

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

March 25, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Ross Butcher, Commissioner Carl Seilstad and Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman. 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 March 18, 2020 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) Weed Department – Temporary Weed Sprayers
- 2) County Attorney – Full Time Legal Assistant
- 3) Facilities / Groundskeeper – Temporary Full Time (Summer Fair Help)
- 4) Facilities / Groundskeeper – Permanent Full Time
- 5) Justice Court – Junior Clerk Part Time

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:**

Commissioner Youngbauer commented the County is working on safety items for the Covid 19.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) March 25, 2020 Claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the March 25, 2020 claims. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Cattle Guard Permit – Glen Smith: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the cattle guard permit from Glen Smith. Commissioner Butcher seconded. This is off Whisky Ridge out by Stafford Ferry. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Central Montana Rodeo Club Proposal: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the proposal of the Central Montana Rodeo Club to pay \$2500.00 for the use of the fairgrounds facilities in August for the High School Rodeo. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Commissioner Seilstad commented that he was disappointed that the Rodeo Club didn't go to the Central Montana Foundation for a donation. Kim Boyce stated she waited to see how things would go with the Commissioners. Erlonna Erickson said they have an alternate site if Lewistown doesn't work out so they wanted to wait until they got a decision from the Fergus County Commissioners. Erickson asked if the dry camp fees could be waived, as it is so expensive to put on this activity. Boyce said they would like to see a flat fee charged as opposed to a charge here and a charge there. They stated that in the past they have had to clean stalls before they could be used. The Rodeo Club would leave the facility better than they found it. Commissioner Butcher said last year the Rodeo Club paid \$4,270.00, and \$800.00 of that was dry camp

fees. He said if anyone has to clean the stalls, bathrooms, etc., to be able to use them, that is a concern. The amount paid less the dry camp fees is \$3,470.00. That is the amount he would propose the Rodeo Club pay. Erickson said they are proposing \$2,500.00. They can go to Harlowton for \$250.00 for three days. Commissioner Butcher said they are giving a lot to agree to \$3,470.00 and if that isn't going to work then you have to do what you have to do. Commissioner Youngbauer commented that the Fairgrounds should not be providing sawdust bales for clubs to use. These expenses all add up. Erickson proposed \$3,000.00 but the Commissioners stated they would not go below the \$3,470.00 proposal. Commissioner Butcher amended his original motion to charge the Central Montana Rodeo Club \$3,000.00, since saw dust bales would not be included, for the 2020 High School Rodeo. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. The amendment was approved unanimously as was the motion.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman thanked the Commissioners for helping with making her office safer for her staff and the customers concerning Covid 19.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

March 25, 2020 Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
April 10, 2020 Friday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Treasurer 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
April 15, 2020 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

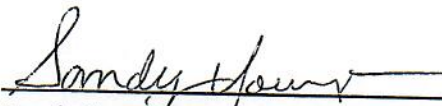
Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 5 days prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**



Attest:

  
Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

  
Ross Butcher, Commissioner

  
Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

  
Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder