

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
September 10, 2018 – 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 Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman. Public present See attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Presiding Officer Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 27, 2018 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: None

BID OPENINGS: None

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Administrative Assistant - Treasurer's Office
- 2) Sheriff's Department - Detention Officer
- 3) Facilities position - Custodian

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- 1) The annual MACo conference is in Missoula next week.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve the September 10, 2018 claims. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Elected Officials Resolution – Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the FY1819 Elected Officials Wage Resolution. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously
- 3) Consider Amending Resolution 23-97 regarding the Fair Board. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve amending Resolution 23-97 to get it into discussion. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Commissioner Seilstad presented a letter from Fair Board Member Candy Zion asking that no decision be made on this until the fair board can meet on this issue. Fair Board Member Connie Ahlgren asked about employee interaction and signing contracts. The Fair Board likes being able to sign contracts for

things involving the fair. Commissioner Butcher stated that the resolution that is being considered is only a draft and the Commissioners are open to discussion. Commissioner Seilstad said that they want the Fair Board to be liaisons regarding improvements, etc., to the fair and fair grounds. He also stated that he feels the fair manager should manage the staff. Fair Board members Connie Ahlgren and Alan Shammel both stated they feel the revenues and expenses for the fair and fairgrounds have improved. Commissioner Butcher said they need to remember that the County has contributed more in recent years than in the past. He went on to say that there are several Fair Boards throughout the State that concentrate on putting on a good fair rather than managing the whole fairgrounds. There was general discussion regarding the fact that the current by-laws are very outdated with some sections of Montana Code Annotated being referenced that have been removed. Fair Board member Alan Shammel commented that the Fair Board wants to know that the Commissioners will take them seriously. A vote on the initial motion was called for and it failed. Commissioner Seilstad moved to table updating the Fair Board By-laws. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously. The next Fair Board meeting is September 18, 2018. The Commissioners will be at the MACo Convention so County Attorney Kent Sipe will attend to try to come up with a plan on where to go with this and to set up a time to meet with the Commissioners.

- 4) Inmate Insurance Participation Agreement: Finance Director Neal Tucek presented information on an Inmate Insurance Participation Agreement. The cost of the program for one year would be \$10,512.00 per year if there is a daily average of 30 inmates. The insurance is through Correctional Risk Services with MACo. Undersheriff Rick Vaughn stated that the jail is the biggest liability in Fergus County and feels this would be a good idea. Tucek stated the plan year runs from November through October. Fergus County could insure for the month of October 2018 and then go into a one year plan. He stated the cost can vary depending on which plan supplementals are signed up for. Commissioner Youngbauer asked how this would be funded. Commissioner Seilstad said there was approximately \$500,000 PILT after the budget was finalized and it could come out of that. Commissioner Seilstad moved to sign up for the Inmate Insurance Participation Program with it being funded out of PILT. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman suggested a new expenditure line item be set up for this in the public safety budget. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

There will be an opening on the fair board.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

September 25, 2018 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
October 10, 2018 Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

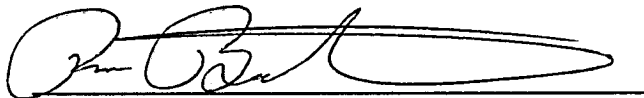
October 17, 2018
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

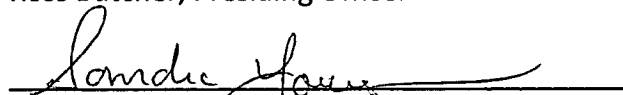
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Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 5 days prior to the meeting.
Meeting adjourned.

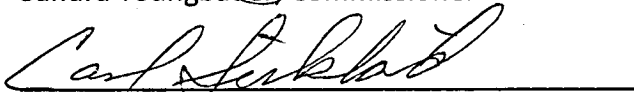
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher, Presiding Officer

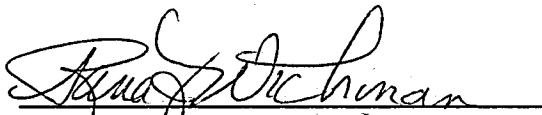


Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner



Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

