

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
September 9, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Youngbauer, Commissioner Seilstad, Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek, Fergus Co Planner Pam Vosen, and Sheriff Rick Vaughn. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda approved with moving Discussion Action item #4 to the #1 position and the submission of the Election Judges to the appointment section for review. Agenda approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 25, 2022 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: Kelly Ann Terry who is the current chair of the Fergus Co Port Authority advised that she and the rest of the Port Authority are in complete support of establishing the new Snowy Mountain Development Regional Port Authority.

PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Youngbauer opened the hearing at 2:04 p.m. Sara Hudson, executive director of Snowy Mountain Development Center (SMDC) spoke on record of her support for the establishment of the new 6 county Port Authority and what greater advantages and doors it will open up for grants. This regional Port Authority is the first of its kind in the State of Montana, is authorized under MCA & will serve as a model for others. See Attached sheet for her written statement. Kathy Barta with SMDC also spoke of her support for this regional Port Authority and what it will do for being able to apply for HUD funding. Commissioner Youngbauer closed the hearing at 2:12 p.m.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Family Planning/Clinical RN – perm/part-time ***FILLED***
2. Public Health Officer – perm/part-time ***INTERVIEWING***
3. Facilities/Grounds & Buildings custodian – perm/full-time
4. Sheriff Department/Sheriff Deputy – perm/full-time ***FILLED***

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder will be in Billings September 25 – 29 for MACo Annual Conference.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 27 – 2022** establishing the Snowy Mountain Development Regional Port Authority. Commissioner Youngbauer 2nd; Commissioners asked those from SMDC questions about who will be eligible for the grants and whether they have met with the Central MT Health Department on the lead paint abatement. SMDC advised that all would be eligible for the grants and that yes they have met with the CMHD. **Motion Passed.**
2. Planner Vosen spoke about the Floodplain permit #02-FC-2022 – Gossack foot bridge and gave a rundown of the application. The planning board met and have no objections with the standard recommendations. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the permit. Commissioner Youngbauer 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Planner Vosen spoke about the Machler Conservation Easement. Planning board reviewed as well. The county has no authority to tell private land owners what they can or cannot do. Would like to recommend that the wording to allow the option to mine for gravel be in the easement. Commissioner Seilstad wants to make sure that the gravel project at Beaver Creek not be affected. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the permit with the addition of gravel mining. Commissioner Youngbauer 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the September 9, 2022 claims. Commissioner Youngbauer 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 28 – 2022** adopting the FY23 budget; Commissioner Youngbauer 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Central MT Tourism Board has one open position
2. Fair Board has one open position.
3. Election Administrator presented to the commissioners a list of precinct election judges for the upcoming November Federal General. These are all the same ones that were appointed in the June Primary. Some are in different precincts and positions. As of now, there are a few extras. As the day nears, some may need to be excused and so some repositioning may need to occur. For now, assignments look good.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Youngbauer was pleased to announce that with the approval of the budget, the county was able to increase the Veteran’s burial fee from \$300 to \$400 + \$100 headstone.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

September 21, 2022 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting CANCELED	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 30, 2022 Friday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting NEW DATE & TIME	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 11, 2022 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Absent

Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner

[Signature]

Ross Butcher, Commissioner

Carl Seilstad

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Attest:

Janel J. Tucek

Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

