

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

April 25, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 10th, 2024 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: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sheriff's Office/Chief Detention Officer-perm/full-time ***interviewed***

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Seilstad advised that secondary HWY 236 (north of Winifred) F.L.A.P (Federal Lands Access Program) bidding process will start in July
- Bid opening will occur at the next meeting for the gravel work on Danvers Rd.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the April 25, 2024 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.** Clerk and Recorder Tucek asked that with the new claims process, it is creating huge reports for the meeting packets. Would like just the voucher to be in the packets and if any public wants to know or needs further information regarding the claim, if they could go to the Finance Office or the department head for information on the expenditures. Commissioners agreed to this process.
2. Commissioners discussed the proposed Boyce Conservation Easement in T14N, R 20E, Sections 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 30 from Montana Land Reliance. Commissioner Butcher opposes any of these type of easements being able to be transferred. Commissioner Saunders feels the part about fire mitigation is inconsistent to actually mitigating fire since the timber harvested can't be sold. She feels this will be too expensive for anyone to just go out and do fire mitigation without selling the lumber. Danette with the Planning Department read the comments from the County Planning board who also doesn't care

for the inconsistent language throughout the easement. The board also feels that regardless of what they say , it will be recorded anyways.

APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Commissioner Saunders, John Anderson, and Steve Fanning to the road viewer's committee to re-route a portion of Box Elder Rd in T16N, R22E, Sec 10, SE4SE4. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; Commissioner Butcher notes that this is road is in a conservation easement and the Montana Land Reliance appreciated the BOCC contacting them about this proposed road change. MLR is good with the proposed re-route and it doesn't conflict with the language in the easement. **Motion Passed.**

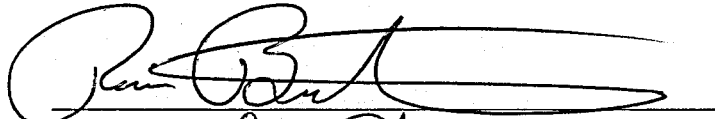
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

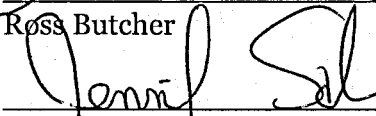
May 10, 2024 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
May 15, 2024 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
May 23, 2024 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

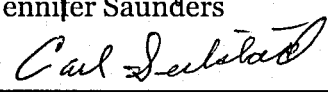
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Trcek, Clerk & Recorder

