

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

November 19, 2025 – 5:15 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. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Agenda amended to add Finance Director Neal Tucek to bank accounts and Municipal General Canvass Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to November 10, 2025 minutes and November 12, 2025 canvass 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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Commissioner Butcher continued the hearing on consolidating the Elected position of FC Treasurer with the FC Clerk and Recorder. He gave a synopsis of how this came about and why. Commissioner Saunders thanked Neal Tucek and Janel Tucek for the groundwork they have put in to the logistics of this proposal. Roald Torgerson spoke against the proposal. Ed Butcher concerned about how much more time this would put on the current Clerk & Recorder. Rana Wichman also concerned about how the Clerk will have time to also be Treasurer. Commissioners advised there is a very strong candidate who has applied and interviewed. Back and forth discussion ensued. Public hearing NOT closed and held over until the November 25th meeting.

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
- Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Butcher was in Billings for the MACo HCT/PCT meetings. Fergus County did well the last year and still has a positive mod factor, keeping rates lower.
2. Commissioner Butcher gave a verbal report of the Road Viewer's Committee that looked at the petition for alley abandonment in Block 65 of Lewistown Heights. After reviewing,

the area meets the requirements, and they will be formally recommending at the next meeting to abandon a portion of the alley.

3. Finance Director Neal Tucek presented the one RFQ packet the county received from Lewistown Insurance. Commissioners to review at a later date.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 22 – 2025 **Table motion continued** on Consolidating the Elected position of FC Treasurer with the FC Clerk and Recorder.
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 26 – 2025 Changing the Boundaries of Certain Precincts in Fergus County. Commissioner Willson 2nd; Election Admin Janel Tucek advised this is a housekeeping resolution so that election precinct boundaries can be moved from Prec 2 to Prec 8 due to the City of Lewistown annexing property. **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve adding Finance Director Neal Tucek to the Fergus County bank accounts of First Bank of Montana and Bank of the Rockies. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

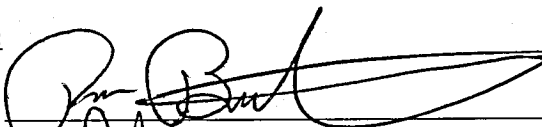
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING DATES:

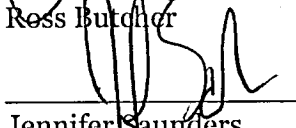
November 19, 2025 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
November 25, 2025 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
December 9, 2025 Tuesday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher

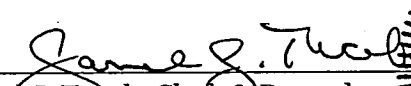


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

