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Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting  
January 10, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.  
Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W. Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Seilstad, Deputy County Attorney Diane Cochran, County Planner Pam Vosen, Road Supervisor John Anderson, County Attorney Kent Sipe & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 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 AGENDA ITEMS:** none

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Natal Road – road abandonment from intersection with Beaver Creek Road in T13N, R18E, Section 17, running west to the end of the petitioned county road. Pam Vosen and John Anderson with the road viewers committee gave a committee report on this request. They recommend that Natal Rd be abandoned in its entirety. Public comment – none.  
Hearing closed
2. Stone Avenue – road abandonment for the platted and undeveloped section between Block 58 & 59 of the Lewistown Heights, T15N, R18E, Section 9. Pam Vosen and John Anderson with the road viewers committee gave a committee report on this request. They recommend that the proposed area of Stone Ave be abandoned.  
Public comment – none.  
Hearing closed
3. Vrooman Street – road abandonment for the platted and undeveloped section between Block 21 & 35 of the Lewistown Heights, T15N, R18E, Section 9. Pam Vosen and John Anderson with the road viewers committee gave a committee report on this request. They recommend that the proposed area of Vrooman St be abandoned.  
Public comment – none.  
Hearing closed

*All public hearings closed at 2:05 p.m.*

**BID OPENINGS:** none

### PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fergus Co Health/Public Health Officer-perm/part-time
- Road & Bridge/District Blade operator-perm/full-time domicile to Denton
- Fergus Co Health/Sanitarian in Training-perm/part or full-time
- Road & Bridge/Crew Member – perm/full-time
- Extension/4-H Program Assistant – perm/full-time **\*\*interviewing\*\***
- Sheriff's Office/Deputy – perm/full-time
- Fergus County Planning Board – 2 member positions open
- City/County Planning Board – 2 member positions open

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher stated there is a lot going on in the opening weeks of the legislature.

### DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to table the Natal Rd abandonment until the resolutions are drafted and in place; Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; Commissioner Seilstad stated he is asking for the table motion so that some amendments can be added to the resolutions such as no building and utility easements. No discussion. **Motion to table Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to table the Stone Ave abandonment until the resolutions are drafted and in place; Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; Commissioner Seilstad stated he is asking for the table motion so that some amendments can be added to the resolutions such as no building and utility easements. Maureen Strong from the public advised that there is already a utility easement in the alley. Some back and forth discussion ensued. **Motion to table Passed.**
3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to table the Vrooman St abandonment until the resolutions are drafted and in place; Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; Commissioner Seilstad stated he is asking for the table motion so that some amendments can be added to the resolutions such as no building and utility easements. No discussion. **Motion to table Passed.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Request for Qualifications proposal from Stahly Engineering. Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; Deb Hill with the News-Argus asked if this was for a specific project or all around. Commissioner Butcher explained this is for all around engineering needs, so that the county doesn't have to go out for engineering bids on projects unless they want another firms opinion. **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders motioned to pass **Resolution 3-2023** appointing deputy coroners. Commissioner Seilstad 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**
6. Commissioner Butcher read the dates that Commissioner Seilstad proposed for change due to other board meetings conflicting with the ones set. Commissioner Saunders moved to accept the date changes (see attached sheet). Commissioner Seilstad 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**
7. **Burn Permit fees tabled until further notice**
8. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the January 10 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

### APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Sandy Youngbauer and Dean Martin to the Veterans Interment Board. Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders moved to appoint Gary Barta to the Snowy Mountain Development Corporation Board. Commissioner Seilstad 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Jerry Simpson to the Planning Board for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders moved to Susan Johnston to the City-County Planning Board for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Commissioner Seilstad 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Road Supervisor Anderson advised that the road crew was able to haul gravel yesterday for road projects.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

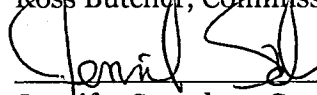
January 18, 2023 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 25, 2023 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
February 9, 2023 Thursday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**



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Ross Butcher, Commissioner



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Jennifer Saunders, Commissioner



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Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:



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Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

