

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
August 25, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
Fergus County Trade Center
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Ross Butcher, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, and Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman. Public present: See attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Youngbauer called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Youngbauer asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 19, 2020 minutes. Hearing none, she 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:

- (1) Ed Butcher handed out written testimony to the Commissioners. He stated that Governor Bullock does not have the authority to suspend the statutes regarding a polling place election. He mentioned 13.19.104, 10.3.104, 10.3.303, and 10.3.402 MCA.
- (2) Michael Chapman stated he is in favor of the flood permit on the agenda, and he supports Election Administrator Wichman regarding an all-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 election.
- (3) Jason Carlson said if people are afraid to go to the polls they should stay home.
- (4) Andrea Payne stated he feels the Commissioners should listen to Election Administrator Wichman. She was elected to do a job and should be allowed to do it.
- (5) Clint Loomis supports the flood plain. He feels the election will go well either way. He urged the Commissioners to help get every possible vote.
- (6) Kevin Hodge is in full support of the Commissioners. He put his name in to work.
- (7) Dan Bartelt indicated he has had at least 20 calls in favor of a polling place election. We must hold voting to the highest standards.
- (8) Doug Flament asked Election Administrator Wichman why she even considered an all-mail ballot. She stated that the Central Montana Public Health Nurse recommended it, and for the safety of the judges and the voters, she felt that is she needed to do.
- (9) Fred Groves said that people have a 99% chance of survival concerning COVID-19.
- (10) Robert Thompson feels there is too much chance of fraud with an all-mail ballot.
- (11) Lonnie Bergstrom had statistics on states going to all-mail ballot. It is vital that all votes count.
- (12) Dean Martin typically prefers in person voting, but not this year. If signatures are rejected, they can be resolved. To make it harder to vote in unconscionable.
- (13) John Carlson asked Election Administrator Wichman why she feels the way she does. He offered to be a greeter.
- (14) Ken Shaver said voting is a sacred right. What other countries are doing is not a good way to live.
- (15) Robert Snyder discussed the problems with numerous people in one household getting mail ballots and the fact that there may be pressure asserted.
- (16) Brandon Bariault stated that many lives have been lost due to shutting down the economy. We don't want to lose our freedom and liberty.

- (17) Diana Hewitt commented people should vote absentee if they don't want to go to the polls.
- (18) Sherry Johnson stated that she feels this would set a precedent and is not in favor of all-mail.
- (19) Laurie Lohrer stated that it is more expensive to have a polling place election.
- (20) Ken Siroky commented that other elected officials must think this is legal.
- (21) Roald Torgerson feels we need to follow the law.
- (22) Toni Gies stated with rights come responsibilities. People can vote at the courthouse.
- (23) Election Administrator Wichman responded that no rights are being taken away. You can vote in person at the Courthouse. She went on to say the Secretary of State is not doing his job. She asked everyone there where they were in June if they feel it is illegal to have a federal election by all-mail. Election workers will only be allowed to work if they are respectful to everyone. No politics can be involved. She stated she works well with the Commissioners and any decision today won't change that. If we have a polling place election, it is my responsibility to keep the judges safe. She said she has gotten phone calls at home chastising me for what she recommended. She encouraged everyone to come to training whether or not they want to work.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

BID OPENINGS: None

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Road Department – Lead Mechanic – FT/Perm
- 2) Road Department – Crew Member – FT/Perm
- 3) Facilities – Maintenance / Custodian – FT/Perm
- 4) County Attorney – Legal Assistant – FT/Perm
- 5) Weed Coordinator – FT/Perm

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- 1) Commissioners Butcher and Seilstad will attend a meeting in Helena with the Department of Transportation regarding the speed limit by Grass Range. They will also talk about why the 55 MPH limit by the new intersection west of Lewistown extends out so far.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) August 25, 2020 Claims: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the August 25, 2020 claims. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Floodplain Permit #01-2020-FC Breed Creek Pedestrian Bridge: County Planner Pam Vosen went through her file on this floodplain permit. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Floodplain Permit #01-2020-FC Breed Creek Pedestrian Bridge. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 3) Resolution 28-2020 November 3, 2020 Federal General Election: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Resolution 28-2020 November 3, 2020 Federal General Election. Commissioner Butcher Seconded. Under discussion, Dean Martin asked why everyone is at the meeting if the Commissioners already had their mind made up. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Resolution 29-2020 Appointing Deputy Coroners: Commissioner Youngbauer stated she would like to have a friendly amendment made to this resolution stating it supersedes any previous resolution appointing deputy coroners. Commissioner Butcher moved to approve Resolution 29-2020 Appointing Deputy Coroners with the recommended amendment. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS: None

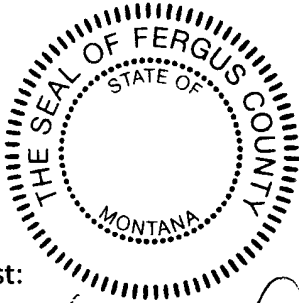
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING DATES:

September 2, 2020 Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.	Special Business Meeting Final Budget Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
September 10, 2020 Thursday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
September 16, 2020 Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

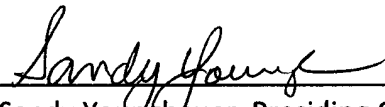
Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 5 days prior to the meeting.
Meeting adjourned.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Attest:


Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder


Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer


Ross Butcher, Commissioner


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

FERGUS COUNTY VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1019

Voucher Date: 08/24/2020

Prepared By: 

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FERGUS COUNTY is hereby authorized to draw warrants against FERGUS COUNTY funds for the sum of \$332,675.87 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.

SANDRA YOUNGBAUMER

PRESIDING OFFICER

ROSS BUTCHER

COMMISSIONER

CARL SEILSTAD

COMMISSIONER

FERGUS COUNTY

Fund		Amount
1000	GEN	\$11,044.49
2110	ROAD	\$131,060.11
2130	BRIDGE	\$30,982.35
2140	WEED	\$43,210.36
2160	FAIR	\$6,477.75
2180	DT/CRT	\$6,858.18
2250	PLAN	\$587.02
2272	CMHD	\$29.86
2274	EMP/R	\$209.52
2290	EXT SERV	\$2,799.77
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$13,663.57
2350	LOCAL GOVT STUDY COMM	\$88.00
2395	COMPUTER	\$236.98
2420	GAS TAX	\$3,955.68
2830	JUNK VEHICLE	\$142.86
2900	PILT	\$1,000.00
2972	F PLAN	\$386.39
2978	IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM	\$328.00
4400	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$80.00
4402	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - ROAD	\$30,780.00
4403	CAPITAL PROJECTS-BRIDGE	\$10,095.00

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Fund		Amount
5610	ARPT	\$1,415.89
5611	AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$33,519.68
5612	AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION RESERVE	\$3,724.41
		\$332,675.87

FERGUS COUNTY CLAIMS

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Invoice	Inv. Date	Vendor	Detail Line Description	Account	Total
IN709398	8/12/2020	KELLEY IMAGING	MONTHLY EGOLDFAX	1000.000.001.410101.350	\$115.00
				COMMISSIONERS	
08022020	8/2/2020	SCOT MEADER	REIMB-OFFICE SUPPLIES	1000.000.008.411201.221	\$39.79
723063	8/6/2020	FERGUS AUTO PARTS	PS FLUID	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$5.49
385474	8/7/2020	FLEET WHOLESAL SUPPLY	PAINT	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$5.50
775463	8/17/2020	FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS	PUMP	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$250.13
775576	8/18/2020	FRONTLINE AG SOLUTIONS	GASOLINE STO	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$4.67
775463	8/17/2020	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FAIRGROUNDS-FRONTLINE AG-PUMP	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$250.13
775576	8/18/2020	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FAIRGROUNDS-FRONTLINE AG-GAS STO	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$4.67
139575	8/3/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	IRRIGATION PARTS	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$59.96
139588	8/3/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	PARTS	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$16.17
139656	8/5/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	PARTS	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$8.63
139665	8/5/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	PAINT SUPPLIES	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$33.96
139679	8/6/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	PAINTING SUPPLIES	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$219.57
139680	8/6/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	BRUSH	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$8.99
139683	8/6/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	KEYS	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$7.98
139714	8/7/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	IRRIGATION PARTS	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$37.97
139772	8/10/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	PAINT	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$71.98
139781	8/10/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	TAPE/SIGNS/BRACKETS	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$138.65
139852	8/12/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	RECEPTACLE PLATES	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$35.95
139862	8/12/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	RECEPTACLE PLATE	1000.000.008.411201.233	\$1.58
0904-00-08/20	7/29/2020	LEWISTOWN WATER DEPT.	COURTHOUSE-WATER/SEWER	1000.000.008.411201.340	\$100.29
0874-000204932	7/31/2020	REPUBLIC SERVICES #874	ACCT#3-0874-3112541	1000.000.008.411201.340	\$134.00
KING	8/24/2020	DISTRICT 6 HRDC	ZEK KING - OT LABOR	1000.000.008.411201.350	\$239.21
281	8/11/2020	SNOWY MOUNTAIN PLUMBING	COURTHOUSE-1ST FL WOMENS BATH	1000.000.008.411201.361	\$259.00
283	8/17/2020	SNOWY MOUNTAIN PLUMBING	REPAIRS-GRANDSTANDS MENS ROOM	1000.000.008.411201.361	\$631.00
285	8/17/2020	SNOWY MOUNTAIN PLUMBING	REPAIRS-CONCRETE BATH	1000.000.008.411201.361	\$151.50
69774	7/1/2020	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	1000.000.008.411201.361	\$529.17
				FACILITIES	
06/2020	6/28/2020	DIANE COCHRAN	CELL PHONE REIMB	1000.000.009.411101.345	\$50.00
07/2020	7/28/2020	DIANE COCHRAN	CELL PHONE REIMB	1000.000.009.411101.345	\$50.00
				ATTORNEYS	
8253216219	7/23/2020	GLAXO SMITH KLINE	VACCINES	1000.000.020.440101.229	\$5,947.01
INV00580410	7/31/2020	AVAILITY/REALMED	CLEARINGHOUSE INSURANCE BILLING	1000.000.020.440101.350	\$79.00
433060	7/31/2020	PHARMICHEM, INC.	SWEAT PATCH TESTING X5	1000.000.020.440101.354	\$142.75
P16718	7/23/2020	PHARMICHEM, INC.	SWEAT PATCH KITS	1000.000.020.440101.354	\$262.30
9188431813	7/28/2020	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	LAB TESTING	1000.000.020.440101.354	\$29.00
1497020207	7/31/2020	REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LABRATORY INC	LABS - UA TESTING	1000.000.020.440101.354	\$275.83
					\$6,735.89

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IN427933	7/31/2020	LUBRICATION ENGINEERS, INC.	2110.000.027.430201.230	\$407.97
IN428695	8/11/2020	LUBRICATION ENGINEERS, INC.	2110.000.027.430201.230	\$381.94
107753	12/31/2019	MOORE FARMERS OIL CO	2110.000.027.430201.230	\$131.38
22202	8/10/2020	MOORE FARMERS OIL CO	2110.000.027.430201.230	\$2,667.40
23320	8/7/2020	NORMONT EQUIPMENT CO.	2110.000.027.430201.230	\$7,535.00
3070002812	8/3/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.235	\$741.28
3070003146	8/13/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.235	\$234.69
3070003152	8/13/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.235	\$295.45
3070003706	8/11/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.235	\$823.80
913	7/28/2020	WALK N ROLL	2110.000.027.430201.235	\$6,922.75
11007145-8-08/20	8/5/2020	FERGUS ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$39.71
5000697-8-08/20	8/5/2020	FERGUS ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$45.05
8004795-08-08/20	8/5/2020	FERGUS ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$38.96
0874-000204112	7/31/2020	REPUBLIC SERVICES #874	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$178.00
1814097	8/1/2020	TOWN OF DENTON	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$69.20
5550	8/1/2020	TOWN OF GRASS RANGE	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$56.00
6154	7/31/2020	TOWN OF MOORE	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$73.87
182-00-08/20	8/3/2020	TOWN OF WINIFRED	2110.000.027.430201.340	\$65.00
1541099-08/20	8/1/2020	TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS	2110.000.027.430201.345	\$112.34
1541103-08/20	8/1/2020	TRIANGLE COMMUNICATIONS	2110.000.027.430201.345	\$224.68
199395-08/20	7/23/2020	HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC COOP	2110.000.027.430201.350	\$364.02
3070002810	8/3/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.360	\$58.00
3070002811	8/3/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.360	\$58.00
3070002814	8/3/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2110.000.027.430201.360	\$140.00
2240	8/8/2020	WINIFRED TIRE	2110.000.027.430201.360	\$35.00
180	8/19/2020	BISHOP INC	2110.000.027.430201.390	\$102,500.00
385897	8/12/2020	FLEET WHOLESALE SUPPLY	ROAD	
386534	8/17/2020	FLEET WHOLESALE SUPPLY	2130.000.034.430244.221	\$196.50
3070002809	8/3/2020	TIRE-RAMA LEWISTOWN	2130.000.034.430244.221	\$397.90
90907967	7/22/2020	IBS OF THE YELLOWSTONE	2130.000.034.430244.235	\$3,348.00
11-233978	8/12/2020	SIX ROBBLES INC.	2130.000.034.430244.360	\$110.95
21556	7/20/2020	KODIAK CONCRETE	2130.000.034.430244.360	\$813.78
21580	7/23/2020	KODIAK CONCRETE	2130.000.034.430244.410	\$465.50
21629	7/30/2020	KODIAK CONCRETE	2130.000.034.430244.410	\$465.50
81220	8/12/2020	BLAINE COUNTY	2130.000.034.430244.410	\$266.00
385342	8/6/2020	FLEET WHOLESALE SUPPLY	2130.000.035.430254.790	\$24,918.22
1556-250608	8/17/2020	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	BRIDGE	
			2140.000.038.431101.215	\$16.50
			2140.000.038.431101.215	\$10.99

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241982657	7/17/2020	HELENA CHEMICAL CO	CHEMICAL	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$1,230.00
241982842	8/7/2020	HELENA CHEMICAL CO	CHEMICALS	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$3,265.00
43070299	7/15/2020	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	CHEMICAL	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$10,458.00
43181839	7/23/2020	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	CHEMICAL	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$2,682.00
43317109	8/5/2020	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$5,754.00
43336534	8/6/2020	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$12,600.00
43383403	8/12/2020	NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS	2140.000.038.431101.225	\$4,734.00
081820-1	8/18/2020	FERGUS COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	WEED DEPT - FUEL	2140.000.038.431101.230	\$2,316.97
0874-000204346	7/31/2020	REPUBLIC SERVICES #874	ACCT#3-0874-3012952	2140.000.038.431101.340	\$108.00
386440	8/17/2020	FLEET WHOLESAL SUPPLY	BALL VALVE	2140.000.038.431101.360	\$21.90
13091	8/17/2020	HILPERTS OK TIRE PROS	WEED DEPT-ATV TIRE PLUG	2140.000.038.431101.360	\$13.00
			WEED DISTRICT		\$43,210.36
393679	8/11/2020	BRUCO INC.	FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS	2160.000.041.460201.210	\$972.40
393699	8/11/2020	BRUCO INC.	DISINFECTING WIPES	2160.000.041.460201.210	\$1,210.00
3905	8/14/2020	NATIONAL LAUNDRY CO	RUGS/MOPS	2160.000.041.460201.210	\$114.78
6507021	7/31/2020	COCA COLA BOTTLING HIGH COUNTRY	FAIRGROUNDS-POP MACHINE	2160.000.041.460201.221	\$104.00
081820-2	8/18/2020	FERGUS COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	COURTHOUSE-FUEL	2160.000.041.460201.230	\$652.91
1861-00-08/20	7/29/2020	LEWISTOWN WATER DEPT.	FAIRGROUNDS WATER	2160.000.041.460201.340	\$904.48
0874-000204639	7/31/2020	REPUBLIC SERVICES #874	ACCT#3-0874-3025350	2160.000.041.460201.342	\$228.33
			FAIRGROUNDS		\$4,186.90
139273	7/23/2020	LEWISTOWN ACE HARDWARE	GOGGLES	2160.000.063.460201.210	\$32.97
9311	7/22/2020	CARTRIDGE DEPOT	CARDSTOCK	2160.000.063.460201.221	\$25.70
18-441	7/23/2020	CENTRAL MONTANA VARIETY	GLOVES/TAPE/SANITIZER	2160.000.063.460201.221	\$25.43
71220	7/31/2020	LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS	HELP WANTED ADS	2160.000.063.460201.338	\$30.50
2020 FAIR	8/19/2020	KAREN MILLER	HORSE SHOW JUDGE	2160.000.063.460201.359	\$450.00
2020 FAIR	8/19/2020	KATHRYN BALDWIN	FLORAL JUDGE	2160.000.063.460201.359	\$50.00
2020 FAIR	8/19/2020	LAURIE BENTLEY	AG/HORT/VEG JUDGE	2160.000.063.460201.359	\$450.00
2020 FAIR	8/19/2020	MARIAH HEITZMAN	PHOTO JUDGE	2160.000.063.460201.359	\$225.00
2020 FAIR	8/19/2020	SHELLY VANHAUR	NEEDLEWORK JUDGE	2160.000.063.460201.359	\$500.00
2020 FAIR	8/19/2020	SHERALDINE GARDNER	FLORAL JUDGE	2160.000.063.460201.359	\$100.00
222	8/19/2020	AYERS SCHOOL	2020 FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT	2160.000.063.460201.791	\$37.75
84	8/19/2020	DENTON SCHOOL	2020 FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT	2160.000.063.460201.791	\$51.50
27	8/19/2020	GRASS RANGE SCHOOL	2020 FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT	2160.000.063.460201.791	\$123.50
74	8/19/2020	ROY SCHOOL	2020 FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT	2160.000.063.460201.791	\$113.25
159	8/19/2020	WINNETT SCHOOL	2020 FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT	2160.000.063.460201.791	\$75.25
			FAIR		\$2,290.85
CVRY322	7/31/2020	IRON MOUNTAIN	SHREDDING SERVICES	2180.000.079.410331.221	\$70.36
107755905001	7/20/2020	OFFICE DEPOT-TEXAS	COURT SEALS	2180.000.079.410331.221	\$43.87
			CLERK OF COURT		\$114.23

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2020-06-022	7/1/2020	CASCADE COUNTY REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES	JCATS#137271	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$6.95
2021-07-005	8/11/2020	CASCADE COUNTY REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES	JCATS#124843	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$235.00
161873	7/31/2020	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS LLC	JCATS#124843	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$133.00
161873	7/31/2020	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS LLC	JCATS#134318	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$63.00
161873	7/31/2020	COMPLIANCE MONITORING SYSTEMS LLC	JCATS#134942	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$16.00
SDFER072035	8/3/2020	YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	JCATS#134318	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$1,020.00
SDFER072035	8/3/2020	YOUTH SERVICES CENTER	JCATS#140852	2180.000.080.420302.350	\$5,270.00
DISTRICT COURT					
7/29-8/5	8/17/2020	LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS	BREED CRK BRIDGE PUB NOTICE	2250.000.116.411001.338	\$48.00
6044985-1	8/13/2020	SNOWY MOUNTAIN MOTORS	FORD ESCAPE-MAINTENANCE	2250.000.116.411001.364	\$539.02
PLANNING					
9859841908	8/1/2020	VERIZON WIRELESS	CMHD HAN CELL PHONES	2272.000.148.440105.345	\$29.86
CMHD - PUBLIC					
IN151121	8/13/2020	360 OFFICE SOLUTIONS	TASKALFA SERVICE CONTRACT	2274.000.159.440110.214	\$10.08
9859841908	8/1/2020	VERIZON WIRELESS	CMHD HAN CELL PHONES	2274.000.159.440110.345	\$119.44
35793	8/3/2020	CACTUS VETERINARY SERVICES	RABIES TESTING	2274.000.159.440110.350	\$80.00
CMHD - ENVIRONMENTAL					
08/2020	8/17/2020	MSU EXTENSION SERVICE	CO SHARE WAGES-STANDLEY	2290.000.047.450401.790	\$2,799.77
EXTENSION					
66848748	7/31/2020	WEX BANK #0496-00-336246-4	FCSS-FUEL	2300.000.014.420101.230	\$3,088.82
9860269789	8/7/2020	VERIZON WIRELESS	FCSS-MONTHLY CELL PHONES	2300.000.014.420101.345	\$1,012.45
2021-07-017	8/1/2020	CASCADE COUNTY REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES	TRANSPORT - CAGLE	2300.000.014.420101.350	\$209.92
MN1901140	8/25/2020	SLEUTH SYSTEMS	RMS/JMS MINTNC OCT 2020	2300.000.014.420101.350	\$1,019.00
PUBLIC SAFETY					
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720805	7/10/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$8.67
727712	7/31/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$6.18
803231	7/18/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$18.96
809385	7/23/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$10.98
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243822086	7/2/2020	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$5,097.25
243824894	7/3/2020	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$154.10
243832078	7/10/2020	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$881.66
243840721	7/17/2020	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$195.01
243849997	7/24/2020	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF MONTANA	JAIL - GROCERIES	2300.000.015.420230.223	\$304.38
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CVRX455	7/31/2020	IRON MOUNTAIN	SHREDDING SERVICES	2300.000.015.420230.340	\$26.64
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660504	7/27/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - PRESCRIPTIONS	2300.000.015.420230.354	\$44.85
667287	7/9/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - PRESCRIPTIONS	2300.000.015.420230.354	\$12.69
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725080	7/23/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - PRESCRIPTIONS	2300.000.015.420230.354	\$9.95
804637	7/22/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - PRESCRIPTIONS	2300.000.015.420230.354	\$492.93
808255	7/17/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - PRESCRIPTIONS	2300.000.015.420230.354	\$171.69
808257	7/17/2020	ALBERTSONS/SAFEWAY	JAIL - PRESCRIPTIONS	2300.000.015.420230.354	\$17.49
94924	7/10/2020	NATIONAL LAUNDRY CO	FCSO-RUGS/MOPS/LAUNDRY	2300.000.015.420230.360	\$19.20
98542	7/24/2020	NATIONAL LAUNDRY CO	FCSO-RUGS/MOPS/LAUNDRY	2300.000.015.420230.360	\$7,808.38
			CARE OF PRISONERS		
2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-ANDERS	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-DEMPSTER	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-EADES	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
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2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-JOHNSON	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-KOCH	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-LEWELLEN	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION	CORONER DUES-SWEET	2300.000.019.420801.336	\$25.00
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2020	8/18/2020	MONTANA CORONERS ASSOCIATION			\$525.00
06152020	6/15/2020	TOM WOJTOWICK	REIMB-COMM COUNCIL-INK/COPIES	2350.000.119.410130.210	\$88.00
20203107	8/10/2020	STATE OF MONTANA - DOA-SITSD	COMMUNITY COUNCIL	2395.000.066.410515.345	\$236.98
			WAN CIRCUIT PASS THROUGH		\$236.98
			CULVERTS		\$3,955.68
			FUEL - WRECKER		\$113.00
			CMHD HAN CELL PHONES		\$29.86
			SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC DONATION		\$1,000.00
			FAM PLAN-BADGE WEB AD		\$50.00
			5 BOXES GLOVES		\$17.83
			MEDICAL SUPPLIES		\$73.13
			FAM PLAN-BADGE WEB AD		\$50.00
			REIMB-NON TAX CREDIT		\$30.00
			5 BOXES GLOVES		\$17.82
					\$1,000.00
					\$142.86
					\$1,000.00
					\$50.00
					\$17.83
					\$73.13
					\$50.00
					\$30.00
					\$17.82

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251264	7/21/2020	R & S NORTHEAST LLC	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	2972.000.461.440190.222	\$229.94
243775	5/21/2020	R & S NORTHEAST LLC	CREDIT	2972.000.461.440190.226	-\$125.78
251264	7/21/2020	R & S NORTHEAST LLC	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	2972.000.461.440190.226	\$34.35
251295	7/21/2020	R & S NORTHEAST LLC	ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES	2972.000.461.440190.226	\$9.10
				FAMILY PLANNING	
CS91514	7/24/2020	CONTROL SOLUTIONS, INC.	THERMOMETER CALIBRATION	2978.000.112.440101.221	\$328.00
				IMMUNIZATIONS	
0695-17119-7	8/9/2020	STAHLY ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES	CLOCK TOWER	4400.000.094.411240.940	\$80.00
				CIP	
B2873201	8/5/2020	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	V-PLOW	4402.000.027.430201.940	\$10,260.00
B2873301	8/5/2020	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	V PLOW	4402.000.027.430201.940	\$10,260.00
B2873401	8/5/2020	TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	V PLOW	4402.000.027.430201.940	\$10,260.00
				CIP - ROAD	
21519	7/18/2020	KODIAK CONCRETE	CHRISTINA BRIDGE	4403.000.034.430244.940	\$1,455.00
365	8/7/2020	WICKENS CONSTRUCTION, INC.	RIP RAP - CHRISTINA BRIDGE	4403.000.034.430244.940	\$8,640.00
				CIP - BRIDGE	
0023-00-08	8/17/2020	LEWISTOWN WATER DEPT.	BUS BARN	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$40.72
0143-00-8/20	8/25/2020	LEWISTOWN WATER DEPT.	MPA	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$35.56
3303-00-8	8/17/2020	LEWISTOWN WATER DEPT.	ARFF BUILDING	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$35.56
0064-00-08	8/17/2020	LEWISTOWN WATER DEPT.	TERMINAL	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$47.86
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0318581-6-08/20	8/17/2020	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	190 TERMINAL DR RSTR	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$11.50
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1342996-4-08/20	8/17/2020	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	1002 AIRPORT RD	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$12.82
1395590-1-08/20	8/17/2020	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	139 W AZTEC	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$13.77
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318605-3-08/20	8/17/2020	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	304 SKYLINE DR	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$17.41
3318931-7-08/20	8/17/2020	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	150 CITATION DR	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$59.10
3740752-5-08/20	8/17/2020	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	350 SKYLINE DR	5610.000.068.430301.340	\$9.46
396912-08	8/17/2020	FERGUS ELECTRIC CO-OP INC	WTI SHOP	5610.000.068.430301.342	\$143.60
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0874-000204159	7/31/2020	REPUBLIC SERVICES #874	ACCT#3-0874-3003720	5610.000.068.430301.342	\$51.20

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4873-000002270	7/31/2020	REPUBLIC SERVICES #874	5610.000.068.430301.342	\$24.61	
885	8/17/2020	PEAK ELECTRIC	5610.000.068.430301.361	\$121.25	
100070018	8/17/2020	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	5610.000.068.430301.364	\$42.05	\$1,415.89
			AIRPORT		
207115	8/5/2020	MORRISON-MAIERLE, INC.	5611.000.422.430301.930	\$27,007.74	
207138	8/5/2020	MORRISON-MAIERLE, INC.	5611.000.422.430301.930	\$6,511.94	\$33,519.68
			CIP - AIRPORT RUNWAY		
207115	8/5/2020	MORRISON-MAIERLE, INC.	5612.000.068.430301.940	\$3,000.86	
207138	8/5/2020	MORRISON-MAIERLE, INC.	5612.000.068.430301.940	\$723.55	\$3,724.41
			CIP - CONSTR RES AIRPORT		
				\$332,675.87	\$332,675.87

Sen. Ed Butcher (Ret)
Winifred, Montana
August 25, 2020

Testimony Regarding Mail Balloting

Governor Bullock is claiming "Executive Emergency Powers" in the middle of a political campaign to order Ballots be sent unsolicited to all voters.

The most serious issue with this political maneuver by Governor Bullock is that he is in direct violation of Montana Law!

Montana legal code [13-19-104, subsection (3)] clearly states: "The following elections **may not** be conducted by mail ballot: (a) a regularly scheduled federal, state, or county election; (b) a special federal or state election, unless authorized by the legislature;"

This state law could not be stated clearer against this attempted violation. In addition there is no authorization for a governor to make any decisions regarding elections which is the Constitutional authority delegated to the Secretary of State.

However, the Governor is claiming "Executive Emergency Powers" and the right to suspend any laws he see fit. This is a dangerous precedent since Bullock has stated during his Presidential run that he supported gun confiscation so where will this "power" stop?

In reviewing MCA 10-3-104 which Bullock is basing his political efforts upon in his effort to suspend Montana Laws, clearly shows a great "stretch" in his interpretations granting him "Executive Emergency Powers."

MCA 10-3-104: "To prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster."...Authorizes the governor to "control ingress and egress to or from an incident or emergency or disaster area, the movement of persons within the area and occupancy of the premises within the area."

In addition under MCA 10-3-303 Montana Law further states that a State of Emergency may not continue for longer than 30 days unless called by the President of the United States or a declaration of the Legislature by join Resolution. Neither which has occurred.

Bullock has been keeping Montana in a state of lock-down for several months as he waits for the election with the assistance of the media which has been keeping people terrified we are all going to die and should blame Trump and the Republicans...etc!

In conclusion I want to call attention to the County Commissioners MCA 10-3-402.

A local emergency proclamation or disaster declaration may be issued only by the principle executive officer of a political subdivision.

This places authority in the hands of the County Commissioners who are the executive officers in this county—not the Clerk and Recorder! Set an example for other counties to not follow a partisan governor who is running for the U.S. Senate over this "political cliff!"

All mail ballot issue

Opposed

For

1. Steve Hall
2. John Caroubke
3. Carol Wads
4. Wendell Wade
5. Vern Chord
6. Dave Wagonhart
7. Diana Hewitt
8. Alice Gaudoff
9. Dick Krillenberger
10. Rod Boling
11. Shane Ruckman
12. Pamela Bowen
13. Kathy Eastman
14. Lavina Labineus
15. Rold Torgersen
16. Don & Omi Dennell
17. Edward Moore

Cathy Holmes

emails

All mail ballots

Arlee Richards For

Charley Karim Leave as is (concerns on USPS)

Scott Sweeney For

Mc Baumstark For

Jill Flament Oppose

Dan Bartel - at least 20 calls now
for all mail ballot

Sandy Youngbauer

For

From: Shovel82 <shovel82@midrivers.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Mail in voting

Dear Commissioners

I will not be able to attend tomorrow's commission meeting but would like the following read into the meeting record. I Kirk Fleming a Fergus County resident and registered voter, fully support Fergus County Clerk and Recorder Rana Wichman in her recommendation to have mail in voting for the November election, as have many other Montana Counties.

To require in person voting could unduly expose Fergus County voters to the COVID-19 virus, no matter how small that chance may be and would be highly irresponsible to do so.

Sincerely
Kirk Fleming
Fergus County

Sent from my iPhone

Carl Seilstad

From: karen paugh <kmpaugh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Carl Seilstad
Subject: Election

I'm writing in support of Rana Wichman's election plan. As an election official for Denton School as the clerk, I agree that a mail election is what makes sense. I hope you can make the right decision for Fergus County and not make this a political fiasco.

Karen Paugh
Denton School

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Carl Seilstad

From: Diann DeRosier <derosierdiann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:31 AM
To: Carl Seilstad
Subject: voting

I support mail-in ballot for voting. It is a constitutional right to have free and available access to vote. Please standup for our right to vote.

Thank you,

Diann DeRosier

Carl Seilstad

From: Jim Hamling <hamling@midrivers.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 7:36 PM
To: rbutcher@co.fergus.mt.us; syoungbauer@co.fergus.mt.us; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Tuesday Aug 25th CC meeting

Dear Carl, Sandy and Ross,

We urge the commissioners to support Fergus County Clerk and Recorder, Rana Wichman's, recommendation to conduct the November general election as an all mail-in vote. Rana has been the local election official for Fergus County for many years and we respect her decision. Rana knows more about holding a fair election than anyone else in Fergus County. This is a special year with Covid 19 and many residents are very leery of having to attend large public gatherings, like those that will be at any polling places.

As far as election fraud and corruption, she has assured us that this will not be a problem and this mail-in is only for this election. This is a local election, overseen by members of our own county. The mail-in primary was record setting for the state with fraud not being an issue. Please vote to agree with her recommendation.

Jim and Mary Jo Hamling

Carl Seilstad

From: Laurie Lohrer <laurielohrer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Sandy Youngbauer; Ross Butcher; Carl Seilstad
Subject: I support Vote by Mail option for Fergus County Nov 3 (re: Tues 8/25 meeting)

Dear Commissioners:

I support the "Vote by Mail" option for all Fergus County active voters, recommended by Fergus County Elections administrator Rana Wichman. It's my understand this method saves County *and taxpayers* on election costs, and it keeps us all safer from contracting covid 19 pandemic. "Vote by mail" was used for the June 2 2020 federal primary, and typically for our local and school elections. Vote by mail is safe, efficient and cost-saving, making it obvious choice for the county and county residents.

I'll be using the phone call-in for 8/25 meeting, in lieu of attending in person, so thanks for providing that option. I would prefer to be there in person, but feel the risk is too high without masks being required.

Sincerely,

Laurie Lohrer
466 Snowberry Lane
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-380-0865

Carl Seilstad

From: Michael Peterson <explorewithmike@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Carl Seilstad
Subject: Election voting

It is a stupid idea to have anything but a all mail in voting this year. The virus puts everyone at risk. I have been an election judge for the past two years and would not work if we had walk in voting. Listen to the county clerk!

'Michael Peterson

Carl Seilstad

From: Dean Martin <deanmartin1947@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: General Election 2020

Voting in person vs all-mail election. I agree that an in-person election has been the preferred method of voting. This year the pandemic has disrupted many of the norms we have enjoyed in the past. We don't know what we will be experiencing with our COVID19 in September or October let alone November. My belief is it is better to be safe than sorry. According to our County Attorney, there have been no allegations of voter fraud in 2016, 2018, or 2020 primaries. I believe the integrity of our citizens in Fergus County would be the same in a general election and we have no reason to expect any fraudulent votes being cast.

In 2016 293,548 votes were cast in the primary, in 2018 primary 282,704 votes were cast and in our only all mail primary in 2020 this June 382,072 votes were cast. It seems that would indicate that we could expect a higher than average turn out if we had an all-mail election. More Republicans and Democrats voted in 2020 so this is not a political thing but a safety thing.

Our Clerk and Recorder Rana Wichman is on record as believing that the cost would not be greater. In addition, the safety of workers and the voting public would be best served by a mail-in election. Our County attorney states we would have no financial responsibility for anyone contracting COVID19 while voting. We would have financial liability for poll workers that would be covered under workers comp if contact tracing proved that was the place the infection occurred. The moral obligation must be decided by each of us.

Not requiring workers or voters to wear masks may make it harder to find experienced and trained people to fully staff our polling place as the past worked are mainly in the older compromised group that are most susceptible to contracting COVID19.

For these reasons, I feel that deciding on anything but an all-mail election would be irresponsible.

Dean Martin

103 Sunset ST

Lewistown MT. 59457

406-366-2790

Carl Seilstad

From: Craig Flentie <craigflentie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:39 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: mail in voting

Good Evening;

While science has much to learn about Covid 19 we should all be able to agree its rate of spread can be volatile.

With that backdrop, Ms. Wichman's option to conduct an all mail-in election (just for the upcoming election) makes perfect sense.

Mr. Butcher's alternative is cumbersome; appears to be an extension of an unfounded, but widely touted republican conspiracy theory; and the net result would be fewer voters participating in our election process.

Appreciate your time and efforts - Craig Flentie

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Harry Felton <harry_felton@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Sandy Youngbauer
Subject: Mail In Ballots

Sandy,
We strongly feel Mail In Ballots are the safest and most sensible way of Voting.

Judy Kellogg and Harry Felton

Ross Butcher

From: lodman@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Ross Butcher
Subject: Upcoming Election

Dear Commissioner Butcher,

I was a poll worker in the last election in 2018. I understand the patriotic energy and camaraderie of people going to the polls. It was a great experience.

This time around I would not be a poll worker. I believe that the virus is real, it is not just the flu, but something our human bodies have never seen before and have no immunity against. I am 68 years old. Almost all the poll workers are older retired people, some with underlying medical conditions. If we spread the virus to say, 20 people, odds are that 2 of the 20 could have serious or fatal complications. And probably be people you know.

You have been elected to act in the best interest of the people of this county. Why would you want to take this kind of risk? Think how bad you will feel if someone dies. And it would be so needless and preventable. Even worse, people refuse to wear masks. Can you imagine people sitting for 12+ hours breathing each other's air and the air of every single person who comes to vote?

Rana Wichman has run these elections fairly and efficiently for many years. There has been NO fraud as far as I am aware of. She is the expert. Please listen to her and take her advice.

Thank you for reading my letter. I would like my comments entered into the public record or read to the group or however that is done. I did not want to come in person due to the possible lack of masking and social distancing.

Thanks again,
Barbara Lodman

Sent from my iPhone

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Ben Tuss <bstuss1938@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad; Ross Butcher
Subject: Election

We read with interest all articles in the last issue of the News Argus pertaining to mail -in voting and wholeheartedly agree with each and every fact the Clerk and Recorder presented as unmanageable for a proper election. Even though extra expense may be required for postage it is imperative the 2020 election be conducted by all mail, the electorate may have a dim view of a Commission ruling to the contrary. Thank you for your favorable response on this issue. Ben and Suzie Tuss



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Sandy Youngbauer

From: Andrea <andrea@mylewistown.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Sandy Youngbauer
Subject: Mail-in ballots

County Commissioner, We are writing to voice our support of mail-in ballots. After reading the article in the News Argus, we appreciate the time and effort Rana Wichman put into this and believe the commissioners should back her recommendations. Thank you, John and Andrea Payne

Sent from my iPad

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Prairie Wind Architecture <pwa@midrivers.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Running this November's General Election

Dear Commissioner,

I'm writing to endorse the proposal that our Clerk and Recorder, Rana Wichman, outlined at your meeting last Wednesday for this election cycle. Significant features of her proposal included:

- ✓ Make this an all-mail in election, as the primary was by sending out ballots to all active voters.
- ✓ Give voters the option of returning their ballots by mail or in-person at the courthouse.
- ✓ Allowing in-person voting at the courthouse from Oct. 2 through election day.

The Clerk and recorder has experience running an election in this manner. It is efficient, it is an economical method of running an election therefore an effective use of taxpayer dollars, and most importantly for this election cycle, it is safe. Do we need to consider safety? All I can say is that if Lewistown is still under a mask mandate, and anyone shows up to the meeting on Tuesday without being required to wear a mask, then how can Fergus County protect poll workers as well as me and my fellow voters at an in-person election?

The alternate proposal discussed at last Wednesday's meeting only adds another layer of time, expense to the taxpayer, and confusion to the process. Think about that.

Sincerely,

Jeff Shelden

Jeff Shelden
206 W. Boulevard St.
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-366-6695

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Jessica Miller <miller.jessica.rae@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Voting by mail in 2020

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to express my support of Ms. Wichman's proposal for an all-mail ballot this November. Ms. Wichman describes the difficulty of enforcing social distancing and mask wearing. I suspect that providing mail ballots to all voters would increase voter participation, which is a hallmark of our great democracy. People, especially the elderly, should not have to choose between casting a ballot and risking their health. As for claims of fraud, I have found no studies that support the claims of large scale fraud in general elections in our country. In fact, a New York University School of Law study states, "most reported incidents of voter fraud are actually traceable to other sources, such as clerical errors or bad data matching practices." The study reported most incident rates between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent.

The benefits of all-mail ballots far outweigh the risks.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jessica Miller
136 Carroll Trail
Lewistown, MT 59457

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Thomas McKenna <trmckenna72@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 8:10 AM
To: Sandy Youngbauer
Subject: mail in ballots issue

Hi Sandy, I just want to express my support for all mail in ballots for the general election. It is the responsible thing to do and it seemed to work fine for our primary election this year. Let me know if you need further input from me. Thanks.

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Ross Butcher

From: Montana Natural <montanamadenatural@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:35 AM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Re: Voting

I really dont know what to say, the whole town already thinks two out of three of you need to go because you are corrupt

On Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 12:31 AM Montana Natural <montanamadenatural@gmail.com> wrote:

I am writing because you may be making a mistake in this community if you are blinding following the biggest traitor our country has ever seen in regards to MY RIGHT TO VOTE and VOTE FOR WHO I WANT...

Today it was announced that Post offices around the country are being closed PERM in an attempt to keep ppl from voting, I urge you to speak to someone beyond the delusional steve daines about this and instead, be the grown up in your big girl panties doing what is right vs politically motivated in a way that you could cause WHOLE households to become sick and overwhelm the local CMMC - a hospital that has a very bad track record of keeping ppl alive already - lots of wrong ful death law suites at that hospital.

We need to get our ballots by mail as we already have the right to do, and we need to be able to hand deliver them. If you make any changes out of spite, you might die LIKE 3 of my relatives already have.

I wont miss any of you, but I dont want you to die nontheless

#DUMPTRUMP

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Marvin Hoffer <mjhoffer@midrivers.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Sandy Youngbauer
Subject: Vote but Mail In Ballots Only

Good Morning Sandy,

Hope you and your family are all well, and enjoying our MT. summer.."cooking hot."

Mail in ballot voting process. Absolutely !!... No" in person" voting anytime. Mail in ballots only. Yes, the trump gang has been secretly and criminally damaging and restricting our national Postal Service to severely damage our legal right and absolute traditional mail in ballot voting process. "It ain't gonna work for the trump gang."

I expect that you, and the other two commissioners understand that you and they work for us, the citizens of Fergus Co. every day, no exceptions. There are many serious problems, issues and definitely there are more coming down the line to keep all three of you commissioners working every day, long days, to resolve the current problems, and to research the circumstance of today to be ready with positive, effective solutions for the many problems that we will face in the near and distant future here in Fergus Co., Mt. and the USA.

Please email your position on this critical subject, Mail In Ballot Voting Only. Thank you.

Sandy, if I can of any assistance, please email me.

Stay healthy, and think positive.

Marv Hoffer

Carl Seilstad

From: Leah Grunzke <miss_grunzke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Carl Seilstad
Subject: Vote by Mail

Dear Mr. Seilstad,

I have been a resident and homeowner in Fergus County for six years. I would like to add my voice to the many who fully support voting by mail in the upcoming election. Despite loud claims that mail-in voting leads to fraud, after much research I have found zero factual evidence supporting this. We rely on our postal service to file taxes, to deliver life-saving medications, to exchange legal correspondence, to conduct countless more examples of critical business on a daily basis. If these are all widely accepted as safe and efficient, I see no reason voting should be any different. It is the duty of each one of us to support and uphold every citizen's Constitutional right to vote, and during a global pandemic this means providing the option of a mail-in ballot. As my representative, I urge you to respect the experience and insight of our County Elections Administrator and allow full access to voting by mail to all Fergus County residents.

Thank you,

~Leah Grunzke

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Laurie Lohrer <laurielohrer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad; Ross Butcher; Becki Wiseman
Subject: General election Mail in ballots for Fergus County

Dear Commissioners:

Re Vote by mail action item on tonight's Commission meeting, we stand firmly behind mail in ballots for all registered Fergus County voters for the 2020 Presidential election. We strongly urge you to vote "yes" tonight on this critical issue that guarantees everyone has an opportunity to vote during the pandemic, and have their vote counted. Thank you for supporting all Fergus County voters with your decision tonight.

Sincerely

Roger and Laurie Lohrer
466 Snowberry Lane
Lewistown MT
406-380-0865

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Clay Dunlap <dunlap@midrivers.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Commissioners
Subject: All-Mail Election

TO: Fergus County Commissioners

FROM: Clay and Marie Dunlap
401 Seventh Avenue South, #105
Lewistown, Montana

SUBJECT: All-Mail Election

DATE: August 19, 2020

The purpose of this memorandum is to express our support of the recommendation from Clerk and Recorder Rana Wichman who is advocating having an all-mail election with an option that people who wish to come in person to the courthouse and vote can do so. We strongly support this recommendation especially in the current corona virus situation.

Clay and Marie Dunlap

Sandy Youngbauer

From: stew@midrivers.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Commissioners
Subject: Federal General Election Recommendation

Clerk and Recorder Rana Wichman has given them a recommendation to have an all mail election with an option for people who wish, to come in person to the courthouse and vote. Donald E. Stewart and Marcia J. Stewart agree.

401 7th Ave. So. Apt. 115

LEWISTOWN, MT. 59457

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Donna Philip <donnaphilip46@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad; Becki Wiseman
Subject: Countywide mail-in ballots

To all concerned,

I understand there will be a vote on mail-in ballots at your commission meeting this evening. I am imploring you to provide mail-in ballots for all Fergus County residents who are currently registered to vote. This is the only responsible decision you can make to ensure that we all have the opportunity to vote in the general election. As a 74-year old with a compromised immune system, I am sincerely hoping for a positive outcome from your vote to ensure my health safety. Thank you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Donna Philip
1107 W. Evelyn St.
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-380-2128

Sent from my iPad

Ross Butcher

Against

From: Jodi Ruckman <jodi@hmarcpas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Carl Seilstad; Sandy Youngbauer; Ross Butcher
Subject: Not for all mail in ballots

Hello Commissioners!

I'm writing you today in opposition of the idea of all mail in ballots. I believe the voting system should remain the same as any other year. Our county does not have the outbreak like other counties. I feel that if people are scared to go to the poll, they can request an absentee ballot just like they could any other time. If masks work, like the experts say they do, there shouldn't be any problem with having people stand in line at the polls. Wear a mask, use hand sanitizer. If people can go to grocery stores and stand in line, they can go to the polls. It is the people's choice if they want to vote in person or by absentee. It is the responsibility of the people for their OWN health. We have absentee ballots and that process in place already, put it on the voter to use that avenue to vote if they don't feel safe going to the polls. That is the responsibility of the voter.

I am also concerned with the mail system and how much extra time it would take. In our office, we are finding that it takes the mail much longer to reach our office or other destinations, by days, sometimes even a week. It seems to be unreliable at times. How long with that delay the process? I think voter fraud could be of concern too. I don't see it as much here as in other places though.

Thank you for your time.

Jodi Ruckman, CPA



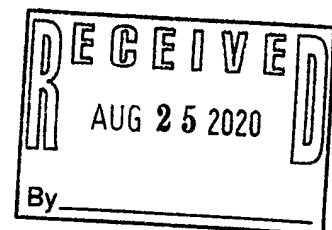
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People Who Oppose All Mail in Ballots

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Carl Seilstad

From: Ronald Youde <cinsron@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:23 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Resolution 28-2020 November 3, 2020 Federal General Election

Ross, Sandy and Carl:

I am acting on the basis of "hearsay," having been told that you are considering all mail-in-ballot voting for the general election Nov. 3. If this is not the case forgive me for taking your time unnecessarily.

I simply want to urge you not to enact such a procedure. I believe we need to keep alive the American and Montana tradition of "in person voting." My reasons are not financial nor political. My reason is not that I am afraid someone will "steal the election." My reasons are patriotic and designed to maintain the great privilege it is to be a citizen of the United States. Even before the "pandemic" Americans have been becoming more and more separated from our fellow-citizens. The occasional visit to the polling place provides us an opportunity to actually join with our neighbors in an important aspect of citizenship.

If the argument for enacting mail-in voting is because of fear of the virus, that is, in my view, the very reason not to take this path. Voting should be considered an "essential" business, just like a trip to the grocery store. It is that important. If there are people who are actually in a vulnerable situation, they already have an option provided by "absentee ballots." Certainly, Central Montanans are smart enough to know how to maintain social distancing, etc.; in-person voting can be done safely.

We pray for you, as those who are ordained by God to be governmental servants. Thank you for being conscientious about this matter..

Ron Youde
704 Mountain View Drive
Lewistown, MT.

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Shaun Ruckman <Shaun@PeakElectricMT.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Subject: Election Polls

Dear Ross, Sandy and Carl,

I am writing this email to you to express my concerns about keeping the election polls open. I realize we are in a unprecedented time and you 3 have some difficult decisions to make. I feel though its in the best interest of the local, state and federal government to keep the polls open. I am really worried that voter fraud would be extremely high. In my opinion, the possibility of exceptionally high fraud (it will be the highest we have ever seen) should outweigh the .04% mortality rate of Covid-19. The people that don't want to take the risk of going out to the polls still have the option of voting by mail. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Shaun Ruckman



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Sandy Youngbauer

From: Vicky Ruckman <ccarv612@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Ross Butcher; Sandy Youngbauer; Carl Seilstad
Cc: Rana Wichman
Subject: 2020 voting

Good afternoon. We understand that tomorrow the commissioners are making the decision regarding all mail in voting VS voting at the polls.

We want to encourage the commissioners to give the voters of Fergus County their Constitutional right to make the decision for themselves whether to vote in person or by mail.

So please give all the voters in Fergus County the right to choose absentee or voting in person instead of an all mail voting mandate.

Thank you for your consideration to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Vicky Ruckman
Bob Ruckman

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Scott Welsh <bridger59405@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Sandy Youngbauer
Subject: Mail in voting

Dear MS Youngbauer

I don't believe we should have mail in voting only. While we are a small population county Mail-In has proven to be ripe with fraud. In NJ they are redoing an election because of fraud with mail in voting and charging 5 person, including one of the candidates, with fraud. In NY they were still counting votes 6 weeks after the primary election and in both cases there were several thousand ballots that were rejected.

Now I think as a whole the people in Fergus County are more honest than what you will find in those places, but I don't want any registered voter to think their vote wasn't counted properly or if their vote was late or lost in the mail.

I am on the absentee ballot list, but I have never mailed mine in. I have always turned it in personally. I have had to many thing delayed and in some cases lost in the mail. I don't want anyone handling my ballot except the people at the polling places or the Clerk and Records office. The only reason I do the absentee ballot is we live a ways out of town and if there is a big snow I don't want to miss voting on election day. We have been snowed in for several days in the past. Also when we started doing absentee we had small kids and we were able to take turns turning in our ballots.

Dr. Fauci has said there is no reason not to have in person voting. In the places where they had more COVID-19 and had in person voting for the primaries they didn't have spikes in cases.

We don't want to have the count going for days afterwards and in some cases weeks. We are owed the knowledge of who wins as soon as possible with the current system and not be worried if our ballot was received or if someone else voted for us. If people are that worried about it put a box outside the courthouse with a guard so ballots can be dropped off in it and only certain people at the clerk and records office can get into it.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Welsh

Sandy Youngbauer

From: Jennifer Denton <umgrizfans72@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Sandy Youngbauer
Subject: voting

Ms. Youngbauer,

I am emailing you to let you know I would like to see the polls open in Fergus County on Election Day! This is a freedom I do not want to lose!

Respectfully,

Jennifer Denton

Fergus County Fairgrounds

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8/25/2020

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