

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
January 25, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Seilstad, County Planner Pam Vosen, & 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 10th and January 14th, 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: none

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
- Sheriff's Office/Deputy – perm/full-time
- Attorney's Office/Legal Assistant – perm/full-time
- Fergus County Planning Board – 1 member position open
- City/County Planning Board – 2 member positions open

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Clerk and Recorder reported on her recent trip to Helena to attend the special committee on Election Integrity at the legislature.
2. Commissioner Saunders announced the contest for a new and updated county seal. The Art Center has agreed to head up the contest.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the amended Airport bylaws submitted by the Airport Board that strikes the last line of 3.01 of Article 3 of the Airport By-Laws; Commissioner Saunders 2nd. Commissioner Butcher gave a rundown of why the airport board was looking to amend the term limits on board members. The Fergus County Charter currently states how board members are appointed and term limits spelled out. **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Natal Rd abandonment **Resolution 4-2023** as presented; Commissioner Saunders 2nd. No discussion. **Motion Passed.**

3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Stone Ave abandonment **Resolution 5-2023**. Commissioner Saunders 2nd. Commissioner Seilstad went on site to review the area and look at utility easements. He states as of now, all easements seem to run in the alley and that language is in the resolution to protect the utility easements. **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Vrooman St abandonment **Resolution 6-2023**; Commissioner Saunders 2nd; Commissioner Seilstad went on site to review the area and look at utility easements. There is language in this resolution as well to protect the utility easements. **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the January 25 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Saunders moved to appoint Bryon Armour to the Veterans Interment Board. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Patrick Leary to the Airport Board for a 1st term. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Saunders moved to appoint Laura Boyce to the County Planning Board for a 1st term. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**


PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

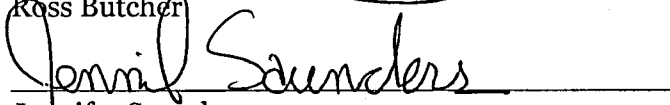
February 9, 2023 Thursday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting TIME and DATE change	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
February 15, 2023 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
February 24, 2023 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.


FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher




Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

