

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

February 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Seilstad, Treasurer Gwen Gehlen & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the January 25th, 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:

1. Lewistown Heights - Stone Ave & Wright St east to Joyland Rd. The original plat area between Block 42 Lot 001 & Block 59 Lot 001 – 003. John Anderson reported that the road viewers committee recommends the abandonment.
2. Lewistown Heights - abandon the utility easement or alley located in the Lewistown heights, running the full length of Block 21. John Anderson reported that the road viewers committee does not recommend the abandonment as it may be needed in the future. Hearings closed at 10:02 a.m.

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 - **interviewed**
- Road & Bridge mechanic-perm/full or part-time - **filled**
- Attorney's Office/City County Attorney-perm/full-time - **filled**

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Seilstad presented a statement that will go out with all the tax bills for the increase in mills and it will go out with those tax bills in March.
- Commissioner Butcher is headed to D.C. for NACo mid-winter.
- Commissioner Saunders has small town summit dates set.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the February 8, 2024 claims. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 7 – 2024** abandoning a portion of Wright Street in the Lewistown Heights Unincorporated Townsite. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to accept the road viewers recommendation to NOT approve **Resolution 8 – 2024** abandoning the utility easement or alley located in the Lewistown Heights, running the full length of Block 21. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed. Resolution killed.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 9 – 2024** annexation of property into Moore Fire. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 10 – 2024** amending the mill levy for the state equalization, county elementary & high school equalization mill levy authority for FY24amending the mill levy for the state equalization, county elementary & high school equalization mill levy authority for FY24. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
6. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve **Resolution 11 – 2024** calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review of Fergus County and establishing a study commission. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
7. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve a letter of support for Fountain Terrace's Montana Historical Preservation Grant. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
8. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve a renewal contract agreement with RBK Consulting, LLC for contract sanitarian services. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

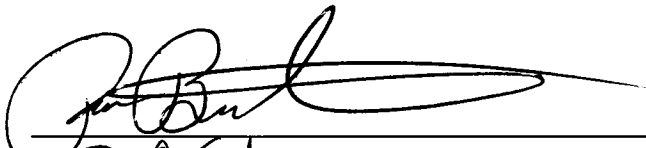
- Road Supervisor John Anderson advised that work will begin on the new Denton road building in March.
- Commissioner Seilstad advised that when the commissioners have been going out to the Town Hall meetings with the Sheriff, that they have been working on getting the Special District nomination sheets turned in to the Election's office.
- County Election Admin Janel Tucek advised the new interactive election maps are available on the Fergus County website

NEXT MEETING DATES:

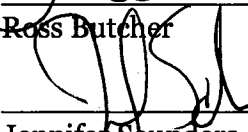
February 21, 2024 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
February 23, 2024 Friday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
March 11, 2024 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



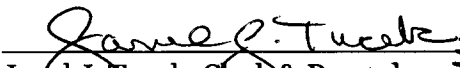
Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders

Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

