

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
August 24, 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, and Clerk and Recorder Rana Wichman. Commissioner Ross Butcher was absent. 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 August 17, 2016, business meeting 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) Road Department – 2 mowers and one road and bridge crew member
- 2) County Planning – Office Manager / PR Clerk
- 3) Clerk & Recorder - Administrative Assistant
- 4) Treasurer – Administrative Assistant
- 5) Fairgrounds – Grounds Supervisor

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

- 1) There is an opening on the Fair Board.
- 2) District 6 & 7 MACo meeting will be held in Lewistown.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of August 15, 2016 claims: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the claims as amended. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously
- 2) Box Elder Lane – Form Road Viewers Committee: Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Road Supervisor John Anderson and Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously,
- 3) Ackley Lane State Park – John Taillie MFWP: Mr. Taillie started out by stating that Montana State Parks currently has 55 State parks, and is seriously considering pulling out of Ackley State Park. They need to reallocate their resources. They will maintain a presence until December 2017. They plan to put together a transition team to determine how to possibly keep camping and fishing available. A classification schedule with four categories was developed for all of the parks, and Ackley is a #4. The State leases the property rather than owning it. Commissioner Youngbauer asked if they track visitation. Mr. Taillie said they do, but there is no fee to use Ackley other than through motor vehicle. Another one they are looking at removing the State Park status from is Hell Creek. Two million dollars in infrastructure update and repair would be needed to continue to maintain it. It will probably change status in 2020. Commissioner Seilstad asked what percentage of the parks are in Western Montana and Taillie indicated 85%. Seilstad asked why the locals will be burdened with maintaining the ones in Eastern Montana. Mr.

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Taillie stated that the total State Park budget is \$8.8 million. The budget for Ackley for 2017 is \$12,398.00. A possibility they are considering is declaring it a fishing access site. If that happens it will be transferred to the Fisheries Division.

APPOINTMENTS: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

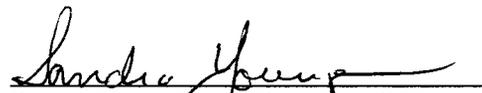
OTHER BUSINESS: None

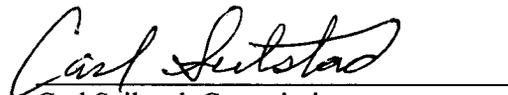
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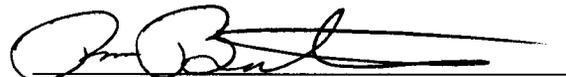
August 30, 2016 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.	Preliminary Budget Hearing	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
September 9, 2016 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
August 26, 2016 Monday- 2:00 p.m.	Business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

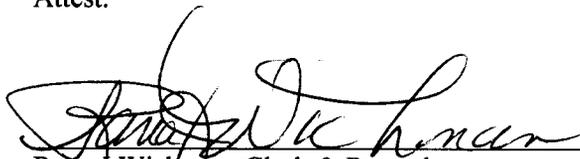
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandra Youngbauer, Presiding Officer


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner


Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Attest:


Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

