

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
April 25, 2019 – 2:00 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 Deputy Clerk & Recorder Abbie Craig. Public present: See attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 17, 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) Fair - Office Clerk-Part-time
- 6) Airport – Manager
- 7) Facilities Department – 2 Short Term Facilities & Grounds Custodians

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- 1) Commissioners Seilstad attended the DOT speed study meeting on April 24, 2019 in Helena. The State Board of Commissioners approved Fergus County's request.
- 2) There will be a consulting firm coming from Kansas to discuss Federal Land Management.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) April 25, 2019 Claims: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve claims. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Approval of Resolution #5-2019- Family Planning- Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve Resolution #5-2019 for Family Planning. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING DATES:

May 10, 2019 Wednesday, 2:00p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
May 15, 2019 Thursday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
May 24, 2019 Friday, 2:00 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:

ABSENT

Ross Butcher, Presiding Officer

Sandra Young

Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner

Carl Seilstad

Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

Rana J. Wickman

Rana J. Wickman, Clerk & Recorder

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Complex Problems Solved Well

**The Role of County Governments
and
Examples of Effective Engagement
in
Federal, Land Use Planning Processes**

Regional, landscape-scale conservation initiatives can present significant economic, cultural and land-use challenges for rural residents and agricultural interests.

Conservation initiatives can fragment and blur county boundaries, complicate infrastructure access, impact local customs, or restrict private property, potentially resulting in an increase in local taxes as conservation lands are removed from county property tax rolls.

County governments possess specific authority for meaningful engagement in federal, natural resource and land use planning activities – powers that go well beyond those enjoyed by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or the public. These powers, codified in the congressional record, federal statutes, and agency regulations, provide county commissioners and some conservation districts a direct pathway for effective participation in federal, land use planning efforts.

For these informal briefings, Stillwater Technical Solutions (STS) will discuss recent Executive and Secretarial Orders and processes from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that require federal agencies to balance human and natural systems during decision-making.

Couched in the context of a proposal to create a regional, 3.5M acre bison preserve and using examples of appropriate and successful federal/county engagement in other states, these briefings will provide meaningful ways local citizens can support their county commissioners in their representative and legislative functions.

When:	April 30, 2019 3:00-4:30 pm	May 2, 2019 3:00-4:30 pm
Where:	Eagles Club 124 West Main Street Lewistown, MT 59457	Glasgow Senior Center 328 4 th Avenue South Glasgow, MT 59230

