

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting
December 20, 2023 – 5:15 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Seilstad, and HR Assistant Tia Seymanski. In person public: none. Phone/Teams: Deb Hill and Robie Culver.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Agenda approved as submitted. Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the December 11, 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:

- Commissioner Butcher opened the public hearing on the 5-year comprehensive capital improvements plan. Robie Culver with Stahly Engineering needs assessment for the county list of priority projects for the county in the next 5 years, as funding exists. Discussion ensued. Hearing closed.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Road & Bridge/Road, Bridge, & Gravel Crew Member-perm/full-time
- District Court/Office Clerk-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Justice Court/Office Clerk-perm/full-time
- Road & Bridge/Office Clerk-perm/full or part-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher in Oregon last week with MACo board of Directors. Commissioner Seilstad states the Road department is working on the PN bridge & graveling corners. They finished graveling Trout Creek Rd. Commissioner Saunders is organizing small town summits for some time in March. Exact dates will be announced later.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to adopt **Resolution 34-2023**, 5 year comprehensive capital improvements plan. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

- Commissioner Seilstad motioned to appoint Ross Butcher, Steve Fanning, & John Anderson to the road viewers committee for 2 separate abandonments; a portion of Wright St between block 42 & 59 to Joyland Rd in Lewistown Heights and the alley in block 21 of Lewistown Heights. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Seilstad motioned to table the appointment to the County Planning Board as other applications came in and interviews to be conducted. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

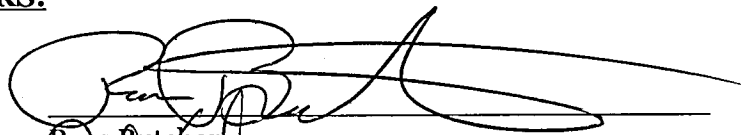
- Deb Hill wondering when the sheep issue resolution that was tabled at the last meeting would be on the agenda again. Commissioners Saunders is shooting for mid-January.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

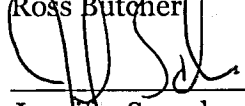
December 27, 2023 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 2, 2024 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 10, 2024 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

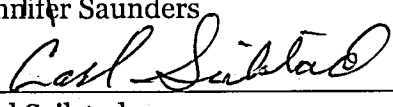
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher

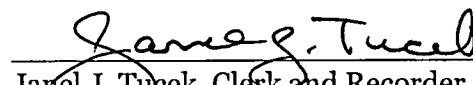


Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk and Recorder

