

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

May 23, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- Weed Department/Weed Sprayer-temp/full-time
- Planning Office/Planner in Training-perm/full-time
- Fairgrounds/Office Clerk-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Department Budget meetings have been occurring this week
- Some VaCom employees have been in town

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Rebekah Rhoades with the Fergus County Investment committee gave a report on their meeting and that First Bank gave a bid with 4 options. The recommendation from the committee is to accept Option 3. Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve Resolution 12 – 2024. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Seilstad motioned to approve the May 23, 2024 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. John Anderon with the appointed Road Viewers committee for Ford Creek Rd and Box Elder Creek Rd realignment gave a report. See Attached report with maps. Commissioner Saunders moved to accept the road viewers recommendations. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Keith Bruski was a no show to discuss the County Tax Appeal Board's appointments. He was concerned that the board had been appointed without terms. It was pointed out that there was an error in the original motion that should have clarified that when they were appointed to their staggered terms. Tom Montgomery who serves on the board wanted it

noted that the terms would had no effect on the outcomes of the hearing determinations that Mr. Bruski had been a part of. It was determined from past appointment sheets that Brandon Cowen terms in 2024, Tom Montgomery terms in 2025, and Ray Pryor terms in 2026. Deb Hill with the News-Argus disclaimed that she was the reporter who had contacted the County Attorney's office and discussed with him what Mr. Bruski's next options would be. No action was taken.

5. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve Resolution 13 – 2024 updating the Sheriff Office's civil service fee schedule. Commissioner Seilstad 2nd; Sheriff Ryan Peterson explained that these fees haven't been updated since 2014. **Motion Passed.** (NOTE: this resolution was originally noticed as 11 – 2024, but that # had previously been assigned to an earlier resolution)
6. Lewistown Library had requested to be on the agenda to discuss their budget request. They were not able to make the meeting but Commissioner Seilstad had communicated earlier with them to come to any public meeting and they could discuss it then. No action taken.

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

June 10, 2024 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
June 19, 2024 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
June 24, 2024 Monday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting **DAY & TIME CHANGE**	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT

_____ Ross Butcher
_____ Jennifer Saunders
_____ Carl Seilstad

Attest:

Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

