

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

October 10, 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 Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. Via Zoom Deb Hill, Brad Hansen (MT Land Reliance), Garrett Titus (MLR), Matt Smith (Stahly Engineering) & Ryan Casne (Stahly Engineering). In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Agenda approved with the addition of a web design agreement with Westwind.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to September 25, 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:

- Commissioner Butcher opened the public hearing on Donaldson Conservation Easement with Montana Land Reliance: 1,250-acre property near Denton in T 18 North, R 15 East, Sections 15, 20, 21, 22, 29 and 32. Brad Hansen with MTLR spoke on the conservation easement. Hearing closed at 2:14 p.m.

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: none

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the October 10, 2025 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

2. Steve Fanning gave a quick overview of the updated Fergus County Emergency Operations Plan. Last time it was updated was in 2019. This plan is much more in depth and meets the requirements. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the FC Emergency Operations Plan from October 2, 2025. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to accept the Donaldson Conservation Easement with MT Land Reliance; a 1,250-acre property near Denton in T 18 North, R 15 East, Sections 15, 20, 21, 22, 29 and 32. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the web design agreement with WestWind. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

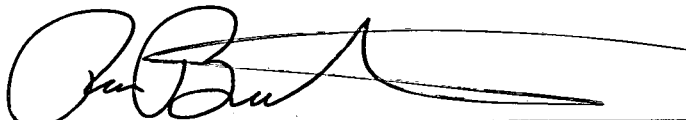
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Ashley Redea spoke about a waste co-operative she would like to get started in Fergus County. Commissioner Butcher asked her to bring her business plan for them to review and discuss.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

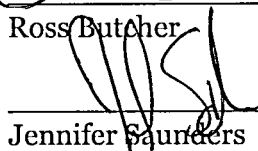
October 24, 2025 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
November 10, 2025 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
November 19, 2025 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher

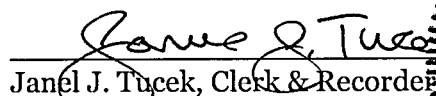


Jennifer Saunders

ABSENT

Travis Willson

Attest:


Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

