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Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
September 10, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.  
Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W. Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Ross Butcher, Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. Public present via phone: Deb Hill, Staci Plante, Beckie Williams, Sue Irvin, and Amy Sanders. In person public: see attached sign in sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Agenda amended the Discussion/Action item #2 to *tabled* per Shelly VanHaur's request. Resolution 25-2021 was added to the discussion/action section for discussion only regarding Fergus County's notice of withdrawal from the CMHD. Agenda was approved as amended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 25, 2021 minutes and the September 1, 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:** Bids were opened by Commissioner Butcher for the Bain Street Bridge. All bids had the required forms and bonding sheets. #1 came from Contech Engineering Solutions. First bid from Contech was for \$201,680.00. An addendum had been received changed the bid to \$185,340. #2 bid was from RTI Bridge at \$135,704.00. #3 bid was from TruNorth Steel at \$216,347.00. All bids will go to Stahly Engineering for review and then to the County Attorney's office. From there, back to the commissioners for award.

**PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Deputy Sheriff - perm/full-time
2. Fergus County Recreation District board person within city limits
3. Fergus County/City Planning board member outside city limits but within 4 mile radius
4. Fergus County Fair Board – 2 positions; 4 year terms \***three interviewed**
5. City/County Deputy County Attorney - apply through City of Lewistown and/or contact Kent Sipe for more information
6. Justice Court clerk – perm/fulltime

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:** DES coordinator Peterson has been in talks with the FC Fire Chiefs and they would like to down-grade to Stage 1 fire restrictions. With the recent rains and cooler temps, they feel this is a safe move, but need to keep Stage 1 restrictions. Commissioner Youngbauer advised the Chokecherry Festival is this weekend and encouraged the public to attend and support this function. Also advised the MACo conference is September 26 – 30<sup>th</sup> in Kalispell and commissioners and Clerk and Recorder will be gone for it.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve **Resolution 23-2021** amending the FY21 Budget for unanticipated expenditures in various funds. Commissioner Seilstad 2<sup>nd</sup>; Finance Director Tucek explained these amended expenditures and that it does not affect this year's budget. **Motion Passed.**
2. Discussion of adding a lift at the ag building **tabled** per Shelly VanHaur's request.
3. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve **Resolution 24-2021** creating the Fergus County Board of Health. Commissioner Seilstad 2<sup>nd</sup>; Resolution was noticed and worded on the agenda to read "forming the Fergus County Public Health Department". Much discussion ensued regarding the difference. Commissioner Youngbauer read the resolution in its entirety. Due to the wording difference, this was the **first reading** of RES 24-2021 to allow the public more time to review. Beckie Williams asked questions about how it has been discussed to put this in motion. Commissioner Butcher explained the logistics. Amy Sanders asked if this is just county or also city/county. Logistics were once again explained. **Motion Passed on the first reading.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the September 10, 2021 claims. Commissioner Butcher 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Youngbauer read **Resolution 25-2021** in its entirety. It would declare Fergus County's notice of withdrawal from the Central MT Health District. It is for information and discussion only at this time. Res 17-2021 that had been passed in June was the county's *intent* to leave the CMHD. Commissioner Butcher discussed that the date of the withdrawal really needs to be coordinated; discussion on who would continue existing programs and whether other county's currently in CMHD if they would contract with Fergus County for continued services. Commissioner Butcher would like to move the date out farther for withdrawal. Beckie Williams would like a more detailed explanation of this transition. Commissioner Youngbauer explained the reasoning. Ms. Williams also wants to know if there will be a lapse in services and feels it puts the community in danger. FC Health Nurse Heather Thom addressed these concerns. This resolution will be further discussed at upcoming commissioner meetings.

**APPOINTMENTS:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

September 15, 2021  
Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W Main St., Suite 210

September 23, 2021  
Thursday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W Main St., Suite 210

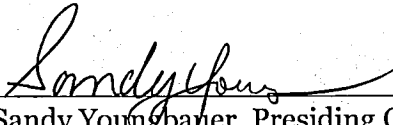
October 8, 2021  
Friday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

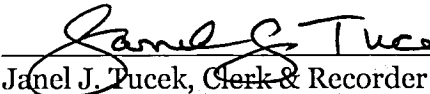
**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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Sandy Young, Presiding Officer

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Ross Butcher, Commissioner

  
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Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

