

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

December 23, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Youngbauer, Commissioner Seilstad, County Attorney Kent Sipe, County Planner Pam Vosen & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the December 15th 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: none

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
5. Fergus County Weed Board – 2 positions (both term out 12/31)
6. Fergus County Sheriff- Detention Officer- perm/part-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher advised that the County board of health is looking to be non-jurisdictional. The county will pick 2 members, the city will pick 2 members, and the 5th will be decided by county & city.
2. The commissioners in past have received many complaints/concerns about the speeding on Red Hill Rd. A speed test was requested and the results and recommendations came back with a 40 mph speed zone from the end of the pavement to the county line.
3. Commissioners earlier in the week had signed a Opioid MOU between Fergus Co and McKesson Corp, Cardinal Health Inc, & AmerisourceBergen Corp.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. A realtor had turned in an encroachment petition for a cattle guard to be put in Divide Rd. Has 2 different places it can be placed, depending on the land sale that will occur next week. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve either location. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the December 23rd claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. County Planner Pam Vosen spoke again about the proposed fee increase schedule and it lessening the burden on the general tax payer and putting it more on those requesting the services. Sue Zellick spoke in favor of the proposed increases and would like to see her office get some front desk assistance. Sue would also like to see the violations increase 5x's to discourage those from violations and to do proper procedure in the first place. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the proposed fee increase. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.** *Fees will increase January 1, 2022.*

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deb Hill advised she will be in next week to interview the commissioners on their 2022 goals for the county.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

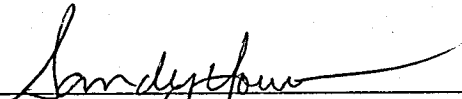
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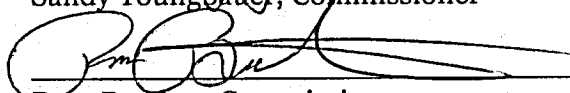
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Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

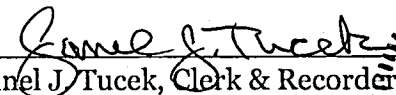
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner


Ross Butcher, Commissioner


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

