

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting

July 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Butcher, County Planner Pam Vosen, Road Supervisor John Anderson, Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached. Devlyn Warren 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 19, 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: none

BID OPENINGS:

- Commissioner Butcher opened the one packet received from Clausen & Sons for the Denton Shop, along with the addendum that was sent for it. All required paperwork was submitted. Bid came in at \$376, 256. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to accept offer after the Engineer and County Attorney reviews the bid. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Buildings/Grounds & Building Custodian-perm/full-time
- Road & Bridge/District Blade Operator (Grass Range)-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioners advised that they have come to agreement on a 5.5% COLA increase for FY24 for county employees.
2. Commissioners Butcher & Seilstad reported on their recent attendance in Austin, TX for NACo.
3. Commissioner Saunders is working on get the DEQ and EPA involved on the Arrow Refinery reclamation.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Second reading of Resolution 18 – 2023 Moore Fire District annexation of unprotected land; Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the resolution, Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

2. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve Resolution 19 -2023 setting fees for Justice Court of record for electronic audio files. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; motion passed.
3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the July 10, 2023 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.** 26

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

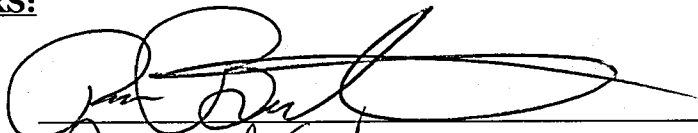
1. Heather Wolfe spoke against the County supporting a warming shelter in Lewistown/Fergus County. Jim Wolfe, Jody Warren, Quincy McCord, Von Esper, Bill Jackson, and Devlyn Warren also spoke out against the county supporting this in anyway. Devlyn Warren would like to see a taskforce formed on making affordable housing for those looking to work in the county. Commissioner Saunders spoke about the need for affordable housing and whether those who spoke against the warming shelter, if they would be willing to be on a taskforce if one was set up.
2. Bill Jackson would like fireworks banned in the City of Lewistown on December 31st. He was advised to speak to the City of Lewistown Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

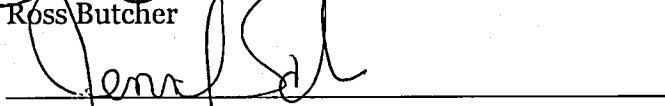
August 10, 2023 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 16, 2023 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 24, 2023 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

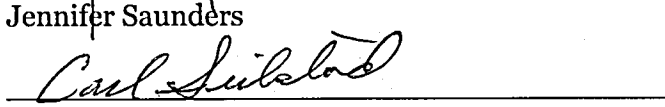
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk and Recorder

