

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting

March 23, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Seilstad called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda approved with moving the report for John Anderson to the April 10 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Seilstad asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the March 15, 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: Commissioner Seilstad opened up the public hearing on Precinct boundary changes due to new House/Senate legislative redistricting. Election Admin Janel Tucek presented maps showing the proposed changes and spoke about the process that is involved. No public commented on proposed changes. Public hearing closed.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Road & Bridge/District Blade operator-perm/full-time domicile to Denton
- Fergus Co Health/Sanitarian in Training-perm/part or full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Deputy – perm/full-time ***interviewing***
- Fairgrounds/Facilities & Events Coordinator-perm/full-time
- DES Coordinator-perm/full-time
- City/County Planning Board – 2 member positions open

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioners discussed the county's possibility of purchasing property for the county health departments to all move to and be under one roof. It is the building at 4th and Janeaux St and comes with 2 parking areas. Building inspections and appraisals still need to happen.
2. Heather Thom with the Fergus Co insurance committee presented the committee's recommendations (see attached memo sheet). Discussion occurred. Commissioner Saunders moved to accept all recommendations from the insurance committee. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

3. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 8 – 2023** amending the FY2023 budget for unanticipated revenues at Fergus County Health Department for MPox. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; Heather Thom stated that the money received is for education and training; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the March 23, 2023 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 9 – 2023** revising commissioner district boundaries. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
6. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 10 – 2023** adopting and designating the official precinct boundaries for Fergus County, for all county elections, and certifying the same to the Fergus County Election Administrator. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Saunders moved to appoint Brandon Cowen & Jeff Whitcraft to the City/County Planning board. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed**
2. Commissioner Saunders moved to appoint Calvin Bronec to the Denton Rural Fire board. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Corrie Williamson and Scott Heidenbrink with APR gave an update on happenings with the American Prairie Reserve.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

April 10, 2023
Monday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

April 19, 2023
Wednesday – 5:15 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting

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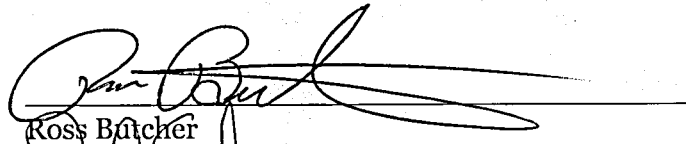
April 25, 2023
Tuesday – 10:00 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting

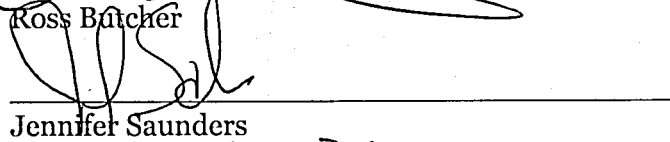
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Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tusek, Clerk & Recorder

