

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Special Meeting
November 30, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Youngbauer, Commissioner Seilstad, County Attorney Kent Sipe & Clerk and Recorder Janel J. Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Agenda approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: none

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Butcher explained the county's interest in purchasing the defunct Sleepy Hollow building and property located near the town of Winifred. There is a tax lien placed on the property currently. Secondary interest in the building is for the Winifred Fire District, but the building is much larger than what they need. 31.64+- acres comes with the property also. Discussed that the county could use the real property to house animals that have been confiscated in animal abuse cases. Commissioner Butcher made a motion to pursue active bidding. Commissioner Youngbauer 2nd; Motion **Passed** note: *Commissioner Seilstad stepped out to take a phone call when the motion was being made, 2nd, and passed.* Commissioner Butcher moved to bid up to the square footage appraised value of \$38/sf = \$456,000. At \$34/sf = \$408,000. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; discussion ensued. Commissioner Seilstad stated that high value is more than what they had talked about bidding. County Attorney Sipe stated he vetted with the appraiser and he feels the lower price is the better option and they also need to take in to consideration the 3.5% buyer's premium that is tacked on to the final bid price. Commissioner Butcher believes the building is big enough to compartmentalize it three ways with the apartments and space. Commissioner Seilstad moved to amend the original motion to \$450,000 total, which will include the 3.5% buyer's premium. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed on amending original motion.** No further relevant discussion on the original amended motion was heard; **Amended Motion Passed.**

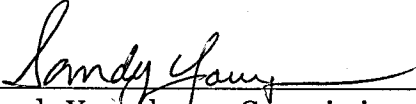
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

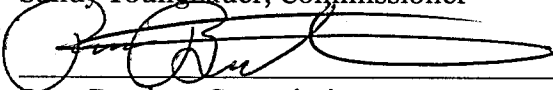
December 9, 2022 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
December 21, 2022 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
December 27, 2022 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

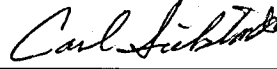
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner

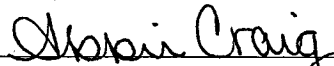


Ross Butcher, Commissioner



Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



~~Janet J. Tucek~~, Clerk & Recorder
Abbie Craig, Deputy

