

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
September 23, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, Commissioner Butcher, Attorney's Sipe and Cochran & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. Public present via phone: Beckie Williams, Megan Spry and Amy Sanders. In person public: see attached sign in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda was approved with the additions of the HRDC's community service block grant work plan and Resolution 27-2021 the authorization to submit MCEP infrastructure planning grant application in the Discussion/Action section.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the Sept 15, 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: Scott Seilstad questioned the agenda and why there was not a section for public comment on non-agenda items. He was advised to look at the bottom of the agenda and that madam chair always states that it is "public comment for any non-agenda item".

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. City/County Deputy County Attorney - apply through City of Lewistown and/or contact Kent Sipe for more information
4. Justice Court Office Clerk – perm/fulltime
5. Grounds & Building Custodian – perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS: Ag building lift to be presented by Shelly VanHaur tabled due to her not being present.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve **Resolution 24-2021** creating the Fergus County Board of Health. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd. Discussion ensued from the audience and phone participants with the commissioner's. Various points were made from all sides. Commissioner's stated this is being done due to HB 121 that mandates counties to form a board of health. **Motion Passed**
2. Commissioner Youngbauer read **Resolution 25-2021** in its entirety. It would declare Fergus County's notice of withdrawal from the Central MT Health District. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Resolution 25-2021; Commissioner Butcher 2nd. Discussion ensued from the audience and phone participants once again with the commissioner's. Various concerns were brought up about this move and commissioners and the county attorney's addressed these concerns. A flow chart of how the Fergus County Health Department would be set up structurally was available for the public to review and discuss. 3 emails of opposition were entered in to the record along with a letter from the Community Council. **Motion Passed**
3. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve **Resolution 26-2021** a resolution to transfer to the town of Winifred by quit claim deed Fergus county's interest in the real property commonly known as the Winifred airport; Commissioner Seilstad 2nd. Discussion occurred about the 10 acres that the county owned in the middle of the airport property and how this put liability on the county with grants that the Winifred Airport applied/s for. **Motion Passed**
4. John Anderson, road supervisor, spoke about the Bain Street Bridge bids for the bridge in the Denton area and that it was awarded to RTI out of Plains, MT. He also stated that the Federal Highways is going to pay all the engineering costs. Commissioner Butcher moved to accept RTI's bid. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed**
5. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the September 23, 2021 claims as submitted. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed**
6. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the HRDC's community service block grant work plan. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed**
7. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve **Resolution 27-2021** the authorization to submit MCEP infrastructure planning grant application. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed**

APPOINTMENTS: none

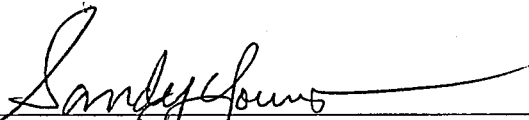
PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

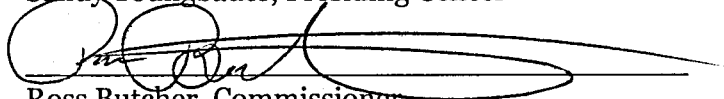
October 8, 2021 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 20, 2021 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 25, 2021 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



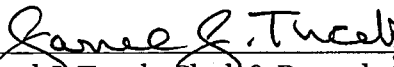
Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer



Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



Janel P. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

