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Lewis & Clark County District Court

STATE OF MONTANA

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DV-25-2020-0000307-BF

Seeley, Kathy

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

RIKKI HELD, et al.

vs

STATE OF MONTANA, et al.

CDV 2020-307

MINUTE ENTRY FOR

JUNE 16, 2023

This was the time set for Day Five (5) of the Non-Jury Bench Trial, in the above-entitled cause. Present in the Court were Nate Bellinger, Philip Gregory, Roger Sullivan, Melissa Hornbein and Barbara Chillcott, Counsel on behalf of the Plaintiffs along with all Plaintiffs and Michael Russell, Thane Johnson, Emily Jones, Mark Stermitz, Lee McKenna and Selena Sauer, Counsel on behalf of the Defendants.

Court resumed at 9:02 am.

Mark Jacobson, Expert Witness, was duly sworn and testified. Exhibits P-191, P-312, P-313, P-314 and P-9, were offered and with no objections were admitted. **Exhibit P-37, was offered and with objections was refused.** Olivia Vesovich, Plaintiff, was duly sworn and testified. Art sculpture and painting of the Plaintiff, were offered as Demonstrative Only and displayed. Dr. Lisa Van Susteren, Expert Witness, was duly sworn and testified. Exhibits P-195 and P-315, were offered and with no objections were admitted. Exhibits P-83, P-84, P-127 and P-21, were offered and with objections were admitted. **Exhibit P-85, was offered and with objection was refused.** Lander Busse, Plaintiff, was duly sworn and testified.

Court and Counsel handled housekeeping matters regarding time line for trial. Plaintiffs have advised the Court that they will not officially close until after any possible rebuttal testimony, upon completion of the Defendant's witnesses and arguments. Plaintiff's have already submitted Proposed Findings, but reserve the right to make amendments as needed based on any new information presented. Court and Counsel discussed having closing arguments briefed with an allotment of a small timeframe for each side to present a closing argument.

Court recessed at 5:00 pm and **will reconvene on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 9:00 am.**

HON. KATHY SEELEY
PRESIDING JUDGE

MIKE RAFFEL
Court Reporter

cc. All Counsel of record for Plaintiffs and Defendants.