

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
December 15, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Youngbauer, Commissioner Seilstad & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. Public present via phone: Deb Hill – News Argus. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the December 10th regular meeting & December 13th special meeting 2021 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: none

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Public hearing opened at 2:02 p.m. Floodplain Permit #03-2021 – FC – Montgomery Bridge Repair – Pam Vosen presented application. No public comment. Hearing closed at 2:06 p.m.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Family Planning/Clinical RN – perm/part-time
2. Public Health Officer – perm/part-time
3. Fergus County/City Planning board member outside city limits but within 4 mile radius
4. County Board of Health – all positions open to create a 5 member board; 2 city limits, 2 county, 1 at large.
5. Fergus County Weed Board – 2 positions (both term out 12/31)
6. Fergus County Sheriff- Detention Officer- perm/part-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioners are tying up loose ends with the junk vehicle program and meeting with the city of Lewistown on forming a city/county health board.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Clearview Subdivision – proposed lot use change – County Planner Pam Vosen presented the application. It is currently 5 lots with one single system with one liveable structure. Applicants are requesting a holding tank for a guest cabin. Co Planner Vosen has no issues with the application, but recommends an actual septic system with a drain field. There is plenty of acres to make this happen. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Co Planner recommendations. Commissioner Butcher 2nd the motion and also agrees a holding tank is not sufficient for 40 acres; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Floodplain Permit #03-2021 – FC – Montgomery Bridge Repair with conditions presented by Co Planner Vosen in the public hearing. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed**
3. Co Planner Vosen presented the application for Amending Lot 1-A Nordic SD – proposed lot use change. This is located north of Eddies Corner and they are proposing a slaughter house on the existing commercial lots. Area is large enough to support two septic systems as is. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the amended lot application as presented. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. County Planner Vosen presented to the commissioners proposed fee increase schedule. Last update was in 2014. The fees increased would go more towards those that are requesting the changes, rather than the Fergus Co taxpayers as a whole. The increases would help balance out some of the expenditures the Planning Office pays out of the general fund when assigning addresses, checking on violations, meeting with contractors in the field, and etc. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to table the proposed fee increase to give the public a chance to voice opinions. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **item tabled until the December 23rd meeting.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

December 23, 2021
Thursday – 10:00 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting

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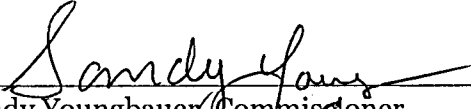
January 3, 2022
Monday – 2:00 p.m.

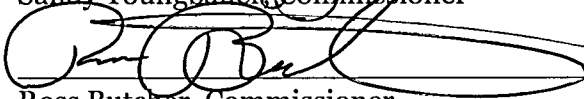
Regular Business Meeting
****reorganization meeting****

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Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner


Ross Butcher, Commissioner


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

