

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

September 25, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Willson, and Stahly Engineering via Zoom. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to September 10, 2025 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. Commissioner Butcher opened the public hearing on Floodplain Permit #03-2025-FC located at 172 Honeydew Ln, Lewistown, MT 59457, near East Fork Big Spring Creek, within Section 34, Township 31 N, Range 19 E, Fergus County, Montana. Megan with Stahly Engineering presented. Commissioners worked through conditions. Hearing closed at 2:07 p.m.
2. Commissioner Butcher opened the public hearing on Floodplain Permit #04-2025-FC. This is an after the fact floodplain permit for the Stockyard Bar. This project is located in Lot 1A, Bar 19 Minor Subdivision – NE ¼ Section 10, T15N, 518E, Fergus County. Megan with Stahly Engineering presented. Internal finishes have no impact on floodplain. Hearing closed at 2:13.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sheriff's Office/Deputy – perm/full-time
- Extension Office/Office Clerk-perm/full-time
- Extension Office/Program Assistant-perm/full-time
- Treasurer's Office/Motor Vehicle Clerk-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS: Commissioners just returned from MACo annual conference in Great Falls. Governor Gianforte spoke to the group, Lew Jones gave a presentation on property taxes, and Commissioner Saunders went to a presentation in Conrad on oil wells.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the September 25, 2025 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to remove the table motion from last meeting on the Collective bargaining agreement between Fergus County Sheriff's Office & Teamsters' Union Local #2. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed to remove table.** Commissioner Saunders motioned to accept the CBA. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Saunders motioned to remove the table motion from last meeting on the South McDonald Creek Minor Subdivision condition letter from the last meeting. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed to remove table.** Commissioner Willson motioned to accept the new condition letter as presented. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 18 – 2025 authorizing participation in the MT Board of Investments Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP). Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Floodplain Permit #03-2025-FC located at 172 Honeydew Ln, Lewistown, MT 59457, near East Fork Big Spring Creek, within Section 34, Township 31 N, Range 19 E, Fergus County, Montana. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
6. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Floodplain Permit #04-2025-FC. This is an after the fact floodplain permit for the Stockyard Bar. This project is located in Lot 1A, Bar 19 Minor Subdivision – NE ¼ Section 10, T15N, 518E, Fergus County. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
7. Planning Office presented an updated fee schedule for their office. A consulting fee has been added and adjusted the building for lease or rent and subdivision fees. Commissioner Willson motioned to accept the updated fee schedule. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
8. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 19 – 2025 appointing a special deputy county attorney. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Deanna Robbins to the Fergus County Planning board – replacing Sonny Comes Conservation District position. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Megan Bartel to the Fergus County Tax Increment Finance Board (TIF/TED), term 1/1/2026 – 12/30/2029. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

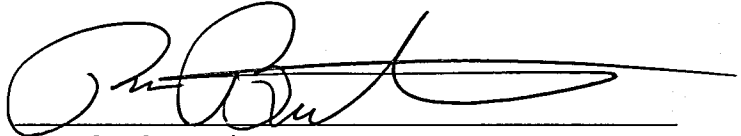
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING DATES:

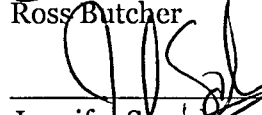
October 10, 2025 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 15, 2025 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 24, 2025 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

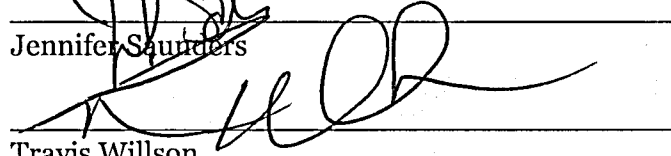
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder