

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
February 25, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.  
Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Presiding Officer Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner Ross Butcher, and Clerk and Recorder Rana Wichman. Commissioner Carl Seilstad was absent. Public present: See attached sign in sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Presiding Officer Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the February 10, 2016 minutes. Hearing none the minutes 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

**PERSONNEL:**

- 1) One person has been hired by the road department and they still have two openings.
- 2) CMHD hired an office/billing clerk.
- 3) Clerk of District Court has an opening.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:**

- 1) Board openings include: Weed Board (3 yr terms) – will be appointed at the 3/10/2016 meeting; Lewistown Rural Fire District – will be appointed at the 3/10/2016 meeting; (2) Port Authority (5 yr terms); City-County Planning Board (2 yr terms); County Planning Board (3 yr terms).

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Approval of February 25, 2016 claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the January 25, 2016 claims. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Consideration of Amending Cattle Guard Policy: Commissioner Youngbauer stated that this is for discussion only at this meeting and no action will be taken. Road Supervisor John Anderson stated that the proposal is that the landowners will pay for the cattle guards and the bases, and the County will do the installation and maintenance. County Planner Pam Vosen asked if this would be a change to the current road standards, and that possibly other changes should be considered at the same time. Guest Tom Wojtowick asked how the landowners will feel about this. John Anderson didn't think there would be a problem. More research on the road standards and the cattle guards will be done.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Butcher stated that people are stopping in with questions and comments regarding the bison issues.

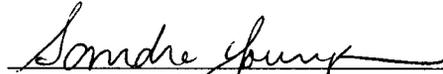
John Anderson said the County has been awarded Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds for a \$4.2 million project for restoring nine miles of road in the Maiden Canyon area.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

March 10, 2016 Thursday, 2:00 p.m...	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
March 16, 2016 Wednesday– 5:15 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
March 25, 2016 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 10 days prior to the meeting.

**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
Sandra Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

  
Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

  
Ross Butcher, Commissioner

