

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting**August 24, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.****Fergus County Commissioners****712 W. Main St., Suite 210****Lewistown, MT 59457**

Present: Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Butcher, Finance Director Neal Tucek, DES coordinator Steve Fanning, County Treasurer Gwen Gehlen, & Clerk and Recorder ~~Tia Seymanski~~ *Janel Tucek*. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Agenda approved as submitted. Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 10, 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:**

1. 2:08 p.m. hearing opened on the FY24 preliminary budget. Neal Tucek presented details. County has 110.37 mils available, but the county is potentially budgeting 105.37 mils. On a separate past voted on levy, the Fair water and sewer at the current rate of 5.97 mils, can be paid off in 2.5 years. Final budget hearing will be at the September 11, 2023 meeting. 2:15 p.m. meeting closed.
2. 2:15 p.m. hearing opened on Fergus County creating a C-PACE district. Commissioner Saunders explained the program. 2:19 p.m. meeting closed.

BID OPENINGS: none**PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Road & Bridge/District Blade Operator (Grass Range) - perm/full-time
- Justice Court/Office Clerk – perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher advised that he met with a large manufacturing company that the Department of Commerce recommended Fergus County along with 5 other cities in the State for a potential large manufacturing hub.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the August 24, 2023 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

2. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve Resolution of intent 20 – 2023, creating a CPACE district. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Dave Pillar to the Lewistown Rural Fire District (Henderson vacancy). Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

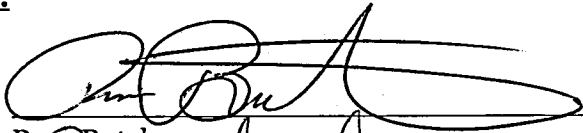
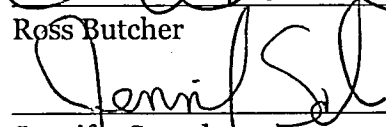
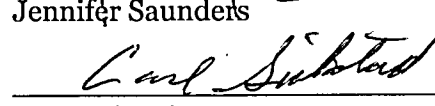
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

September 11, 2023 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 20, 2023 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 22, 2023 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Ross Butcher

Jennifer Saunders

Carl Seilstad

Attest:

Janel J. Tucek, Clerk and Recorder