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Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
September 15, 2021 – 5:15 p.m.  
Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W. Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the Sept 10, 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. Deputy Sheriff - perm/full-time \*filled \*
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. City/County Deputy County Attorney - apply through City of Lewistown and/or contact Kent Sipe for more information
5. Justice Court Office Clerk – perm/fulltime
6. Grounds & Building Custodian – perm/full-time

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:** Commissioner Youngbauer stated that the Veterans Internment Committee is in need of 2 members to fill the positions of those who are wanting to cut back. One person has already applied, so the second position will need filled. 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. No resolution is needed on behalf of the commissioner's action. Commissioners Youngbauer and Seilstad agree with this down grade to

Stage 1 fire restrictions. The county will move back to Stage 1 fire restrictions on Friday September 17, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Youngbauer read **Resolution 25-2021** in its entirety; this is the *FIRST READING*. It would declare Fergus County's notice of withdrawal from the Central MT Health District. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Resolution 25-2021 to move it to discussion; Commissioner Youngbauer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Amy Sanders asked about the dates of leaving CMHD and it was discussed that Fergus County would host until December 31, 2021 as the latest date it would continue to host. Beckie Williams asked again for a more detailed explanation of this transition and if the commissioners had specific details to share. Commissioner Seilstad addressed these concerns. Chad Williams wants to make sure this is done to benefit the community and not be a detriment. Also about the cost and efficiency. Both commissioners addressed these concerns in length. Commissioner Youngbauer advised that FC Health Nurse Heather Thom has presented a draft plan to commissioners and they have been going over various scenarios and meeting with departments to put this in motion and in moving forward. **Motion Passed for the first reading.**

**APPOINTMENTS:** 3 applicants applied for two Fergus County Fair Board positions - 4 year terms. 1) Tina Catencamp 2) Danyce Stulc 3) Brett Smith. Commissioners had met with all and interviewed previously. They were impressed with all three candidates and their enthusiasm for the future of the fair. Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Ms. Stulc and Mr. Smith; Commissioner Youngbauer 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed. Commissioner Seilstad will contact all candidates.

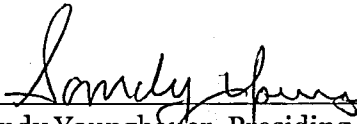
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

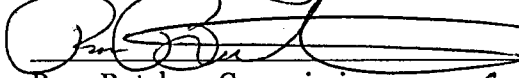
**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

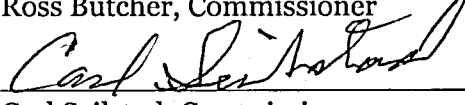
September 23, 2021 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting <b>**DATE CHANGE**</b>	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 8, 2021 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 20, 2021 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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Sandy Youngbauer, 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

