applicant is proper and suitable persons and should be permitted to carry on such business:

1. Family Dollar, 924 N. Center Avenue.

B. The applicant is granted license to sell beer and wine as requested in their application within the city limits for calendar year 2024.

C. It is further resolved that the applicant must renew their license at the end of calendar year 2024 for licensing in 2025 and subsequent years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Montana, and APPROVED this _____ day of July, 2024.

YEA VOTES _____

NAY VOTES _____

CITY OF HARDIN

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA, GRANTING TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE FRANCHISE AND RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE, WITHIN AND UPON, IN AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF HARDIN A GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING VAPORIZED NATURAL GAS PRODUCTS AND/OR MANUFACTURED GAS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE, NOTIFICATION BY ANY PARTY.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hardin desires to renew the Montana-Dakota Utilities franchise agreement which expires August 17, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated does not require an election for the approval of this franchise, as the franchise is not exclusive;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HARDIN, MONTANA:

Section 1.

For convenience, herein, said municipal corporation is designated and referred to as "Municipality" and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is designated and referred to as "Grantee." Any reference to either includes their respective successors and assigns.

Section 2.

There is hereby granted to Grantee a twenty five (25) year extension to the right and authority to construct, install, maintain and operate a gas transmission and distribution system, including mains, pipes, conduits, services and other necessary structures and appliances appertaining in, under, upon, over, across and along the streets, alleys, bridges and public places within the present and future corporate limits of the Municipality for the furnishing, transmission, distribution and sale of gas, whether artificial, natural, mixed or otherwise, for heating, domestic, industrial and other purposes and for transmitting gas into, through and beyond said Municipality. The Municipality represents that it has the sole power and authority to make this grant of authority and agrees to notify Grantee in writing if the Municipality should cease to have this power.

Section 3.

Grantee shall maintain an efficient distribution system for furnishing vaporized natural gas products and/or manufactured gas for public and private use at such reasonable rates as may be approved by the Montana Public Service Commission and under such orders, rules or regulations as may be issued by any federal or state agency having jurisdiction thereof.

Section 4.

This franchise shall not be exclusive and shall not be construed to prevent the Municipality from granting to any other party the right to use the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the Municipality for like purposes.

Section 5.

The Municipality reserves any right it may have, under its police power, or otherwise, to control or regulate the use of said streets, alleys, and public grounds by Grantee.

Section 6.

The Grantee agrees that in all cases where the Municipality shall change the grade, width or location (alignment) of any street, alley, or other public way or facility, the Company will, promptly, upon reasonable notice and at its own expense, unless otherwise provided by mutual agreement of the Municipality and the Grantee, change or move its structure so as to conform thereto, and all sidewalks, parkways or pavements disturbed by the Grantee shall be restored by it to a good condition and in compliance with the current standards adopted by the Municipality, and in the event that any such sidewalks, parkway or pavement shall become uneven, unsettled or otherwise require repairing because of such disturbance by the Grantee within 3 years of original repair, then the Grantee shall promptly, upon receipt of notice for the Municipality so to do, cause said sidewalk, parkway or pavement to be repaired or restored to a good condition and in compliance with the current standards adopted by the Municipality. The Grantee will not be required to move structures whenever any person or entity not working directly for the Municipality without being fully reimbursed for all reasonable costs and expenses incurred.

Section 7.

Grantee shall indemnify and save and hold the Municipality harmless from any loss or damage due to the construction, installation, and maintenance of its distribution system, and its use of the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the Municipality; however, Grantee shall not be required to indemnify and save and hold the Municipality harmless from loss or damage to the extent such loss or damage is caused by the acts, omissions, or negligence of the Municipality, its employees, assigns, agents, contractors, or other persons under its direction or control.

Section 8.

Grantee shall have the right to assign this franchise to any party, or corporation, but obligations of Grantee hereunder shall be binding upon its successors and assigns.

Section 9. Written Acceptance

Within thirty (30) days after Grantee is notified of passage and final approval of this Ordinance, Grantee shall file with the clerk or auditor of the Municipality its written acceptance of this franchise.

Section 10.

This franchise shall continue and remain in full force and effect for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date upon which this ordinance shall become effective as provided by law. This franchise will automatically renew for successive periods of ten (10) years unless cancelled at the end of a term by either party by written notice to the other party no less than 180 calendar days prior to the end of the primary term or the then current successive term.

Section 11:

Whenever this Franchise calls for notice to or notification by any party, the same (unless otherwise specially provided) shall be in writing and directed to the recipient at the address set forth in this Section, unless written notice of change of address is provided to the other party. Notices shall be directed to the parties as follows:

To the Municipality: City Clerk
City of Hardin
406 N Cheyenne
Hardin, Montana 59034

To MDU: Region Director
Montana Dakota Utilities
5181 Southgate Drive
Billings, Montana 59101

DATE OF EFFECT.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its second reading and passage by the City Council as required by law.

FIRST READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members present this 18th day of June, 2024.

YEAS 5
ABSTAIN 1

NAYS 0

Joe Powell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrew Lehn
City Clerk



POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC this 19th day of
June, 2024.

Andrew Lihu
City Clerk

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE By a majority vote of the members
present this _____ day of _____, 2024.

YEAS _____

NAYS _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

MAYOR
Joe Purcell

POLICE CHIEF
Paul M. George Jr.

The City of
HARDIN
Montana

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
Michael Hurff Jr.

FINANCE OFFICER/CITY CLERK
Andrew Lehr

Advertisement for Bids

Separate sealed bids will be received by the City of Hardin, Montana located at 406 N. Cheyenne Avenue in Hardin, Montana 59034 for construction of a solid waste landfill container site at the City's landfill located near Hardin, at 3794 Sarpy Creek Road, HWY 384, Hardin, MT 59034. The work shall include onsite earthwork, structural gravel fill, concrete walls and slabs, and necessary chain-link fencing, gates, and drop chutes.

All Sealed Bids shall be submitted to the Finance Officer of the City of Hardin, Montana on or before the 9th day of July 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 406 N. Cheyenne Avenue in Hardin, Montana. All bids shall be clearly marked "Landfill Container Site Project". All responsive and reasonable bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City of Hardin Council Chambers at 401 N. Cheyenne Avenue, Hardin, MT, 59034 at 3:00 p.m. on that same day, the 9th day of July 2024.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the Finance Officer of the City of Hardin at City Hall located at 406 N. Cheyenne Avenue, Hardin, MT, 59034, 406-665-9293, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the office of Barry Damschen Consulting, LLC, 5317 Harbor Lane, Helena, MT 59602, (406) 461-5003 upon receipt of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set. No refunds will be made for returned documents.

There will be a pre-bid conference held on June 27, 2024. All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. All participants are to meet at the City Hall, 406 N. Cheyenne Avenue, Hardin MT, 59034 at 1:00 p.m.

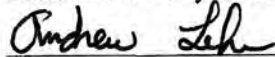
Bids shall be accompanied by a bid security meeting the requirements of the State of Montana in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid. Within ten days after the Notice of Award, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount.

Contractor's and any of the Contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 406-444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the State of Montana. The Contractor must ensure the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for at least sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instruction to Bidders.

The City of Hardin reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days and to accept the bid that is in the best interest of the City of Hardin.

Dated this 10th day of June 2024



Andrew Lehr, Finance Officer
City of Hardin, Montana

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