

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
March 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 25, 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) The Road Department currently is fully staffed.
- 2) The Weed Department will be looking for summer help.
- 3) The Clerk of District Court Office Manager position is still open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

- 1) There are various board openings that still need filled, including three (3) on the Port Authority.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of March 25, 2016 claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the March 25, 2016 claims. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Resolution Determining Buffalo Designation for Fergus Co. and Requiring County Commission Authorization for any Translocation of Bison by Montana FWP or USFWS: Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt the resolution so it could be discussed. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Commissioner Butcher stated it is time to take action on this. It has been in the works for years. With this resolution any bison would be considered livestock. This is an attempt to maintain control of this issue in Fergus County. It was indicated that Dan and Laura Boyce called in supporting this resolution. Gladys Walling from Winifred stated that she is support of this. She said we need local support to keep bison out so they are not a threat to the local community including livestock and grain fields. Dan Stilson from West of Lewistown stated he is in support of the resolution. He would like to see property damages addressed. Deanna Robbins from Roy spoke in support of the resolution. Anna Morris from Lewistown is employed in an ag related business and is in support of the resolution. Terry Selph asked if votes on issues such as this need to be unanimous and was told they just need a majority. Commissioner Butcher moved to table this until the April 11, 2016 meeting. He stated he is in favor of the resolution but would like to see more public participation. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously. The vote on the first motion was called for and the motion failed.
- 3) Proclamation for Fergus County Recognition Day for National Service: Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt the Proclamation for Fergus County Recognition Day for National Service.

Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. It was stated that this makes it possible for the community to apply for more grants. The Lewistown City Commissioner has already adopted it. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) Appointment of Jerry Simpson to the Fergus County Planning Board: Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint Jerry Simpson to the Fergus County Planning Board. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded and commented he has been on this board before and does a good job. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

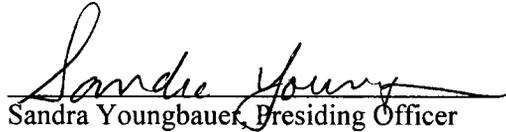
Dan Stilson asked the Commissioners if they would consider a letter of support for the Soil Conservation Service ballot issue. He was asked to bring this request to the April 11, 2016 meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

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| April 20, 2016 Wednesday– 5:15 p.m. | Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457 |
| April 25, 2016 Monday, 2:00 p.m. | Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457 |
| May 10, 2016 Monday, 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

