

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Business Meeting
September 11, 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, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Agenda approved as submitted. Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the August 24, 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. 2:01 p.m. hearing opened on annexation of land into Moore Rural Fire from Lewistown Rural Fire district. Fire Chief Tucker Rice who is also the landowner making the request states it is just cleaning up some boundary lines created long ago. 2:06 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 Seilstad advised he will be meeting with the Missile Site committee tomorrow and will be discussing the weed and mowing agreements.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the first reading of **Resolution 21 – 2023**, annexing land in to Moore Fire District from Lewistown Fire District. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve **Resolution 22 – 2023**, creating a Fergus County CPACE district with corrections to Section 3, changing subsections 3 & 4 to subsections a & b . Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed as corrected.**

3. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve **Resolution 23 – 2023** providing for a salary increase for Fergus County Elected Officials for FY24. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve **Resolution 24 – 2023** amending reimbursement rates payable to officers and employees for meals. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve **Resolution 25 – 2023** adopting the FY2024 budget. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; Finance Director Tucek presented the changes from the preliminary budget to this final budget. Discussion ensued. **Motion Passed.**
6. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve **Resolution 26 – 2023** appointing Special Counsel in Misdemeanor Cases. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
7. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the Cunningham Cattle Guard petition for Section 14, T17N, R14E. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
8. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the September 11, 2023 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
9. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the contract with At-Scene, LLC & Fergus Co Attorney's office. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; Discussion ensued and a call was placed to Deputy County Attorney Diane Cochran to explain what this computer application does. She advised that it replaces having to use USB's and having hard copies of evidence. They have been using it already and is working great with all the other entities that they have needed to share evidence with. **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Abbie Craig as the County Tax Appeal Board secretary. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

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

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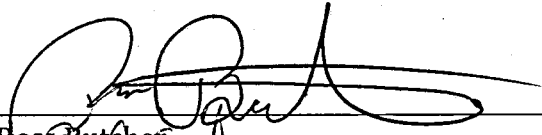
October 10, 2023
Thursday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

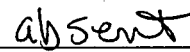
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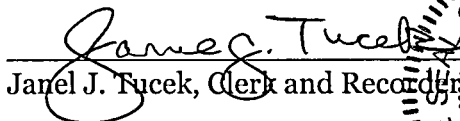


Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk and Recorder

