

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

April 17, 2019 – 5:15 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Ross Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 10, 2019 minutes. Hearing none he stated the minutes will stand approved as presented and will be on file with the Clerk and Recorder and on the Fergus County Website.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BID OPENINGS: None

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) CMHD – Sanitarian
- 2) DES – Deputy – Part-time
- 3) CMHD – Health Education Specialist
- 4) Treasurer – Office Clerk
- 5) Weed Department – 3 Temporary Weed Sprayers
- 6) Airport – Manager
- 7) Facilities Department – 2 Short Term Facilities & Grounds Custodians

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS: None

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) April 10, 2019 Claims: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the April 10, 2019 claims. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Coroner Rotation: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to accept the three Fergus County responses to the request for transport of remains application. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Commissioner Seilstad stated that he doesn't think that someone from Harlowton could make it here in thirty minutes and that is one of the requirements. Commissioner Butcher commented that he would like it to stay within Fergus County. Guest Kendra Mihlfeld asked about embalment and burial services. Commissioners Butcher and Seilstad commented that the Coroner should provide a list and what

services are provided. Commissioner Youngbauer said the agreement that the interested parties will sign is for one year. Passed unanimously

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

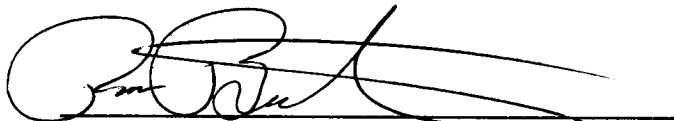
OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING DATES:

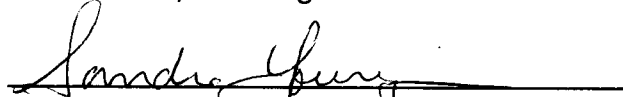
April 25, 2019 Thursday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
May 10, 2019 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
May 15, 2019 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 5 days prior to the meeting.
Meeting adjourned.

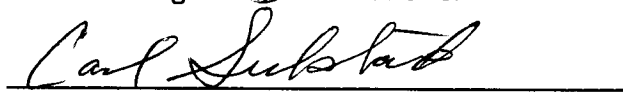
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher, Presiding Officer



Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner



Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this ____ day of _____, 2019, by and between Fergus County and _____. The parties understand, covenant, and agree as follows:

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to put in place a procedure for the secure transportation and storage of and collection of biological samples from human remains that are in the custody of the Fergus County Coroner.
2. Coroner duties and responsibilities. This Agreement recognizes that the Fergus County Coroner has various statutory powers, obligations, and responsibilities in the handling of human remains. These statutes are found in Montana Code Annotated Title 46, Chapter 4, Parts 1 and 2. When a physician has not signed a death certificate, the Fergus County Coroner is statutorily responsible for taking custody of human remains to determine the cause and manner of death. In performing this duty, the Coroner has the authority to take custody of human remains and maintain custody during an investigation.
3. Terms of rotation. When the Coroner takes custody of remains and the deceased or next-of-kin has indicated a preference for a specific mortuary in Fergus County, that mortuary shall provide the services described in this Agreement. When there is no preference for a specific mortuary, the Coroner shall use a strict rotation of Fergus County mortuaries for these services.
4. Transportation of remains. When the Fergus County Coroner has jurisdiction to take custody of remains, he shall do so in accordance with his statutory duties and responsibilities. The coroner shall contact _____ as part of a rotation for transportation, storage, and assistance with collection of biological samples. Fergus County shall pay \$200 per case for these services when remains are to be stored in Fergus County. Fergus County shall pay \$250 per case to transport remains to Billings or other locations for autopsies.
5. Storage fees. After the first 24 hours, Fergus County shall pay \$100 per 24-hour period for holding remains during a coroner investigation.
6. Release of remains. When the Coroner releases remains at the close of an investigation, next-of-kin shall be provided with a form on which they

must designate which funeral home or crematorium they wish to use for mortuary services. The business selected by next-of-kin shall be responsible for transporting the remains.

7. Conflict of interest. The parties agree that representatives of any business where remains are stored shall not attempt to influence next-of-kin regarding their choice of business for mortuary services.
8. Term. This Agreement shall remain in effect for one (1) year from the date of execution.

Ross Butcher, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Date

Business representative

Date