

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
April 11, 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 March 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:

- 1) Express Pipeline, LLC, Property Tax Assessment Application per 15.24.1402 M.C.A. Commissioner Youngbauer opened the public hearing. A representative of Express Pipeline, LLC, stated that in FY15 they paid over \$2 million in taxes. The Property Tax Assessment Application is for new or expanding industry in the County. The Commissioners were asked to consider the application as submitted. Commissioner Youngbauer closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BID OPENINGS:

- 1) One (1) Used 2008 or Newer Track-Type Tractor Equipped with SU-Dozer Blade with 4,000 Hours or Less:
 - a) CAT – Tractor & Equipment: \$89,823.00 – 3,812 hours.
 - b) RDO (1) \$123,000.00 – 3,077 hours; (2) \$124,250.00 – 3,400 hours.
- 2) Denton Swimming Pool Renovation:
 - a) B & B Builders, Inc., Sidney, MT: \$252,272.00 base bid

PERSONNEL:

- 1) 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 April 11, 2016 claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the April 11, 2016 claims. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Express Pipeline, LLC, Property Tax Assessment Application: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Express Pipeline, LLC, Property Tax Assessment Application. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Discussion included that a resolution approved by the Fergus County Attorney will be signed and given to the Department of Revenue for processing. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Used 2008 or Newer Track-Type Tractor Equipped with SU-Dozer Blade with 4,000 Hours or Less: Commissioner Seilstad moved to give the bid documents to the County Attorney to look

through and that the bid be awarded based on his recommendation. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.

- 4) Denton Swimming Pool Renovation Bid(s): Commissioner Butcher moved to award the bid based on the Engineer's recommendation. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Resolution Determining Buffalo Designation for Fergus Co. and Requiring Commissioner Authorization for any Translocation of Bison by Montana FWP or USFWS: Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt the Resolution Determining Buffalo Designation for Fergus Co. so discussion could be opened. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Commissioner Youngbauer stated that this was on the agenda for the March 25, 2016 meeting and was tabled to allow more time for discussion. Commissioner Butcher recommended changes to the original resolution including wherever "buffalo" were mentioned it be changed to "bison/buffalo". Discussion was held on the amendment. Commissioner Seilstad indicated he felt it cleaned the resolution up. Guest Johnny Schultz thanked the Commissioners for working on this. Commissioner Seilstad stated that while the Commissioners cannot go against what FWP does, they are taking a proactive approach to the situation. The Reservations have been given the opportunity to voice their opinions, and the Counties should be able to do the same. Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt the resolution as amended. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously. The original motion was then voted on and passed unanimously.
- 6) Petition to Establish a County Road – T15N, R16E, Beginning at the NW Corner of Section 22 where Road No 2058 ends, etc.: Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Commissioner Butcher and Road Supervisor John Anderson to a road viewers committee for this petition. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 7) Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) Resolution: Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt the Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) Resolution. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Tom Wojtowick asked that the Poor Farm cemetery be fenced. Discussion included a controlled burn in the area so that some of the headstones could be identified. He stated there are 39 graves there.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

April 20, 2016
Wednesday– 5:15 p.m.

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April 25, 2016
Monday, 2:00 p.m.

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Monday, 2:00 p.m...

Business Meeting

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

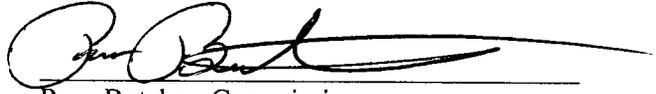
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandra Youngbauer, Presiding Officer


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:


Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder


Ross Butcher, Commissioner

**Fergus County Public Meeting
Attendance Roster**

Meeting Date: 4/11/16

| Name | Address | Public Comment? | |
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| | | Yes | No |
| Tom Mydeen | Lonely | ✓ | |
| John & Nancy Schultz | Box 219 Grass Range, MT | ✓ | |
| Cherelle Martin | 6721 Ross Lake Rd. Lewis town MT | ✓ | |
| Jacir R. Stov | 505 W. Main town MT | ✓ | |
| Heather DeVries | 1111 Lehman, Denton MT | | ✓ |
| Tracey Allen | 1201 Lehman Denton. MT | | ✓ |
| Kathy Coppock | 809 Main Denton MT | | ✓ |
| Kraig Lester | 2517 6 TH ST NW GF, MT | | ✓ |
| Alice Green | 3752 Salt Creek Rd Hilder | ✓ | |
| Bob Sterup | 401 N 3 rd Billings | | |
| Chassy Wiegand | 1585 Riverbend Cir. Billings | | ✓ |
| Amanda Peck | 3422 Bully Dome Rd Denton | | ✓ |
| Olema Paul Jones | 911 Ave A NW Great Falls | | X |
| Aaron Redmond | 1111 Billings, MT | | X |
| John Anderson | Road & Bridge | | X |
| Tami Donaldson | Denton, MT | | X |
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