

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
May 25, 2016 – 2:00 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 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Presiding Officer Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the May 18, 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

**BID OPENINGS:** None

**PERSONNEL:**

- 1) There are office positions open for the Clerk & Recorder's office, and County Planning office. The office position with the road & weed departments has been filled,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:**

- 1) There are various board openings that still need filled.
- 2) Two meetings were held locally regarding the Heritage area boundaries. The consensus at the meetings was that Fergus County should be removed. Jane Weber, Cascade Co. Commissioner, was going to make the recommendation that Fergus, Blaine and Phillips Counties be removed from the proposed Heritage Area boundaries.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Approval of May 25, 2016 claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the claims as submitted. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Discussion was held that there was one claim the Commissioners wanted pulled until the coding was resolved. Commissioner Butcher amended his motion to approve the claims as amended. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously. The original motion then passed unanimously.
- 2) Sheriff's Department Collective Bargaining Agreement: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Sheriff's Department Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Commissioner Youngbauer stated that the old CBA expired 6/30/2015. The new one runs from 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2018. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Extension of comment period on Road 1063 (Kendall area) road closure from May 23, 2016 to June 8, 2016: Commissioner Seilstad moved to extend the comment period on Road 1063 until June 8, 2016, and that it be put on the June 10, 2016 agenda. Commissioner Butcher showed a map of the road and both Ron Moody and Michael Chapman stated this isn't the road they thought was being considered for closure. Passed unanimously.

- 4) SMDC request for funding for community coordinator position: Commissioner Butcher moved to partner with the City of Lewistown and SMDC with the community coordinator position by contributing \$5,000.00 per year for three years to the project. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

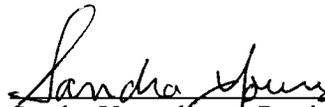
Michael Chapman felt the National Heritage Area needed more discussion. He stated he understands the animosity people have toward the Federal Government, but he feels we are selling ourselves short in regard to business opportunities.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

June 10, 2016 Friday, 2:00 p.m...	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
June 15, 2016 Wednesday– 5:15 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
June 27, 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

  
Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

