

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting

May 10, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, Treasurer Gwen Gehlen, Clerk & Recorder Janel Tucek, & County Attorney Kent Sipe. In person public: see attached.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 25, 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:

- Road & Bridge Department/Office Clerk-perm/full-time
- Road & Bridge Department/Road, Bridge, & Gravel Crew Member-perm/full-time
- Attorney's/Legal Assistant-perm/full-time
- Fairgrounds/Grounds & Office (Fair help)-short term
- DES Coordinator-perm/full-time *FILLED*

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher advised he will be gone all next week to GA for NACO on the public lands committee.
2. Commissioner Saunders advised a county seal has been selected.
3. Election Admin Tucek advised school elections are done and municipal elections are in full swing.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Discussion ensued over the county purchasing the real property at 202 4th Ave S in Lewistown. The appraisal just came in this morning at \$600,000. The county has signed a buy/sell for \$580,000. County Attorney Sipe recommended that the county not pass the resolution to buy, but make it a resolution of intent to give the public another chance to see the appraisal documents and pass the resolution at the next meeting on May 17th.

Commissioner Seilstad moved to push the resolution of intent to the May 17th meeting. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

2. Road Supervisor Anderson read the road viewers committee report and recommendation (see attached). It is the committee's recommendation to leave the road as is from the 2006 Resolution that passed and not extend Barney's Rd. The landowner can still petition to extend the area in question. Commissioner Saunders motioned to accept the road viewers committee's recommendation. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Discussion occurred over a mobile home that has been delinquent on taxes since 2015. Owners of the property do not own the mobile home. The county has written permission from the property owner to remove the trailer house. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Resolution 13 – 2023 to seize and destroy or recycle a mobile home and to cancel delinquent property taxes on the mobile home at 247 Ponderosa Lane, Lewistown. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the May 10, 2023 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

May 17, 2023 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
May 25, 2023 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
June 9, 2023 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

"absent"

Ross Butcher

Jennifer Saunders

Carl Seilstad

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Attest:

Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

