

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
December 18, 2019, 5:15 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 Wichman.  
Commissioner Carl Seilstad was absent. Public present: See attached sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner 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 December 10, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, he stated the minutes 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) County Planning – Permanent Part Time Office Clerk - filled
- 2) Sheriff's Department – Detention Officer – filled but a new position is opening up

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:**

- 1) Retirement parties for Bob Bjelland and Dixie Denton of the Credit Union and Connie Fry of the Chamber of Commerce were attended.

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Family Planning Budget Resolution: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve a \$5,000.00 budget amendment resolution for Family Planning regarding a grant not in the current budget. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Floodplain Permit #03-2019-FC Otto Bridge and Stabilization: County Planner Pam Vosen presented information regarding Floodplain Permit #03-2019-FC Otto Bridge and Stabilization. She stated that this permit was applied for after the fact. The work was done unpermitted in a flood plain. Commissioner Youngbauer moved to approve the floodplain permit as presented. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Sheriff's Department Collective Bargaining Agreement: Commissioner Youngbauer moved to table the Sheriff's Department Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Guest Dan Melick asked about the recent letters to the editor regarding Judith Basin 4-H members not being able to sell their livestock at the Central MT Fair unless they got grand or reserve champion. Commissioner Butcher explained that the main issue is the processing of the animals. There is a shortage of places to take them. Some of the local businesses are unhappy about it also because the families of the Judith Basin kids do a lot of business locally. Melick commented that possibly the local extension office could reach out to the Judith Basin 4-H families.

Kendra Mihlfeld from Creel Funeral Home asked about the coroner duties and rotation. This will be looked at in the near future.

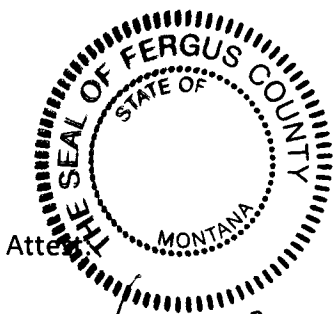
Deb Hill with the Lewistown News Argus stated she received an email regarding the payment of deputy coroners. Discussion included that only one deputy coroner will be paid per call out.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

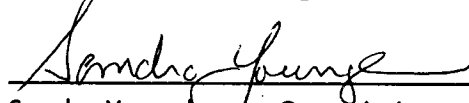
December 26, 2019 Thursday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
January 2, 2020 Thursday, 2:00 p.m.	Reorganizational Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

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

  
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Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

