

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2014

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO REQUEST VOTER APPROVAL TO EXCEED THE STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED MILL LEVY TO RAISE THE AMOUNT OF \$3,082,940.00, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 5.97 MILLS PER YEAR, FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS, TO FUND WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FERGUS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, AND TO FUND THE INTEREST COST FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Board of Commissioners and the Fergus County Fair Board are responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the Fergus County Fairgrounds which was founded in 1892, and which is a great asset and a historical treasure for all citizens of Central Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the Fair Board have long recognized the need for water and sewer extensions and associated improvements to the Fairgrounds; and now, the Board of Commissioners and the Fair Board intend to seek voter approval for construction of the following capital improvements:

1. A sanitary eight inch sewer main extension, gravity flow, of approximately 3000 linear feet, including a sanitary sewer lift station and force main to the City of Lewistown wastewater treatment facility, with service connections for existing fairgrounds structures, and sanitary sewer piping for a 41 site campground and RV dumping station.
2. A ten inch water main extension, of approximately 5,520 linear feet, with service connections for existing fairgrounds structures and a truck filling station, and necessary piping for a 41 site campground.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners and the Fair Board to submit the issue to the voters as to whether such improvements should be constructed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lewistown has obtained preliminary estimates from the engineering firm of Robert Peccia & Associates of Helena, Montana; and such information shows the cost of the above described improvements at \$2,293,318.34; and with an annual debt service cost of \$154,147.01, for a total project cost, including interest, over 20 years, of \$3,082,940.00; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature, in 2001, enacted Section 15-10-425, Montana Code Annotated which sets forth a procedure for submitting special levy requests to the electors, including special levy requests to fund capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners in accordance with section 15-10-425, Montana Code Annotated, specifically states as follows:

1. The specific purpose for which the funds will be used is to construct, and install the improvements described above, along with the interest cost over 20 years.
2. The specific amount of money to be raised, is the amount of \$3,082,940.00.
3. The approximate and maximum additional number of mills, at current mill levy values, to raise the amount stated, is 5.97 mills for each year, over a term of 20 years.
4. The proposed special levy is not permanent, and has a duration of 20 years.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to submit this matter to the electors at the primary election scheduled for June 3, 2014; as to whether such improvements should be constructed in accordance with the terms of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with section 15-10-425, Montana Code Annotated, states as follows:

1. The estimated annual impact on a home valued at \$100,000., in terms of actual dollars in additional property taxes, at current mill levy values, is \$7.82.
2. The estimated impact on a home valued at \$200,000., in terms of actual dollars in additional property taxes, at current mill levy values is \$15.63.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the language on the ballot shall read as follows:

Shall the county governing body be authorized to make an additional and approximate mill levy of 5.97 mills for each year, over a period of 20 years; to raise the total amount of \$3,082,940.00; in addition to other levies authorized by law, for the purpose of construction of water and sewer extension improvements to the Fergus County Fairgrounds, along with the interest cost; with the estimated annual impact on a home valued at \$100,000.00 in terms of actual dollars in additional property taxes, at current mill levy values, being \$7.82; and with the estimated annual impact on a home valued at \$200,000.00 in terms of actual dollars in additional property taxes, at current mill levy values, being \$15.63.

[] FOR assessment of an additional levy of approximately 5.97 mills per year for a period of 20 years, to raise the total amount of

\$3,082,940.00; in addition to other levies authorized by law, for the purpose construction of water and sewer extension improvements to the Fergus County Fairgrounds, along with the interest cost.

- [] AGAINST assessment of an additional levy of approximately 5.97 mills per year for a period of 20 years, to raise the total amount of \$3,082,940.00; in addition to other levies authorized by law, for the purpose construction of water and sewer extension improvements to the Fergus County Fairgrounds, along with the interest cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners direct the Fergus County Clerk and Recorder shall prepare the ballot with this issue included therein; and shall provide notice of such election as required by Section 13-1-108, Montana Code Annotated, and as required by other applicable statutes; and

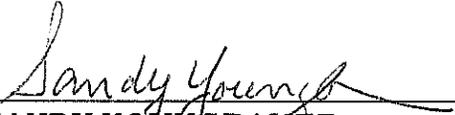
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners is committed to providing complete and detailed information regarding this project; and requests the Fair Board to prepare and disseminate the same.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2014.

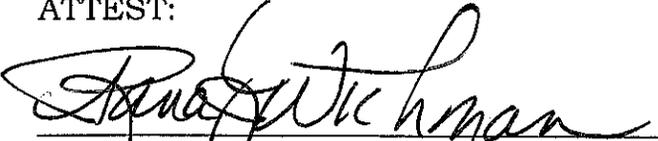
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Absent
CARL SEILSTAD

Ken Ronish
KEN RONISH


SANDY YOUNGBAUER

ATTEST:


RANA WICKMAN, Clerk & Recorder