

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
April 25, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Youngbauer, Commissioner Seilstad, County Planner Pam Vosen, Road Supervisor John Anderson, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet. Via phone: Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 11, 2022 meeting 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:

1. Second reading on Ordinance 1 – 2022 an amendment to Ordinance 2 -2017 that establishes penalties for violating fire restrictions and burning without a permit. DES Coordinator Peterson explained that the diameter of fire size was not in the 2-2017 Ordinance. 1-2022 specifies that anything over 48” must have a permit.
2. Fergus County Planning board recommended to the commissioners to pass the Fergus County Growth plan policy. Pam Vosen spoke about it along with Robie Culver.

BID OPENINGS: Fair grounds public restroom had two applications for bid; both had bid bonds. AV Construction placed a bid of \$425,000 and Clausen and Sons placed an initial bid at \$300,000 with an additional amendment of \$29,921 for a total of \$329,921. Engineers are to review and County Attorney to also review bids. Award of the bid will be at the next meeting.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Family Planning/Clinical RN – perm/part-time
2. Public Health Officer – perm/part-time
3. Road & Bridge/District Blade Operator for Lewistown - perm/full-time
4. Road & Bridge/District Blade Operator for Denton - perm/full-time
5. Planning Office Clerk - perm/full-time
6. Facilities/Grounds & Buildings custodian – perm/full-time
7. Fergus Co Health/Sanitarian in Training – perm/full-time or part-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher gave a report on various summit's he attended in the last week for broadband, forests, BLM grazing permits and the 30 by 30 project.
2. Commissioner Seilstad advised that the community council met and proposed that the BOCC make the east wing of the Montana Mental Health center available for Warm Spring patients. Commissioner Seilstad stated that it would behoove the BOCC to talk to the City of Lewistown and local other LE agencies about their recommendations with this facility.
3. Commissioner Youngbauer went to a regional Juvenile detention center meeting in Billings last week, spoke about how the county rates are very comparable to others, and thanked Starr Brown for all her work on this.
4. John Anderson advised that crew is out working on the Denton roads, that the State has upped their match amount for the PN Bridge project, interviews will be conducted for the Lewistown operator and that the Grass Range operator has given notice of retirement.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Ordinance 1 – 2022** that establishes penalties for violating fire restrictions and burning without a permit on fires over 48” in diameter. This will amend Ordinance 1 – 2017. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 18 - 2022** establishing an annual fire season for Fergus County and a process for obtaining burn permits. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 19 – 2022** which is a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County to adopt the 2022 Fergus County/Towns of Denton, Moore, Grass Range, and Winifred Growth Policy. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; Jerry Simpson gave kudos to Pam Vosen for all her hard work on this. **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the April 25th claims as presented. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint Tim Gilskey to Hilger fire. This is replacing Lyle Shammel who is moving to the fire chief position. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

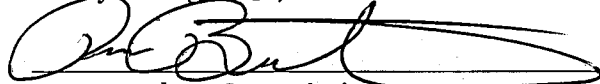
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| May 10, 2022 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 |
| May 18, 2022 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 |
| May 25, 2022 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 |

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner

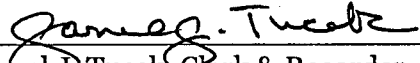


Ross Butcher, Commissioner



Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



Janel D. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

