

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Special Business Meeting

September 1, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210 - Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Presiding Officer 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 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Final Budget Hearing: Presiding Officer Seilstad opened the final budget hearing. He stated that the FY1718 levied fund final budget is \$12,159,168. With this budget the County is at a maximum 33% cash reserve for most levied funds with the exception of pass through funds. In FY1516 the levied fund final budget was around \$10,994,000 with an average of 22% to 23% cash reserves, and in FY1617 the budget was around \$11,766,000 with cash reserves increased but still only around 30%. Fergus County is in excellent shape financially. Cash available has increased. Seilstad also reported that non-levied fund budgets are up about \$1.8 million mostly due to an airport runway reconstruct project being funded with an FAA grant plus a 10% local match. Mills levied for health insurance are down 2.25 mills. Commissioner Butcher said the County looks good, partially due to conservative payment of approximately one-half of the intercap loans. Commissioner Youngbauer feels Fergus County has come a long way. We are utilizing our capital improvement plan including upgrading some road equipment. At this point Commissioner Seilstad closed the public hearing.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Clerk & Recorder Administrative Assistant
- 2) Road & Bridge Departments (1)
- 3) Custodian/Janitor

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

The Commissioners will all attend the annual MACo Convention September 17 through 21, 2017.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Final Budget Approval:
 - a) Final Budget Resolution: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the final budget resolution. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Commissioner Seilstad stated that due to an increase in mill value Fergus County can do more infrastructure projects including a storage building at the airport. Passed unanimously.
 - b) Elected Official Salary Resolution: This will be postponed until the September 11, 2017 meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

There will be council on aging and fair board appointments in the near future.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman reported that the municipal elections in Denton, Moore, and Winifred will be cancelled.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

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

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

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Carl Seilstad, Presiding Officer



Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner



Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Attest:



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

