

Minutes of Business Meeting  
March 26, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.  
Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W. Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Presiding Officer Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, Commissioner Ross Butcher, and Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder. Public present: See attached list.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Presiding Officer Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Presiding Officer Youngbauer indicated if there were no alterations or corrections to the March 10, 2015, minutes they would stand approved as distributed. They will be on file with the Clerk and Recorder and on the Fergus County Website.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS:**

- 1) There is still one opening on the Port Authority Board to be filled at any time.
- 2) There is a position open on the Veterans Interment Board to be filled at any time.
- 3) The MACRS (Montana Association of County Road Supervisors) convention/meeting is next week and all three Commissioners plan to attend.

**BID OPENINGS:** None

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Approval of claims 3/25/2015: Commissioner Butcher moved that the 3/25/2015 claims be approved. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Several guests were present representing different groups interested in two different topics:

- 1) Jim Dullenty and Duane Ferdinand spoke in regard to preserving the old chimney on the Courthouse. They previously spoke with Mark Machler about this as he is concerned about its stability. Mr. Dullenty and others present are concerned about it being torn down. The Courthouse is on the National Register of Historical Buildings. They are not concerned about the exterior brick but they don't want the sandstone torn down. Commissioner Butcher indicated that the Commissioners have discussed this. He doesn't feel it is a bad idea to take the brick off and repoint the sandstone. The structural integrity of the chimney is very important.
- 2) Mr. Dullenty led a discussion in favor of repairs to the Ag Building at the fairgrounds. He is convinced that the fair board wants to restore this building. Those present want to know what the County plans to do. Commissioner Youngbauer stated there is \$75,000.00 set aside in a capital improvement fund and a bid has been received to restore the exterior of the building. At this time no plans have been made for interior work. There was discussion on the need for a licensed engineer for this but at this time the Commissioners don't see the need for this. All agreed that ground work is also needed in regard to drainage away from the building. Before too much work is done it is important to make sure the building is structurally sound.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

April 10, 2015 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
April 15, 2015 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
April 24, 2015 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

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Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

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Ross Butcher, Commissioner

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Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder