

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-066
**A RESOLUTION DEFINING CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS IN THE GALLATIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND ANNEX**

This Resolution was introduced by Earl Mathers, County Administrator, moved by Commissioner Murdock, and seconded by Commissioner White. The Resolution was adopted by a vote of unanimous.

WHEREAS, it is generally understood that a broad range of emergency situations may arise that have the potential to affect public life and business operations at the Courthouse and Annex in ways that necessitate timely decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of the County and has delegated authority for certain functions to the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the foremost priority of the Board of County Commissioners is to ensure the health and safety of Gallatin County employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the nature of emergency situations requires definitive responses to events that are inherently unpredictable to mitigate the potential for harmful damage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to clarify chain of command in a manner that provides for timely action in emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

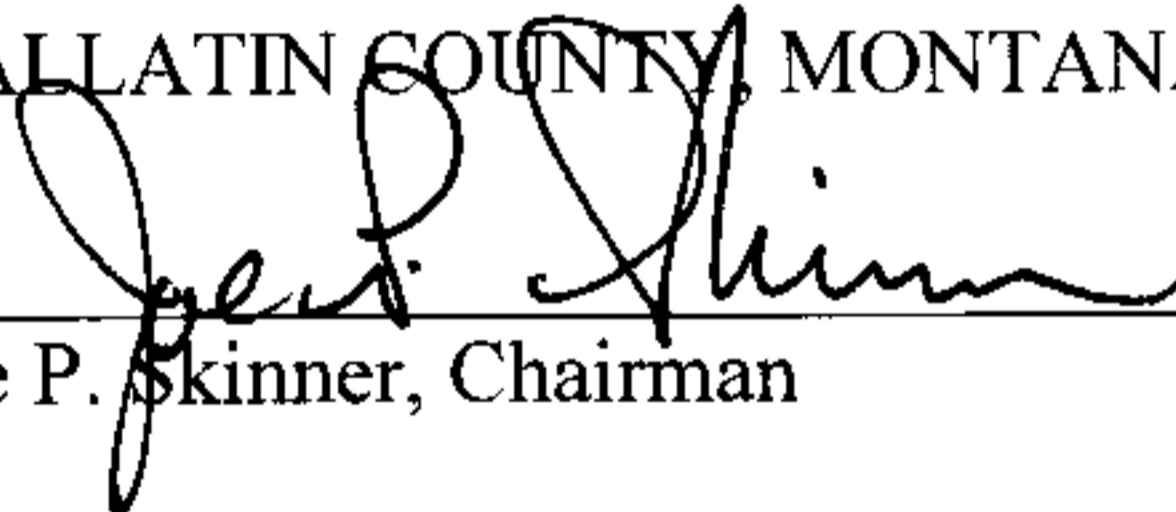
1. If the County Commissioners are unavailable, the County Administrator shall act in their absence and respond to all emergency situations including but not limited to: building evacuations (including sending employees home and building closure), environmental hazards, utility shut-offs, fire alarm and sprinkler resetting, law enforcement actions and direct communication with public safety personnel to ensure the safety of Gallatin County staff and the public.

2. If the County Administrator is unavailable, the Gallatin City-County Health Officer shall act in their absence and respond to all emergency situations including but not limited to: building evacuations (including sending employees home and building closure), environmental hazards, utility shut-offs, fire alarm and sprinkler resetting, law enforcement actions and direct communication with public safety personnel to ensure the safety of Gallatin County staff and the public.

3. In the absence of the County Commissioners or as otherwise directed, the County Administrator, followed by the Gallatin City-County Health Officer is designated to serve as the spokespersons for Gallatin County with the media, governmental entities and the public.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gallatin County, Montana, this 29th day of May, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
GALLATIN COUNTY, MONTANA



Joe P. Skinner, Chairman

ATTEST:



Charlotte Mills,
County Clerk and Recorder