

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
October 25, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.  
Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W. Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Seilstad, Road Supervisor John Anderson, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. Public present via phone: Dan Vincent & Pamela Vosen. In person public: see attached sign in sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Agenda amended to add Extension office to Announcement & Reports section.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the October 8, 2021 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. Fergus County Recreation District board person within city limits
2. Fergus County/City Planning board member outside city limits but within 4 mile radius
3. Justice Court Office Clerk – perm/fulltime
4. Public Health Officer – perm/fulltime
5. County Board of Health – all positions open to create a proposed 5 member board; 2 city limits, 2 county, 1 at large
6. Family Planning/Clinic RN – perm/part-time

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:**

1. County Planner Pamela Vosen gave an update on the Growth plan. Good input was received from the public meeting. A dedicated end date for the public survey was set for November 19<sup>th</sup>. People can look at the draft growth plan on the Fergus County website.
2. Extension Agent Sarah Bock updated the commissioners on her office happenings and certifications that she is currently achieving. 4-H has been busy working with kids from around the county on their book entries. Cody Ream, new Extension Agent, updated commissioners on his recent outings to the rural areas going over fire plans. Next week, he

will be having a post fire meeting with those affected by the South Moccasin fire and range management plans.

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Road Supervisor John Anderson discussed his proposed plan for the Casino Creek Rd. The current surface is breaking down and he feels it is not cost effective to repair anymore. In 2020, county spent just under \$20,000 patching. In 2021 so far, just around \$7,000. He would like to rip up the current oil surface and rebuild it with pit run and crushed gravel and mix in dust abatement. A couple of asphalt contractors went and looked at the project to patch or resurface and don't feel they can make it work.
  - a. Bud Rickl spoke in opposition of the road department plan and would rather see nothing done. He feels the gravel would cause wash boards and that it would be a regression plan.
  - b. Paul Rickl feels it would be better to do nothing for now and try to come up with a better plan.
  - c. Bryan Gatz spoke his thoughts about maybe slowing traffic down in areas and that could possibly slow down wash boards occurring. He also suggested to mill it and mix back in with dust control.
  - d. Dan Vincent via phone recommended no action be taken today and would like more public input from residents who live out in the area.

Commissioner Seilstad stated that nothing would happen out there until spring/summer of 2022. He would like residents to bring forth new ideas if they don't like what the road department came up with.

Commissioner Butcher would also like to see plans from those that live out there and present them.

Commissioner Seilstad made a motion to **table** and have a new public meeting in the spring; Commissioner Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the October 25, 2021 claims as submitted. Commissioner Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed**

**APPOINTMENTS:** Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Mary Jo Crook to the Council on Aging board; Commissioner Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

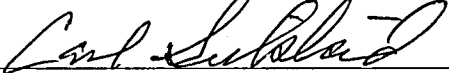
November 10, 2021 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
November 17, 2021 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
November 24, 2021 Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

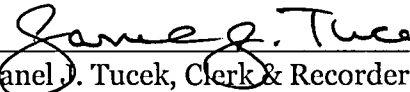
**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner

  
Ross Butcher, Commissioner

  
Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

  
Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

