

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting**July 19, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.****Fergus County Commissioners****712 W. Main St., Suite 210****Lewistown, MT 59457**

Present: Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Butcher, and HR Tia Seymanski (clerk of meeting). In person public: see attached. Deb Hill via phone.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Agenda approved as submitted. Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the July 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: Individuals with Shelter Solutions (see attached) spoke to the commissioners. Dean Martin stated that when he is out delivering newspapers between 2 – 3 a.m., notices multiple people sleeping in their cars during the winter months. Nancy Barber, head of the local Salvation Army, said that when they are full, individuals are transported to Great Falls or Billings Shelters. Wants to be able to provide a safe and warm place for them to sleep. Ty LaFountain is a behavior specialist at OneHealth and a homeless person was kept in Lewistown for two months after release because the temps were below freezing. This took up space for hospital rooms for sick patients. People were turned away and sent to Great Falls or Billings for medical care.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Moore Fire District annexation of unprotected land – Pam Vosen presented a draft resolution 18 – 2023 to adopt homes close to the Wheatland County line.

BID OPENINGS:

- Commissioner Butcher advised that RFQ's for equipment available for Fergus County to use to help with flood repairs. Two qualifying bids were received from Larry Songer and Griffith Construction. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to use both. Commissioner Saunders 2nd;
Motion Passed.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Buildings/Grounds & Building Custodian-perm/full-time
- Road & Bridge/District Blade Operator (Grass Range)-perm/full-time
- Airport/Office Clerk-perm/part-time – NOT FILLING

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioners Butcher & Seilstad are heading to Austin, TX for NACo
2. Central MT Fair is next week

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. First reading of Resolution 18 – 2023 Moore Fire District annexation of unprotected land; **item tabled for second reading on 7/26/26.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to accept the DUI Task Force Plan 2023. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

July 26, 2023
Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

August 10, 2023
Thursday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

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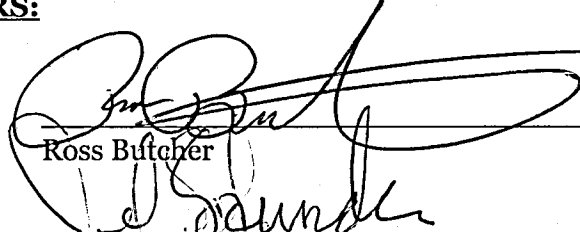
August 16, 2023
Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

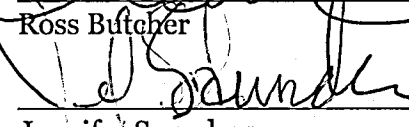
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Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk and Recorder

