

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

March 20, 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 March 11, 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) Road Department
- 3) County Nurse's Office
- 4) DES – Deputy – Part-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- 1) Commissioner Seilstad attended a Department of Transportation meeting in Helena on March 14, 2019, regarding speed studies in our area. Any decisions were tabled until March 24, 2019.
- 2) Commissioners Seilstad and Youngbauer will be attending a CMR meeting on March 21, 2019.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Coroner/ Funeral Home Rotation and RFI: Commissioner Seilstad moved to table this until the March 25, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) HB81 Joint Resolution (Regarding revising gas tax laws and aeronautic funding laws): Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve Resolution #3-2019 regarding HB81 and HB661. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Commissioner Butcher stated the bills listed are trying to raise more funds for small local airports. Passed unanimously.

FERGUS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 3-2019

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' OF FERGUS COUNTY SUPPORT OF THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILLS 81 AND 661 OF THE 66TH MONTANA LEGISLATURE ADDING TO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT AT THE LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND AERONAUTICS EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Fergus County and the City of Lewistown jointly own the property comprising the Lewistown Municipal Airport; and,

WHEREAS, both entities recognize the tremendous value of having a viable, modern local airport available to local residents and the community at large for commercial and recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, securing as well as adding potential sources of funding is imperative in order to maintain ongoing improvements, maintenance, operations and to promote the long-term health of the Lewistown Municipal Airport; and,

WHEREAS, HB 81, as introduced in the 66th Montana Legislature, would eliminate the refund of 2 cents per gallon of aviation fuel purchased by scheduled passenger air carriers, thereby adding to funds available for grants to municipalities for airport development or improvement programs and to provide navigational aids, safety improvements, weather reporting services and other aeronautical services for airports and landing fields; and,

WHEREAS, HB 661, as introduced in the 66th Montana Legislature, would add a 10 cent tax for each gallon of aviation fuel which money would then be deposited in an airport grant account administered by the Montana Board of Aeronautics to be used to provide grants to municipalities for airport development or improvement programs and to provide navigational aids, safety improvements, weather reporting services, and other aeronautical services for airports and landing fields; and,

WHEREAS, HB 661 would also create an aeronautics education account, funded by aviation fuel taxes, to provide grants for aviation education, programming, scholarships, equipment and instructors; and,

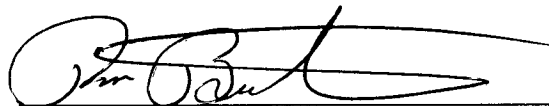
WHEREAS, the Lewistown Municipal Airport and consequently the residents of the City of Lewistown and all of Fergus County, would benefit directly by an increase of funds that would be made available by passage of HB 81 and HB 661,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fergus County declares its support for the provisions of HB 81 and HB 661 that end the gas tax refund for scheduled passenger air carriers and increase the tax

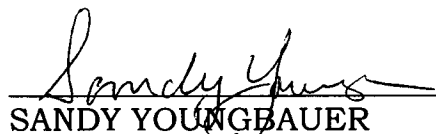
on aviation fuel in order to provide increased funding for local airports as well as to create an aeronautics education account for aeronautics education grants.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of March 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



ROSS BUTCHER

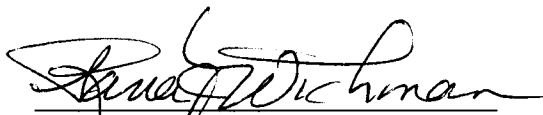


SANDY YOUNGBAUER



CARL SEILSTAD

ATTEST:



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

APPOINTMENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT: None

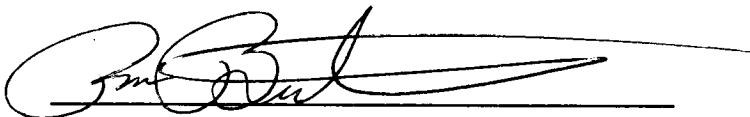
OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING DATES:

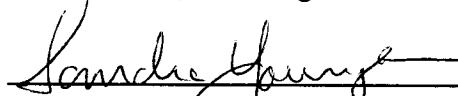
March 25, 2019 Monday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
April 10, 2019 Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
April 17, 2019 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular 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.

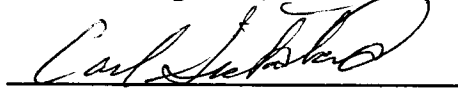
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher, Presiding Officer



Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner



Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



Rana J. Wickman, Clerk & Recorder

