

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
April 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 April 20, 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) Environmental Assessment – Roundhouse Road: Presiding Officer Youngbauer opened the public hearing. Kathy Thompson with Stahly Engineering said they had to redo the environmental assessment process because the decision was made to move the bridge. The issue at hand currently is an easement with the City of Lewistown and the FWP. FWP won't give an easement without some form of compensation. Commissioner Butcher recommended that FWP be given a deadline or we will go back to the original bridge placement. Commissioner Seilstad recommended a letter be sent to Director Hagner. Kathy Thompson will draft a letter. Presiding Officer Youngbauer closed the hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

BID OPENINGS: None

PERSONNEL:

- 1) Positions for weed sprayers, road mowers, and fair summer help will be opening up.

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 25, 2016 claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the claims as submitted. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Environmental Assessment – Roundhouse Road: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Roundhouse Road Environmental Assessment. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Contents of the letter Kathy Thompson will write were discussed. Approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) Brandon Cowen, City County Planning Board: Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint Brandon Cowen to the City County Planning Board. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- 1) Kathie Bailey discussed Recharge Our Community (ROC). Initially they had 65 to 70 people attending meetings. They would like to hire a Community Development Person and are looking for a three-year \$5000.00 commitment from the City of Lewistown, SMDC, and Fergus County. This person would keep the various committees organized and communicating. Commissioner Seilstad commented that when ROC was initially started it was for the City of Lewistown.

OTHER BUSINESS:

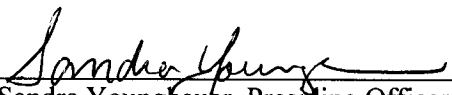
- 1) Dave Weinheimer asked why the County was changing intersections on roads such as the ones south of Moore and south of Danvers. He indicated the intersection by Deerfield Colony hasn't been changed. He said it makes it very difficult for semis to get around them. Commissioner Seilstad stated the way these are done is in the Fergus County Road Standards. Road Supervisor John Anderson said the way these intersections were was very hazardous as vehicles don't slow down. Commissioner Youngbauer stated the County is striving to constantly upgrade the roads to adhere to the road standards. Mr. Weinheimer was given a copy of the road standards.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

May 10, 2016 Monday, 2:00 p.m...	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
May 18, 2016 Wednesday– 5:15 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
May 25, 2016 Wednesday, 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

