

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

July 25, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, and Planning Clerk Danette Thurman. In person public: see attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the July 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:

- Commissioner Butcher opened the 3 bid packets that were submitted for the Fairview Bridge replacement. All submissions were completed and had all the required paperwork. True North Steel submitted a bid of \$131,923; RTI Fabrication submitted a bid of \$125,900; Contact Engineering Solutions submitted a bid of \$148,433. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to move the bids to the review process with the County Attorney and the engineers and the decision to award or not will be made on their recommendation. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Planning Office/Planner in Training-perm/full-time
- Fairgrounds/Office and Events Assistant-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Justice Court/Office Clerk-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher spoke about his trip to Tampa, FL for NACo last week.
- Commissioner Butcher and Saunders spoke about the Central MT Fair and that is going well despite the heat; rodeo will sell out.
- Steve Fanning, DES Coordinator, says that fire restrictions are being monitored. No burn permits are being issued in the county.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the July 25, 2024 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the First Amendment to the Snowy Mountain View subdivision covenants and restrictions. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd;

discussion ensued. Commissioner Seilstad wanted clarification on Amendment 4. The current shop/house would not be used for rent. Only for a non-paying guest. **Motion Passed.**

3. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to move the Fairview Bridge bids to the review process with the County Attorney and the engineers and the decision to award or not will be made on their recommendation. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the Road Viewers report on rerouting Romunstad Rd. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the correction to the per diem allowable rate for in-state lodging in Resolution 1 - 2024. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

- Commissioner Saunders moved to appoint Kenneth Reiber to an open seat on the North Fork Flatwillow Fire Board, term ending 5/31/2025. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

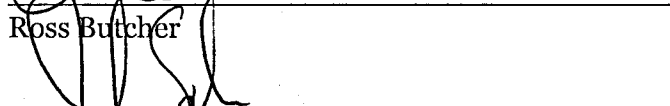
August 12, 2024 Monday – 10:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 21, 2024 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 26, 2024 Monday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher

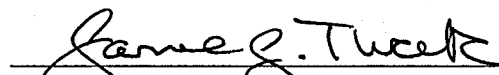


Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

