

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
August 17, 2016 – 5:15 p.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 and Recorder Rana Wichman. Public present: See attached sign in sheet.

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 August 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:

- 1) Petition for Annexation into Lewistown Rural Fire District: Commissioner Youngbauer opened the public hearing. Guest Peggy Butler asked if the people in this district will now be taxed in the Lewistown Rural Fire District rather than the Cheadle District and was told that is how it will work. Fire Chief Keith Kucera indicated he was approached and asked to have this take place. He stated the land to be annexed is all contiguous. County Planner Pam Vosen asked that we make sure Dorothy Gremaux with the City of Lewistown gets an updated map. Hearing no more discussion the hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BID OPENINGS: None

PERSONNEL:

- 1) Clerk of District Court – Office Manager – This position has been filled.
- 2) Road Department – The two mowers positions have been filled and there are two road and bridge crew member positions open.
- 3) County Planning – Office Manager Position is still open.
- 4) Clerk & Recorder and Treasurer Office Positions are still open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

- 1) Commissioner Youngbauer announced that the preliminary budget hearing will at 2:00 p.m. on August 30, and the final budget hearing will be at 2:00 p.m. on September 9.
- 2) There is an opening on the fair board to replace Gene Meier.
- 3) The floodplain process for the Couch property on Ash Street must be completed by October 4, 2016.
- 4) The deadline for the CIP is October 6, 2016.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Petition for Annexation into Lewistown Rural Fire District: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Petition for Annexation into the Lewistown Rural Fire District. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Discussion included there were two land owners that did not sign the petition,

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those being DeBuff and Hickey. DeBuff's land is surrounded by the other land so must be included. Hickey's land can be excluded and brought in at a later date if he wants to do that. Commissioner Seilstad amended his motion to exclude the Hickey Ranch property which is #1 on the map that was introduced. Commissioner Butcher seconded. The amendment passed unanimously, as did the original motion.

- 2) Petroleum County Attorney Agreement: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the Petroleum County Attorney Agreement. Commissioner Seilstad seconded and stated this is basically a renewal of what has been taking place for quite some time. Passed unanimously.
- 3) End of FY1526 Budget Resolutions:
 - a) Resolution 9-2016 - Rural Fire Budget Amendment: Commissioner Seilstad moved to adopt Resolution 9-2016. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - b) Resolution 10-2016 – Alcohol Rehab Budget Amendment: Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt Resolution 10-2016. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - c) Resolution 11-2016 – Weed Services Budget Amendment: Commissioner Seilstad moved to adopt Resolution 11-2016. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - d) Resolution 12-2016 – Resolution to Spend Cash Reserves: Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt Resolution 12-2016. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) Lewistown Rural Fire Board – Robert J. “R.J.” Waggoner: Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint R.J. Waggoner to the Lewistown Rural Fire Board. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Several guests were present to discuss SAFE – Save Animals from Euthanasia. Peggy Butler asked what the County's plan is now that Horizon Vet is no longer under contract to help with stray cats and dogs. There was discussion that possibly an agreement could be worked out with the City to use their facilities. Commissioner Seilstad indicated that Sheriff Eades had been asked to work on this. The Commissioners will contact him and get a plan in place.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Pam Vosen stated she has set up a County Facebook page.

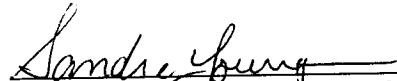
NEXT MEETING DATES:

August 24, 2016 Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
August 30, 2016 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.	Preliminary Budget Hearing	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
September 9, 2016 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting Final Budget	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
September 26, 2016 Monday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

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

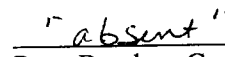
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandra Youngbauer, Presiding Officer


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:


Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder


Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Advisement Transmittal Documentation

FROM: Fergus County Community Council

District 1: Scott Seilstad - Chairperson, Shirley Barrick - Vice Chairperson, Terry Selph

District 2: Gilles Stockton, Bobbie Rouns, Kyan Kuehn

District 3: Jerry Hanley, Jo Shipman, Tom Wojtowick - Secretary-Treasurer

Date submitted: August 17, 2016 Submitted by: Tom Wojtowick, Sec-Treas

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Advisement of the Fergus County Community Council for the Fergus County Board of Commissioners:

At the 15 Aug 2016 meeting of the Fergus County Community Council, the agenda item about the current Maiden Road Improvement Plan, the following motion was made:

"The Fergus county Community Council recommends to the County Commissioners that they investigate whether it is possible to go 0.02 mile beyond the end of the existing pavement to the point of the original pavement to be paved and there are funds available."

Motion made by G Stockton with the second by S Barrick. The vote of the Council was unanimous.

Thank you for your consideration.

TO: Fergus County Commissioners

District 1: Ross Butcher

District 2: Sandy Youngbauer

District 3: Carl Seilstad

Date received: _____ Received by: _____

Response from the Fergus County Board of Commissioners to the Fergus County Community Council:

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