

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

May 10, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Seilstad, Commissioner Saunders, Finance Director Neal Tucek. In person public: see attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Saunders asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 25th, 2024 minutes. Hearing none, she 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:

- Bid packets were received Faction Construction LLC, Casino Creek Concrete and James Carney Construction for 65,000 cubic yards of crushed gravel for the Danvers Road. All required paperwork was submitted. Faction Construction LLC bid came in at \$852,000 or \$12.58/yard. Casino Creek Concrete bid came in at \$364,000 or \$5.60/yard. James Carney Construction bid came in at \$302,500 or \$4.50/yard. All bids included MOB costs. Bid winner can start 7/1/2024. County Attorney will review the bids and return to commissioners for bid acceptance.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sheriff's Office/Chief Detention Officer-perm/full-time – ****FILLED****
- County Planner/Planner in Training

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- The courthouse will be pink for cancer awareness this weekend.
- Keith Bruski has protested his taxes to the CTAB. He has a complaint with the County and their appointment of the current TAB. This will be on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the May 10, 2024 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. The proposed MOU with Petroleum County for Law Enforcement services was read aloud by Commissioner Saunders. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the

reading and to move to discussion. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; discussion ensued. Commissioner Seilstad is concerned about the flat rate and how it could swing to much either way for either County. Proposed changes were made including investigations, administration, or court appearances required for major felony cases, patrol fees, and that Sheriff Peterson having sole discretion on determining response protocols for emergency calls. Sheriff Peterson is also concerned about the flat fee and how it is perceived. Proposed agreement for supplemental patrol and mutual aid agreement attached. Commissioner Seilstad made a friendly amendment to his motion with the new verbiage and approve agreement as amended and send to Petroleum County for approval. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

- Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Lane Lucas to Denton Fire. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Susan Lutke to the Council on Aging Board. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

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

June 10, 2024
Monday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

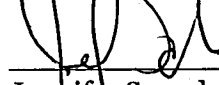
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Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

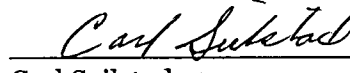
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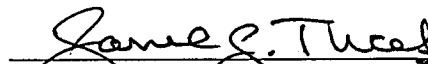


Jennifer Saunders



Carl Seilstad

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

