

# PUBLIC LIBRARY CERTIFICATION

This certifies that our library

Thompson-Hickman County Library  
(library name)

qualifies as a "public library"  
formed under either Title 7 or  
MCA § 22-1-303 through 22-1-317

Attached is the legal documentation  
establishing our library under the above.

Robert Walter

Library Board Chairperson

Jeanne C. Erdall

Library Director

9/6/97

Date

**RESOLUTION 14-98**  
**Verification of Establishment of the**  
**Thompson-Hickman County Library**

WHEREAS, the following actions took place in 1922 in establishing a free county library:

WHEREAS, On May 18, 1922, William Boyce Thompson and his Attorney, E.B. Howell composed a letter to the County Commissioners stating his wish to tender to Madison County the gift of the Thompson-Hickman Memorial Library, recently built at Virginia City, as a County Free Library under the Laws of Montana (Secs. 4563-4573 Codes 1921). The gift included the beautiful stone two-story building with ample shelving in the upper story and a large room designed for the Madison County Museum in the lower story and the ground surrounding it. The gift also included furniture and books for the library, and display cases and other necessary furniture for the museum. Col. Thompson's purpose being to start with a fully equipped plant. The money value of this gift at the time is in excess of \$50,000. The above letter is attached as Addendum "A".

WHEREAS, no conditions were attached to the gift other than that Madison County shall take and use this property for the benefit of all the people of the County, and that it shall revert to Col. Thompson, or his heirs, in case the property is abandoned or ceases to be used as a library. The above letter is attached as Addendum "A".

WHEREAS, according to Commissioners' Journal of August 8, 1922, a petition for the establishment of a Free County Library was filed and a public hearing was set for September 2, 1922, at 2:00 PM. A copy of the Commissioners' Journal is attached as Addendum "B".

WHEREAS, according to Commissioners' Journal of September 2, 1922, a public meeting was held and taken under advisement until the regular September meeting of the Board. A copy of Commissioners' Journal is attached as Addendum "C".

WHEREAS, according to Commissioners' Journal of September 6, 1922, the Board agreed to accept the proposed gift for the library buildings, grounds, books, and other equipment when the property deed is presented to the Board. A copy of Commissioners' Journal is attached as Addendum "D".

WHEREAS, according to Commissioners' Journal of March 7, 1923, the Board accepted the deed conveying the library

buildings, grounds, etc. to Madison County. A copy of the Commissioners' Journal is attached as Addendum "E".

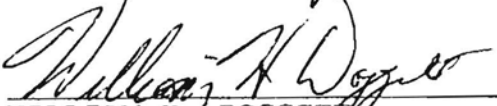
WHEREAS, according to Commissioners' Journal of April 3, 1923, a Library Fund was established. A copy of the Commissioners' Journal is attached as Addendum "F".

WHEREAS, according to Commissioners' Journal of August 7, 1923, rules for the County Library were approved and adopted. A copy of Commissioners' Journal is attached as Addendum "G".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the above information and addendum's verify that a free county library was established in Virginia City, Madison County, Montana, in 1922.

Approved this 6th day of July, 1998.

  
C. TED COFFMAN, CHAIRMAN

  
WILLIAM H. DOGGETT

  
WARD JACKSON

to an intersection with the "Vigilante Trail" as described in the petition thereof which is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, beg leave to report our findings as follows:

On May 26, 1922, we viewed the proposed route. In viewing the route we decided that on account of the heavy work and the chances for more than one route that it would be necessary to make a preliminary survey and base our report on said survey, which is as follows: beginning at about the cor. of sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, T. 6 S., R. 4 W. thence East 5800 feet to an intersection with the branch road to the Conrey Machine Shops thence along this road to an intersection with the Vigilante Trail, cost of constructing this road is as follows:

Excavation -----	\$303.45
Grader work -----	360.00
G. I. Culverts -----	185.28
Bridges (wood) -----	360.00
	<u>\$1209.73</u>
10% for engineering, supervision, etc.	120.97
	<u>\$1330.70</u>

In view of the above mentioned facts and the distance saved of 1 1/2 miles on a round trip from Alder to Virginia City we recommend that the petitioners' prayer be granted and a road surveyed and constructed along the same lines as in the preliminary survey.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank S. Metzler

Harry A. Tests

The above Viewers' Report is hereby approved.

Butte, Montana, May 18, 1922.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana.  
Gentlemen:

Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York authorizes me to tender to Madison County the gift of the Thompeon-Hickman Memorial Library, recently built at Virginia City, as a County Free Library under the Laws of Montana (Secs. 4563-4573 Codes 1921).

This gift will include a beautiful stone two-story building with ample library shelving in the upper story, and a large room designed for the Madison County Museum in the lower story, the frame residence building adjoining (the birth-place of Col. Thompson) which has been beautifully remodelled and finished inside, and the ample grounds with out-stone retaining walls.

The gift will also include furniture and books for the library, and display cases and other necessary furniture for the museum, Col. Thompson's purpose being to start you off with a fully equipped plant. The money value of this gift will aggregate well in excess of \$50,000.00.

No conditions are attached to this gift other than that Madison County shall take and use the property for the benefit of all the people of the County, and that it shall revert to Col. Thompson, or his heirs, in case the property is abandoned or ceases to be used as a library.

For the sake of Col. Thompson, as well as my own, I should like to dipose of this matter promptly, and I shall greatly appreciate an early reply.

Yours very respectfully,

E. B. Howell

The above communication was received, and taken under advisement.

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MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Regular August

Session,

Tuesday, August 8th,

A. D. 1922.

FARM BUREAU FUND

Ruby Valley Hardware Co.	Supplies--Farm Bureau	0.45
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INSECT PEST FUND

Great Western Sugar Co.	Supplies--Insect Pest Fund	21.60
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The following bills were disallowed:

ROAD FUND

J. P. Phelan	Commission for collecting road tax	1.60
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POOR FUND

J. P. Phelan	Commission for collecting road tax	1.60
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The appointment of W. H. Thomas as Deputy County Clerk is hereby approved.

Warrant No. 8381 issued on the Road Fund in favor of Chas. McCausey, in the sum of \$8.00, is hereby cancelled, the same being a duplicate warrant.

A petition having been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, for the establishment of a Free County Library, and a protest having been filed, the same is set for public hearing on Saturday, September 2, 1922, at 2 o'clock P. M.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE CREATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 ON APPEAL FROM THE ORDER OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

WHEREAS, an appeal has been taken to the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, from the order of the County Superintendent of Schools dated March 23, 1922, wherein it was sought to create School District No. 14 out of a portion of School District No. 52 in pursuance to that certain petition filed January 9, 1922, with the School Trustees of School District No. 52;

AND WHEREAS, this appeal coming on regularly for hearing, all parties having been notified and having appeared in person and through counsel, and the matter having been argued and briefs having been submitted by the interested parties, and testimony having been taken at said hearing, and the Board of Commissioners being fully advised in the premises herein and being in lawful session, hereby resolve and decree as follows:

THAT THE SAID PETITION filed with the School Trustees of School District No. 52 of Madison County, Montana, on January 9, 1922, wherein it was sought to create a school district out of a portion of School District No. 52 of Madison County, Montana, be denied, and that the said order of the County Superintendent dated March 23, 1922, is hereby annulled.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the members of said board that in their opinion the graded school at Jeffers in said School District No. 52 ought and should be maintained intact and without removal or depletion for the convenience of pupils in the grades desiring to attend school at Jeffers, and that it would be highly inadvisable to the welfare of the Consolidated School District No. 52, if it should be attempted to remove, deplete, diminish or abolish the graded school at Jeffers.

Attest:

Geo. B. Gohn, Clerk and Recorder.

Mary F. Gohn, Deputy.

Frank S. Metzger

Chas. H. Buford

MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Special August

Session

Monday, August 14th;

A. D. 1922.

and Geo. E. Gohn, Clerk.

The assessment of Thos. H. Tice on cattle was reduced as follows: From 100 head of yearlings to 35; from 75 head of two-year olds to 50, and from 125 head of stock cattle to 90. There is added to the assessment of Thos. H. Tice, 10 head of range horses at \$20.00 per head.

The assessment of Mary A. Johnson on improvements on Virginia City lots is reduced \$400.00, thereby making the total assessment \$1315.00.

The assessment of Jesse C. Omo is reduced to \$2240.00.

The assessment of O. C. Smith is reduced as follows: On improvements \$400.00, and on work horses (8 head) \$400.00.

The making of the tax levy is postponed to the regular September session.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Geo. E. Gohn

Clerk.

Frank S. Metzger

Chairman.

Special September Session, Saturday, September 2nd, A. D. 1922.

Pursuant to call, the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, met in special session at their room in the Court House at 10 o'clock A. M., Saturday, September 2nd, A. D. 1922. Present: Frank S. Metzger, Chairman; C. H. Buford and Alex McKinnon, Commissioners; and W. H. Thomas, Acting Clerk.

The Board proceeded to take up the matter for Special hearing on County Road as petitioned for by S. T. Brook, et al, and the same was taken under advisement until the regular September session.

Pursuant to call, the Board met at 2 o'clock P. M., Saturday, September 2nd, A. D. 1922, for the purpose of hearing the matter of the establishment of Free County Library. The matter was taken up at a public meeting, and all parties interested having been heard, the same was taken under advisement until the regular September meeting of said Board.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

Geo. E. Gohn

Clerk.

Frank S. Metzger

Chairman.

By

W. H. Thomas

Deputy.

Regular September Session, Tuesday, September 5th, A. D. 1922.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, met in regular session at their room in the Court House at Virginia City, Montana, Tuesday, September 5th, A. D. 1922, at 9 o'clock A. M. Present: Frank S. Metzger, Chairman; C. H. Buford and Alex McKinnon, Commissioners; and Geo. E. Gohn, Clerk.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read, and upon motion were approved.

It is hereby ordered that the tax levies for the various funds for the year 1922 shall be as follows:

In accordance with the action of the State Board of Equalization, the following taxes were levied for State purposes.

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Regular September Session, Wednesday, September 6th, A. D. 1922.

John R. Dullea	Refund of Bachelor Tax	3.00
Eneff & Pepercoff	" " " "	3.00
O. T. Estlin	" " " "	3.00
Richard Foreman	" " " "	3.00
August Mailey	" " " "	3.00
Laurence Rasmussen	" " " "	3.00
V. L. Lyman	" " " "	3.00
Peter Rahn	" " " "	3.00
Wm. T. Parry	" " " "	3.00
Marce Johnson	" " " "	3.00
W. A. Sloan	" " " "	3.00

FARM BUREAU FUND

H. M. Kauffman	Salary & expense--Farm Bureau	239.51
Ruby Valley Hdwe. Co.	Supplies--Farm Bureau	6.45

INSECT PEST FUND

Great Western Sugar Co.	Supplies--Insect Pest Fund	21.60
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The following bills were disallowed:

ROAD FUND

Mutual Oil Company	Gasoline	424.50
Mutual Oil Company	"	47.85
Mutual Oil Company	"	15.95

The Board adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, September 7th, A. D. 1922.

Attest:

*Geo. E. John*  
Clerk.

*Frank S. Metzger*  
Chairman.

*By W. H. Thomas, A. C. P.*

Pursuant to adjournment of September 6th, the Board of County Commissioners met at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, September 7th, A. D. 1922. Present: Frank S. Metzger, Chairman; C. H. Buford and Alex McKinnon, Commissioners; and W. H. Thomas, Acting Clerk.

In the matter of the establishment of a Free County Library, the same having been heretofore heard at a public meeting, the judgment of the Board as to the establishment of such library is hereby withheld for further deliberation until such Board acts upon the same.

The Board also undertakes and agrees to accept the proposed gift of Col. William B. Thompson for the library buildings, grounds, books and other equipment, located at Virginia City, Montana, when the proper deed is presented to said Board.

The viewers' report on petition of E. T. Brook, et al, for a change in County Road is hereby approved.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 4742 of the Revised Codes of the State of Montana, requiring the Board of County Commissioners to designate by order the class to which the County belongs, as determined by the assessed valuation of Madison County for the year 1922, the Board finds the assessed valuation of said Madison County is greater than five million and less than ten million dollars. It is therefore ordered and declared that Madison County be and the same is hereby declared to be a County of the Sixth Class.

The bonds of the various County officers and the indemnifying bonds of the various banks to the County Treasurer were examined and approved.

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hay sold to the Gary Hay & Grain Company.

Pursuant to agreement made in regular session, Thursday, September 7th, 1922, the Board hereby accepts the deed conveying the library buildings, grounds, etc. to Madison County.

The following bills were then allowed and ordered paid:

CONTINGENT FUND

5839	Alex McKinnon	Per diem and mileage	29.60
5840	Chas. W. Bryant	" " " "	33.00
5841	C. H. Buford	" "	24.00

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

*Geo. E. Gohm*  
Clerk.

*C. H. Buford*  
Chairman.

By *Frank M. Wright*  
Deputy.

Regular April Session, Monday, April 2nd, A. D. 1923.

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Montana, met in regular session at their room in the Court House in Virginia City, Montana, Monday, April 2nd, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock A. M. Present: C. H. Buford, Chairman; Chas. W. Bryant and Alex McKinnon, Commissioners; and Frank M. Wright, Acting Clerk.

The minutes of the last regular session were read and upon motion were approved.

The Board adopted the following resolution:

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Proposed Maintenance

Madison County 1923

Federal Aid Project No. 9; Length 9.9 miles.

Type. gravel; Patrol maintenance.

Estimated cost \$990.00

Basis of Participation 50-50

Resolutions desired County Share 495.00

State Share 495.00

\$990.00

In the matter of the maintenance of state highway improvements constructed within Madison County, Montana, and particularly referring to that certain resolution passed and adopted by the State Highway Commission of Montana on March 21, 1923, a copy of which resolution is here to attached, Commissioner A. McKinnon offered the following resolution which, on motion duly made and carried, was adopted, Commissioners C. H. Buford and Chas. W. Bryant voting.

WHEREAS the State Highway Commission of Montana has resolved to assume responsibility for and to prosecute the maintenance of Federal Aid Highway improvements constructed within the several counties of the state, in conformity with certain provisions and stipulations expressly set forth in said resolution and whereas the county of Madison through its duly qualified and acting board of county commissioners desires to avail itself of the benefits of said resolution; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that for and on behalf of said county its board of county commissioners does hereby assent to and accept all of the provisions of said resolution: and



MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

Regular April Session, Tuesday, April 3rd, A. D. 1923.

CONTINGENT FUND

5968	Geo. E. Gohn	Marsh salary--County Clerk	166.65
5969	Mary E. Gohn	" " Deputy County Clerk	137.50
5970	Frank H. Wright	" " " " "	137.50
5971	Florence Edwards	" " Ass't Co. Clerk's office	125.00
5972	Mary Vanderbeck	" " County Treasurer	166.65
5973	C. M. Holbert	" " County Assessor	150.00
5974	Matt Carey	" " Clerk of Court	150.00
5975	W. D. Husted	" " Deputy Clerk of Court	137.50
5976	T. J. A. Monaghan	" " Court Stenographer	56.35
5977	F. D. Willis	" " " "	71.35
5978	C. C. Mongold	" " Sheriff	187.50
5979	B. O. Pannell	" " Under Sheriff	150.00
5980	Edgar P. Reid	" " County Attorney	75.00
5981	Ruth Shafer	" " County Superintendent	150.00
5982	A. R. Martin	" " Janitor	75.00
5983	Eunice M. Holbert	" " Ass't Co. Assessor's office	125.00
5984	Cloe M. Hutchins	Services--County Supt's office	3.50

FARM BUREAU FUND

5985	H. N. Kauffman	Salary & expense--Co. Agent	155.34
5986	Mt. States Tel. & Tel. Co.	Service--Farm Bureau	9.75
5987	Twin Bridge Garage	Drayage " "	6.00

LIBRARY FUND

5988	Karl Sauerbier	Wood for County Library	5.00
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The following bills were continued:

GENERAL FUND

Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.	Refund of taxes	14.87
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POOR FUND

O. J. Olson	Burial--Outside Poor	49.00
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The following warrants were then cancelled:

GENERAL FUND

6954	J. B. Rank	Services as Justice of the Peace	6.00
7352	Dr. J. T. Bradbury	Reporting births	0.15

The Board adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 4th, A. D. 1923.

Attest:

G. E. Gohn  
Clerk.

C. H. Bradford  
Chairman.

By Frank M. Wright  
Deputy.

Pursuant to adjournment of April 3rd, the Board of County Commissioners met at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 4th, A. D. 1923. All members present. Frank M. Wright, Acting Clerk.

The Board proceeded to check the books of the County Clerk with the books of the County Treasurer, and upon completion the said books were found to be correct.

The quarterly reports of the various County Officers were then examined and approved, as follows:

1st claim  
Library Fund

The petition of H. A. Petit, et al, to close and vacate and discontinue the expenditure of money toward the upkeep of that certain piece of road described as beginning at a point on the main road between Ruby and Virginia City, 900 feet south of the quarter corner between Sections 10 and 11, T. 6 S., R. 4 W, thence north on section line  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile; thence northeast 1570 feet, more or less, to forty acre subdivision line, thence north on said line  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to old wood-road from Ruby to Baboon Gulch, thence northeast  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, more or less, along said wood-road to juncture with Water Gulch road, as same is described in the petition for its creation filed in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Madison County, Montana, on the seventh day of June, 1917, was received and ordered filed. County Surveyor Harry A. Teets and County Commissioner C. H. Buford were appointed to view said road.

The bond of Ralph Wickham as Road Supervisor in District "C" is hereby approved.

The following rules for the County Library were approved and adopted:

1. Books may be kept two weeks and may be renewed once for the same period.
2. A fine of two cents a day will be charged on each book kept overtime. No book will be issued to a person with a fine unpaid.
3. Each borrower is responsible for all injuries to books beyond reasonable wear, and for the value of books lost or destroyed.
4. A branch or deposit station may be established in any community where the Librarian is assured that some responsible person will take charge of the books.
5. Individuals may send for books at any time.
6. People living at some distance from any branch will be allowed additional time to return books.
7. People may have three books on a card, provided only one is fiction.
8. Any resident of Madison County shall be entitled to draw books from the Library free of charge after signing the proper application and agreement.
9. The library will be open every day in the week from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening.

Oscar Angle of Ennis, Montana, is hereby appointed Justice of the Peace in and for Madison Township.

On motion duly carried, the Board decided to construct Federal Aid Project No. 171 from the shed on the McKinnon ranch to the north side of the crossing of Bradley Creek, and directed the Clerk to write to the State Highway Commission asking them to submit a detail estimate of the project and to advertise for bids.

The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following transfers of County funds:

General Fund to Contingent Fund ----- \$2000.00  
 Road Bond Fund to General Road Fund ----- 12000.00

The following bills were then allowed and ordered paid:

CONTINGENT FUND

6946	C. H. Buford	Per diem	32.00
6947	Alex McKinnon	Per diem and mileage	48.80
6948	Chas. W. Bryant	" " " "	59.00

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

*Ed. E. Gibson*

Clerk.

*C. H. Buford*

Chairman.