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

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Seilstad, Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek, Deputy County Attorney Diane Cochran, and Sheriff Rick Vaughn. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Agenda approved with moving Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items to the beginning. Agenda approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the September 30, 2022 minutes. Hearing none, he 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 NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Roy Koch spoke about elections and requested a hand count of the Federal General Election. If machine is used, then wanted to allow people from the public to hand count 500 ballots.
2. Tom Petranek spoke of the vote counting machines and various stories he has heard about them.
3. Lisa Koch spoke of potential software issues with the vote counting machines that she has heard about.
4. Steve Cummings spoke against a hand count and how allowing outside party's is against election law.
5. Sam Holmes spoke of hearing that state gambling machines having modems in them.
6. Shane Klakken would like to put a water line across the county road on Tyler Cutoff and wants to know what the process is for it.
7. John Plante spoke of issues that he has heard about with the vote counting machines and that he would like an honest election.
8. When all public had spoken, Janel Tucek – Fergus County Election Administrator – read a prepared statement on Fergus County's election integrity and that she is against hand count and reasons why. See attached statement.
 - Various other comments and questions were brought up and answered.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: none

PUBLIC HEARING: none

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Public Health Officer – perm/part-time
2. Facilities/Grounds & Buildings custodian – perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

Commissioners Seilstad and Butcher and the Clerk and Recorder Tucek went to Billings September 25 – 29 for MACo Annual Conference.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the September 30, 2022 claims. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 29 – 2022** amending the FY22 budget for unanticipated expenditures and revenues; Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

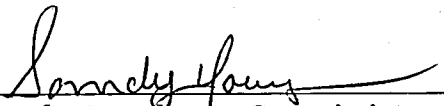
APPOINTMENTS: none

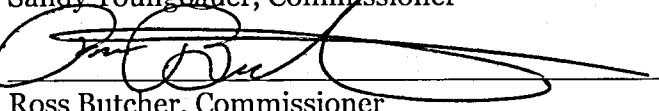
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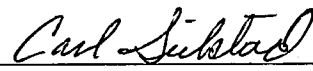
October 11, 2022 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 19, 2022 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 25, 2022 Tuesday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

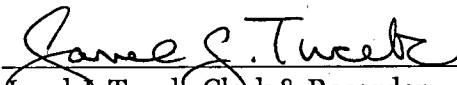
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner


Ross Butcher, Commissioner


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

