

**Minutes of Business Meeting**  
**April 15, 2015 – 5:15 p.m.**  
**Board of Fergus County Commissioners**  
**712 W Main ST STE 210**  
**Lewistown MT 59457**

**Present:** Presiding Officer Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, Commissioner Ross Butcher, Arlee Richards, Pam Vosen Fergus County Floodplain Manager. Public present: See attached list.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Presiding Officer Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Presiding Officer Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes, hearing none the minutes stand as 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:** Presiding Office Youngbauer stated we will take public comment during the discussion/action items.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS:**

Commissioner Youngbauer stated there is still an opening on the Port Authority board. Commissioner Butcher shared that the new County Park Board met on Thursday April 9, 2015. This board is still in its organizational stage developing by-laws. Their next meeting will be April 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

**BID OPENING:** None

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Floodplain Permit #01-2015-FC Stockyard Bar & Restaurant: Presiding Officer Youngbauer called for discussion. Commission Seilstad suggested Floodplain Administrator Vosen present her review, which she does. Commissioner Seilstad moved to conditionally approve Floodplain Permit #01-2015-FC, Commissioner Butcher seconded the motion. Presiding Officer Youngbauer called for discussion.

Brock Altenburg asked if he doesn't finish this project in one year and it floods, does that mean he cannot finish his project. Pam Vosen indicated he would have to apply for an extension as lined out in the findings/conditions of approval. At that time we would evaluate if the flooding necessitated any alterations to minimize damage and loss to his and the surrounding neighbor's property. Commissioner Seilstad reiterated the importance of applying for an extension 30 days prior to the

expiration of his Flood Plain Permit if he even thinks the project is not going to be done in the permit's time frame. Commissioner Seilstad also restated to Mr. Altenburg that he needs to clearly understand that he will have to sign a waiver of annexation to the City of Lewistown for his property as a standard condition of connecting to city services. That does not mean he will be instantly annexed, but at whatever time Lewistown decides to annex him they may. Commissioner Seilstad asked Mr. Altenburg if he understands he will have to come back and obtain a second floodplain permit when he obtains permission to hook into the new fairgrounds sewer line. He indicated that he does understand. Altenburg went on to say he is working on a plan with the Stockyards to all hook to the sewer at the same time. Pam Vosen added the second Floodplain Permit will be easier to do because all of the data has already been collected from agencies regarding this parcel. Other than having to follow all the prescribed time limits per law, it should go quickly.

Commissioner Youngbauer asked about the deadlines for having legal notices published. Pam Vosen explained once the floodplain permit application is deemed sufficient to begin review then she will schedule it at the next County Planning Board meeting for a public hearing. Legal notices must be published a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing. She added that usually public hearing legals are published a few days prior to the 15 day deadline and then again a few days after it. Pam said in addition we need to send certified neighbor notices out (neighbors with land that touches the project land) 15 prior to the public hearing. This was, and is done for all floodplain permit applications as it is state law. Commissioner Youngbauer asked Pam when her County Planning Board meets and she indicated they meet the second Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Snowy Mountain Development Boardroom, as necessary, to conduct business.

Commissioner Youngbauer asked Brock Altenburg who filled out his application. Altenburg replied that the engineers he hired in Great Falls, Morrison and Maierle. Commissioner Youngbauer pointed out the zip code for his physical address is incorrect and she has concerns he may get mail late. Brock and Pam stated it is just a typo. Commissioner Youngbauer pointed out that on the application there is no physical address listed for the Bar 19 property on Highway 191. Pam Vosen stated the physical address for the old Bar 19 is listed on the permit as is the correct physical address with correct zip code for Altenburg's home address. Altenburg noted that his mail goes to his address on Husted Road. Commissioner Youngbauer asks how long and if he is getting his mail ok. He replied he has been getting his mail there for at least six months and all is well.

Commission Youngbauer called for any further board or public discussion, twice. Hearing none she called for all those in favor of conditionally approving Floodplain Permit #01-2015-FC with the conditions. Passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

April 24, 2015 Business Meeting  
Friday – 2:00 p.m.

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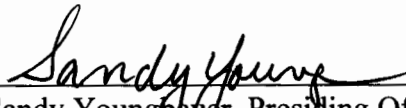
May 11, 2015 Business Meeting  
Monday – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commission  
712 W Main ST STE 210, Lewistown MT 59457

May 20, 2015 Regular Monthly  
Wednesday – 5:15 p.m. Meeting

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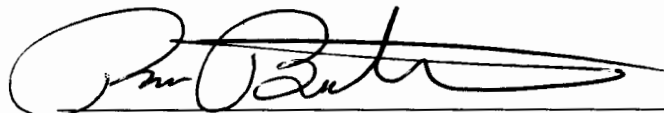


Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

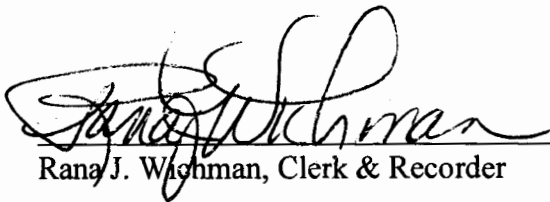


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



Ross Butcher, Commissioner

  
Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

