

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
July 24, 2020 – 2:00 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 Wichman.  
Commissioner Carl Seilstad was absent. Public present: See attached sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the July 13, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, she 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:**

Bryon Armour was present and stated he does not feel it is a good idea to have the city attorney in the same office as the county attorney. He believes there can be a conflict of interest in some cases. Commissioner Butcher said he has had this conversation before with other people, and understands what Bryan is saying. Sometimes the City and County are not on the same side of an issue.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**BID OPENINGS:** None

**PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) DES – Part Time Deputy DES Coordinator and Deputy Fire Warden (30 hours) – an offer was made.
- 2) Facilities/Events Manager – filled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:**

- 1) Commissioner Butcher attended a Department of the Interior meeting in Washington D.C. regarding public land grazing leases. He felt it went very well.
- 2) Commissioner Youngbauer stated they haven't received the certified values yet, and that they hope to have the preliminary budget meeting the third week in August.

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) July 24, 2020 Claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the July 24, 2020 claims. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Agreement Between Fergus County and the City of Lewistown Regarding office Space for Lewistown City Attorney: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the Agreement Between Fergus County and the City of Lewistown Regarding Office Space for Lewistown City Attorney. Commissioner Youngbauer seconded. Commissioner Butcher said that Bryan Armour's comments are well taken, but this agreement is strictly about office space, not the actual position holder.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

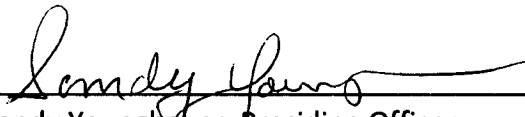
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

August 10, 2020 Monday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
August 19, 2020 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
August 25, 2020 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County 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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Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

*ABSENT*  
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Ross Butcher, Commissioner

  
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Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

