

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
February 24, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner Ross Butcher, and Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman. Presiding Officer Carl Seilstad was absent. Public present: See attached sign in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the February 10, 2017 minutes. Hearing none the minutes will stand approved as distributed and they will be on file with the Clerk and Recorder and on the Fergus County Website.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Community Development Block Grant: Commissioner Youngbauer opened the public hearing for projects or ideas to use funds related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The commissioners explained the program and the reason for the public hearing. Having received no input, Commissioner Youngbauer closed the public hearing.

BID OPENINGS:

- 1) Weed Truck: The weed department has a truck up for bid. Commissioner Butcher opened the one bid that was received as follows:

Grass Range Rural Fire District \$11,500.00.

This is significantly below book. The Commissioners and the Weed Board will take this under advisement.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Victim Witness Advocate
- 2) Clerk & Recorder Administrative Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- 1) City/County Planning Board opening – There is one opening and one application has been received.
- 2) Commissioner Seilstad is in Washington D.C. for NACO.
- 3) All three Commissioners were in Helena last week for the MACO mid-winter gathering. They attended the State Parks meeting and participated in discussions regarding gas tax and the possibility of having a mail ballot election for Zinke's replacement.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of February 24, 2017 claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the February 24, 2017 claims as submitted. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Resolution #2-2017 - CMHD Grant from DPHHS Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve Resolution #2-2017 relating to a DPHHS Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program Grant for the Central Montana Health District. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Sue Woods explained that the \$18,225.00 grant is for the period 2/15/2017 – 6/30/2017 and involves Wheatland and Judith Basic Counties. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Resolution #4-2017 – Box Elder Road Resolution: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve Resolution #4-2017 regarding Box Elder Road. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Commissioner Butcher explained that research showed that some petitions in that area were never completed. This is just finishing a process that was previously started. It was explained that cattle guards on County roads must be purchased by the land owners but the County will install, clean, and maintain them. The County will replace and maintain culverts as needed. Gravel is at the discretion of the County. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Youngbauer commented that another bill was received from the News Argus regarding this road and she will look into it and pass it on to the petitioners if necessary.
- 4) “Petition for Establishment, Alteration or Abandonment of a County Road” check off sheet. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the form. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. This will help make sure paperwork is handled consistently in the future. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

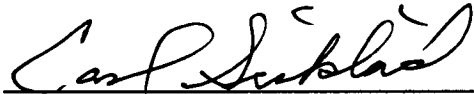
OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Youngbauer stated there will be a special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. regarding Health Insurance Incentives.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

March 10, 2017 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
March 15, 2017 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus Co. 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:



Carl Seilstad, Presiding Officer

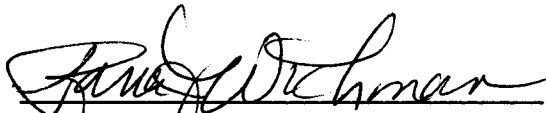


Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner

Attest:



Ross Butcher, Commissioner



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

