

FERGUS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 3-2019

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
OF FERGUS COUNTY SUPPORT OF THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE
BILLS 81 AND 661 OF THE 66TH MONTANA LEGISLATURE ADDING
TO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT
AT THE LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND AERONAUTICS
EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Fergus County and the City of Lewistown jointly own the property comprising the Lewistown Municipal Airport; and,

WHEREAS, both entities recognize the tremendous value of having a viable, modern local airport available to local residents and the community at large for commercial and recreational purposes; and,

WHEREAS, securing as well as adding potential sources of funding is imperative in order to maintain ongoing improvements, maintenance, operations and to promote the long-term health of the Lewistown Municipal Airport; and,

WHEREAS, HB 81, as introduced in the 66th Montana Legislature, would eliminate the refund of 2 cents per gallon of aviation fuel purchased by scheduled passenger air carriers, thereby adding to funds available for grants to municipalities for airport development or improvement programs and to provide navigational aids, safety improvements, weather reporting services and other aeronautical services for airports and landing fields; and,

WHEREAS, HB 661, as introduced in the 66th Montana Legislature, would add a 10 cent tax for each gallon of aviation fuel which money would then be deposited in an airport grant account administered by the Montana Board of Aeronautics to be used to provide grants to municipalities for airport development or improvement programs and to provide navigational aids, safety improvements, weather reporting services, and other aeronautical services for airports and landing fields; and,

WHEREAS, HB 661 would also create an aeronautics education account, funded by aviation fuel taxes, to provide grants for aviation education, programming, scholarships, equipment and instructors; and,

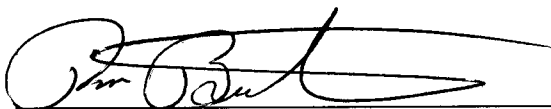
WHEREAS, the Lewistown Municipal Airport and consequently the residents of the City of Lewistown and all of Fergus County, would benefit directly by an increase of funds that would be made available by passage of HB 81 and HB 661,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fergus County declares its support for the provisions of HB 81 and HB 661 that end the gas tax refund for scheduled passenger air carriers and increase the tax

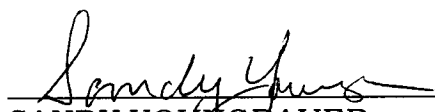
on aviation fuel in order to provide increased funding for local airports as well as to create an aeronautics education account for aeronautics education grants.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of March 2019.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



ROSS BUTCHER



SANDY YOUNGBAUER



CARL SEILSTAD

ATTEST:



Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder