

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
November 28, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. (continued on December 1, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.)
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Presiding Officer Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, Commissioner Ross Butcher, and Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman. 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 November 10, 2016 minutes. Hearing none the minutes will stand approved as distributed and they will be on file with the Clerk and Recorder and on the Fergus County Website.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BIG OPENINGS:

- 1) Ash Street Property Cleanup: No bids were received by Engineer Garth French. He indicated he has been told of two companies and possibly three that are interested. This portion of the meeting was continued to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016. See below.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Family Planning – Administrative Assistant – 36 hrs/week.
- 2) Clerk & Recorder – Administrative Assistant – 40 hrs/week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- 1) Board openings:
 - a) County Planning Board – 1 opening
 - b) City/County Planning Board – 2 openings

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of November 25, 2016 claims: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the November 25, 2016, claims as submitted. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Approval of Sub-grant Agreement with Snowy Mountain Development Corporation for Ash Street Brownsfield Cleanup: Karen Sweeney with SMDC indicated that County Attorney Kent Sipe has approved it. She explained it is a \$50,000.00 clean up grant. Discussion included DES Coordinator Cheri Kilby stating that there is a \$41,743.00 match left on the initial grant. Most of this will come from the Road Department doing the demolition and backfill. Commissioner Seilstad moved to

approve the sub-grant agreement with Snowy Mountain Development Corporation for the Ash Street Brownsfield Cleanup. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.

- 3) Selection of Bidder and Award of Contract for Ash Street Property Cleanup: Commissioner Butcher moved to continue this until 10:00 a.m... on Thursday, December 1, 2016 per the recommendation of the County Attorney. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Website Privacy Policy: Commissioner Butcher moved to accept the Website Privacy Policy as amended. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Discussion included warning people that any communication with the County is public record. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

A hand recount of the Lewistown Alternative Form of Government question that was on the November 8, 2016 Federal General ballot was held per a petition presented by Jonathan Moor. The final results gave the commission-manager form an eight (8) vote lead rather than the (6) vote lead with the machine count.

December 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – continuation:

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS – #3 Selection of Bidder and Award of Contract for Ash Street Property Cleanup - continued:

Commissioner Seilstad was absent for the December 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m. meeting that was a continuation of the November 28, 2016 meeting.

Engineer Garth French indicated they received two bids for the Ash Street Property Cleanup as follows (the engineer's estimate is \$42,217.00):

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| a) Schroeder Contracting (Billings): | \$33,442.00 |
| b) Safe-Tech (Billings): | \$44,500.00 |

Both contractors are on the list of those approved by DEQ. Mr. French has worked with Schroeder but will check qualifications. An asbestos permit must be submitted to the State and this typically takes about 10 days for approval. They will try to expedite this. Commissioner Butcher moved to accept Schroeder Contracting as low bidder. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Youngbauer announced that the Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 5:15 p.m. meeting has been cancelled.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

December 9, 2016 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
December 23, 2016 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus Co. 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:

ABSENT

Sandra Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

Carl Seilstad

Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Ross Butcher

Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Attest:

Rana J. Wichman
Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

