

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

July 25, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Ross Butcher, Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer and Clerk & Recorder Rana J. Wichman. Commissioner Carl Seilstad was absent. Public present: See attached sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the July 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) DES – Deputy – Part-time - filled
- 2) Airport – Manager
- 3) Road Department – Full and Part-time
- 4) Sheriff – Deputy and Detention Officer – offers made
- 5) Planning – Half time Office Clerk

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:** None

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) July 25, 2019 claims: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve the July 25, 2019 claims. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) SMDC – Recharge Our Community Nature Tourism Grant – Karly Wheatly with SMDC asked the Commissioners to approve the application for a Nature Tourism Grant using the County as grantee and for assistance with putting up signs. There is no match involved. It involves countywide signage for tourism. The application is due 8/5/2019. Effectiveness of the signage must be monitored. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve the request. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Resolution 13-2019 – Appointment of MT Dept of Justice as Special Deputy County Attorneys in State v Torger Spencer Oaas. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve Resolution 13-2019. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Resolution 14-2019 – Montana Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association Health Benefit Plan – Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve Resolution 14-2019. Commissioner Butcher seconded. This VEBA program is not for elected officials, as elected officials don't earn vacation and sick hours. It involves pre-tax payments, which would save both the employee and the County money. Passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- 1) Workforce Development Board – Christine Sotheim: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve the appointment of Christine Sotheim to the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Veterans Interment Board – Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint Sandra Youngbauer to the Veterans Interment Board. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

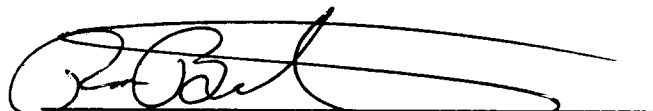
**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

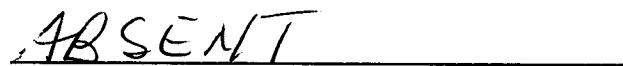
**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

August 9, 2019 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
August 21, 2019 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
August 26, 2019 Monday, 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.

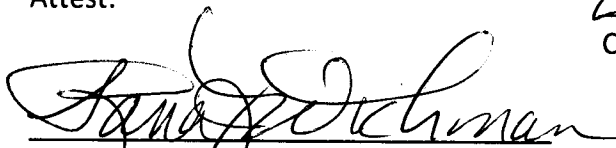
**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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Ross Butcher, Presiding Officer

  
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Sandra Youngbauer, Commissioner

  
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Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

