

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
November 29, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Youngbauer, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. Public present via phone: (Network was down). In person public: Clint Loomis, Bryan Armour, & Deb Hill.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the November 3rd & 10th, 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; 2 city limits, 2 county, 1 at large.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher and Seilstad were in Miles City for MACo WCT/PCT meetings Monday – Thursday last week.
2. All three will be at the MACo board of Trustees meeting December 6th.
3. Election Admin Janel Tucek advised her office was awarded a subgrant of \$14,891.64 from the 2020 HAVA (Help America Vote Act) grant. The money will be spent on new a new ADA voting booth for the courthouse, 1 ExpressVote kiosk for the courthouse, 2 new ExpressVotes, and 20 single stand voting booths; 10 of which can accommodate ExpressVote machines.

4. The county is currently in a 45 day waiting period for the Republican Central Committee to deliver a list of 3 candidates to replace the vacant House Dist 29 seat after Dan Bartel was appointed to Senate Dist 15 open seat. This is a deadline of December 30th for the list to come in from them.
5. The states Opioid lawsuit has been settled and the county attorney is to follow through with this.
6. Commissioner Seilstad discussed again the Natural Disaster Tax relief on forest lands that were burned in recent fires. Buildings are also eligible if they were burned. Need to talk to the local Assessor's office for information.
7. Letter of intent was sent out by commissioners advising of their continued participation in developing the EIS and partnership under the existing MOU with the BLM for the proposed sagebrush focal areas withdrawal in helping protect sagegrouse.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the November 10, 2021 claims as submitted. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed**
2. Resignation letters from Tony Brown and Robin Fleming with the Fergus County Port Authority were presented. Commissioner Butcher moved to accept. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Central MT Regional Tourism board – Laurie Huber (filling Jo McCauley position) Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint; Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Fergus Co Port Authority – Carly Wheatley (filling Kuhlman position that termed out) Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint; Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Fergus Co Port Authority – Clint Loomis (finishing out Brown's last year of first year appointment) Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint; Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Fergus Co Port Authority – Chris Cooler (2nd term appointment) Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint; Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Fergus Co Port Authority - Charles Denison (finishing out Fleming's last year of first year appointment) Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint; Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Clint Loomis with the Big Spring Watershed Committee would like to work with the county and give input on the county growth plan. He has been talking with Pam Vosen at the County Planning and appreciates the work that she has put in to this. He would like to understand why Stahly Engineering put a negative spin on the county growth and thinks it should be a positive spin. Discussion occurred regarding this and the commissioners stated they would look in to this and see what the reasoning is for this.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

December 10, 2021
Friday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

December 15, 2021
Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting
time change

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

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

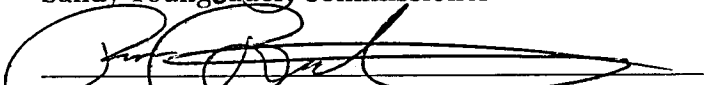
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Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner


Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

