

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
September 11, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Presiding Officer Seilstad called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Presiding Officer Seilstad asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 25, 2017 and September 1, 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 COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance 1-2017 Reading and Hearing: Commissioner Seilstad opened the hearing on Ordinance 1-2017 – An Ordinance Establishing Penalties for Violating State II Fire Restrictions, and read the ordinance. Hearing no public comment the hearing was closed.

BID OPENINGS: None

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Clerk & Recorder Administrative Assistant
- 2) Road & Bridge Department
- 3) Facilities Maintenance

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

The Commissioners plan to attend the annual MACo convention the week of September 18, 2017.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Approval of September 11, 2017 claims: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve the September 11, 2017, claims. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Ordinance 1-2017: An Ordinance Establishing Penalties for Violating Stage II Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to adopt Ordinance 1-2017 – An Ordinance Establishing Penalties for Violating State II Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Sheriff Eades commented that unless a fire is started there is no recourse without this. Undersheriff Vaughn said that the Forrest Service and CMR have refused to go to Stage II. Eades said BLM and DNRC do whatever the County does. Passed unanimously.

- 3) Resolution 20-2017: Emergency Resolution Approving an Ordinance Establishing Penalties for Violating Stage II Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to adopt Resolution 20-2017: Emergency Resolution Approving an Ordinance Establishing Penalties for Violating Stage II Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Resolution 21-2017: Resolution Allowing the Closure of Unmaintained County Roads. Commissioner Butcher moved to adopt Resolution 21-2017: Resolution Allowing the Closure of Unmaintained County Roads. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 5) Resolution 22-2017: Fergus County Elected Officials Salary Resolution. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to adopt Resolution 22-2017: Fergus County Elected Officials Salary Resolution. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Discussion included COLA and the fact that the Commissioners decided to do a \$.50 per hour increase for all employees this year. Guests Tom Wojtowick and Dan Bartel asked how they came up with that amount. Kelly Mantooth asked why there isn't a compensation board as described in MCA 7-4-2503 and was told it is because of the County having a charter form of government. Commissioner Youngbauer indicated that they may look at having the Community Council look into this next year. Passed unanimously.
- 6) Fergus County Mutual Aid Agreement: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to adopt the Fergus County Mutual Aid Agreement. Commissioner Butcher seconded and stated it has been in place, just had not been signed by the Commissioners. Passed unanimously.
- 7) Everson Road Abandonment Decision: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to proceed with the closure of Everson Road as outlined on the petition. Commissioner Butcher seconded. There was a public hearing on this June 26, 2017 and access to public land is not an issue. Passed unanimously.
- 8) Fergus County Per Diem: Commissioner Youngbauer reported that per the resolution done in January of 2017 the meal reimbursement rates are currently at the State rates of (a) breakfast \$5.00; (b) lunch \$6.00, and (c) dinner \$12.00, unless receipts are provided. The Federal rates are (a) breakfast \$11.00, (b) lunch \$12.00, and (c) dinner \$23.00, plus \$5.00 for incidentals. Commissioner Seilstad stated that they are currently looking for input and would like to consider doing a straight per diem and doing away with receipts.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) Fergus County Fair Board: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to appoint Alan Shammel to his 2nd term, and Candi Zion and Pamela Vosen to their 1st terms on the Fergus County Fair Board. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING DATES:

September 25, 2017 Monday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W. Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
October 10, 2017 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

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October 18, 2017
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting

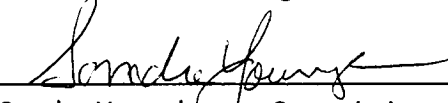
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Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 10 days prior to the meeting.

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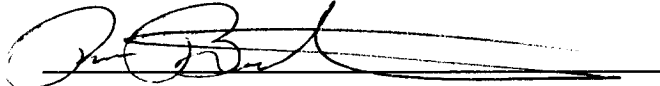


Carl Seilstad, Presiding Officer

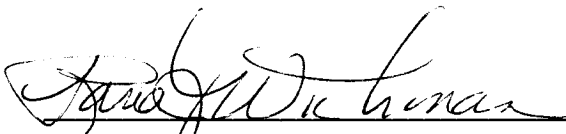


Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner

Attest:



Ross Butcher, Commissioner



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

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TRAY BADES

FCSO

John C. Anderson

Road

Tom Hixson

County

Tom J

Sherriff's Office

Jiang McCollom

Guest

Jerry Stanley

Maiden miner

Dan Bart

H29 Rep

KELLY McHort

JP

Richard Babin

Cathy Barta

Fergus DES

Phil Sjo

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