

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
February 17, 2021 – 5:15 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Ross Butcher, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer was absent, Clerk & Recorder Janel Tucek, Public present: none

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the February 10, 2021 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.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. County Attorney – 1/2 time Deputy Co Attorney / 1/2 time City of Lewistown Attorney is still open

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

Commissioner Butcher read off a list of various documents that were signed since the last meeting. *See attached sheet for the breakdown.*

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Resolution 4-2021 regarding the county's stance on Governor Gianforte's new mandate on masking for Covid-19. Commissioner Butcher 2nd. Discussion was heard from Commissioner Seilstad that Sue Woods of Central MT Health District agreed with this resolution.
Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS: none

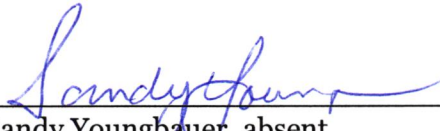
PUBLIC COMMENT: none

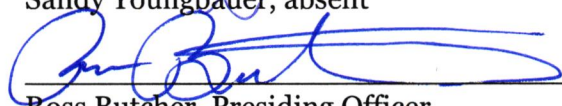
NEXT MEETING DATES:

February 24, 2021 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
March 10, 2021 Wednesday 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
March 17, 2021 Thursday 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus Co. Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

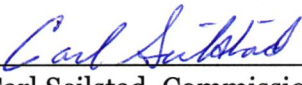
Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Sandy Youngbauer, absent


Ross Butcher, Presiding Officer

Attest:


Carl Seilstad, Commissioner


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder



February 11 –

- Sent letter to Governor's office regarding Red Tape Relief Act
- Signed Department of Commerce CDBG contract planning grant for Growth Policy

February 12 –

- Signed MACo PCT acknowledgment form

February 16 –

- Sent letters of support on HB302 and HB318

February 17 –

- Signed with Sheriff the Securus contract for tablets

Resolution No. 4-2021

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING GOVERNOR GIANFORTE'S FEBRUARY 2021
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, Montana Governor Greg Gianforte has declared a State of Emergency related to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency related to COVID-19 on the 18th of March 2020, and

WHEREAS, as a result of those declarations, restrictions have been placed on schools, businesses, other entities, and individuals, and

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Commissioners have confidence that citizens will continue to take necessary precautions for their own personal safety due to concerns surrounding COVID-19 and to act reasonably to protect their health, and

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Commissioners also have confidence that schools, businesses and other entities have the knowledge and expertise to implement the Governor's directives to the best of their ability in these situations

WHEREAS, Fergus County recognizes and appreciates the efforts and support everyone has made in complying with the COVID-19 restrictions, and

WHEREAS, Governor Gianforte on February 12, 2021, released updated guidelines related to COVID-19 in his Executive Order 2-2021, and

WHEREAS, the Central Montana Health District is tasked with education, compliance and enforcement of the governor's directives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fergus County will continue to assist and support the Central Montana Health District in its role of providing guidelines and recommendations to citizens and businesses to continue to be responsible for following the governor's directives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fergus County encourages the Health District

to adopt the principles outlined in Governor Gianforte's Executive Order 2-2021 including development and implementation of industry best practices.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17 day of February, 2021.

Absent

Sandra Youngbauer

Carl Seilstad

Carl Seilstad

Ross Butcher

Ross Butcher

ATTEST:

Janet Tucek

Janet Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

