

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
December 9, 2025 – 10:00 a.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 10:05 a.m. Agenda approved with an addition to the Discussion/Action section for bank accounts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to November 25 & 28, 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:

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Extension Office/Office Clerk-perm/full-time
- Extension Office/Program Assistant-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Jail Commander-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Kristy Taplin has been appointed to the Treasurer's position on 12/8/2025.
2. Commissioner Butcher & Willson & Treasurer Kristy Taplin headed to Helena to Elected Officials training Wednesday – Friday.
3. Positions are open on the County Tax Appeal Board (reserve), County Planning Board & City/County Planning Board.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the December 9, 2025 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 30 – 2025 appointing special deputy county attorney Wyatt Glade. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 31 – 2025 appointing special deputy county attorney Joni Oja. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 32 – 2025 appointing special deputy county attorney Liz Albers. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. RFQ from Lewistown Insurance for a local agent continuing table.
6. Commissioner Willson motioned to add Ross Butcher, Jennifer Saunders, Travis Willson as signers. Treasurer Kristy Taplin as signer and online access. Neal Tucek and Janel Tucek to keep their current status. Remove Jamie Longtine signer status and online access. This is for the First Bank of Montana and Bank of the Rockies accounts. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING DATES:

December 17, 2025 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
December 24, 2025 Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 2, 2025 Friday – 10:00 a.m.	Reorganizational Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

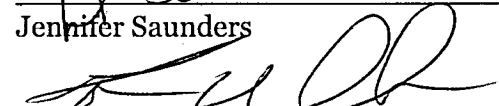
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Ross Butcher

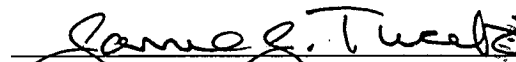


Jennifer Saunders

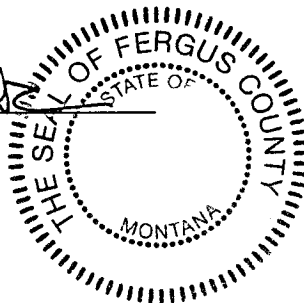


Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder



FERGUS COUNTY VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1079

Voucher Date: 11/28/2025

Prepared By:

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FERGUS COUNTY is hereby authorized to draw warrants against FERGUS COUNTY funds for the sum of \$40,000.00 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.

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ROSS BUTCHER

PRESIDING OFFICER

JENNIFER SAUNDERS

COMMISSIONER

TRAVIS WILLSON

COMMISSIONER

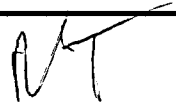
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Fund		Amount
4402	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - ROAD	\$40,000.00
		\$40,000.00

FERGUS COUNTY VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1083

Voucher Date: 12/10/2025

Prepared By: 

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FERGUS COUNTY is hereby authorized to draw warrants against FERGUS COUNTY funds for the sum of \$284,464.78 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



ROSS BUTCHER PRESIDING OFFICER

JENNIFER SAUNDERS COMMISSIONER

TRAVIS WILLSON COMMISSIONER

FERGUS COUNTY

Fund		Amount
1000	GEN	\$11,691.75
2110	ROAD	\$56,376.23
2130	BRIDGE	\$2,325.00
2140	WEED	\$22.75
2150	PRED ANIMAL - SHEEP	\$1,074.50
2155	PREDATORY ANIMAL - CATTLE	\$22,511.50
2160	FAIR	\$2,770.95
2162	CENTRAL MONTANA FAIR	\$1,635.00
2180	DT/CRT	\$526.04
2220	LIBRARY	\$29,640.00
2250	PLAN	\$328.30
2275	FCHD - ENVIRONMENTAL	\$4,160.00
2277	FCHD - NURSE'S NON GRANT	\$7,688.12
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$12,027.54
2302	DETENTION FACILITY	\$19,721.03
2352	LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL	\$74,034.19
2394	ALCOHOL REHAB	\$11,276.40
2395	COMPUTER	\$11,757.25
2420	GAS TAX	\$547.20
2972	F PLAN	\$13.20
4401	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL	\$11,600.00

Voucher No: 1083**Voucher Date: 12/10/2025**

Fund		Amount
4406	CAPITAL PROJECTS-PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,626.00
5610	ARPT	\$1,111.83
		\$284,464.78

FERGUS COUNTY VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1082

Voucher Date: 12/02/2025

Prepared By: 

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FERGUS COUNTY is hereby authorized to draw warrants against FERGUS COUNTY funds for the sum of \$331,199.20 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

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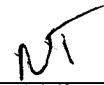
Fund		Amount
5613	AIRPORT RUNWAY TAXIWAY 3-30-0048-031-2025	\$217,882.93
5614	ARPRT HANGAR 3-30-0048-030-2025	\$113,316.27
		\$331,199.20

FERGUS COUNTY VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1084

Voucher Date: 12/10/2025

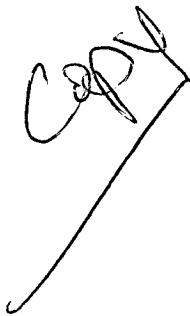
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FERGUS COUNTY is hereby authorized to draw warrants against FERGUS COUNTY funds for the sum of \$48,484.34 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



ROSS BUTCHER

PRESIDING OFFICER

JENNIFER SAUNDERS

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FERGUS COUNTY

Fund		Amount
1000	GEN	\$12,533.04
2110	ROAD	\$5,563.08
2130	BRIDGE	\$1,155.00
2140	WEED	\$35.00
2160	FAIR	\$2,999.16
2162	CENTRAL MONTANA FAIR	\$123.30
2180	DT/CRT	\$1,270.46
2250	PLAN	\$5,212.75
2275	FCHD - ENVIRONMENTAL	\$48.15
2277	FCHD - NURSE'S NON GRANT	\$95.33
2290	EXT SERV	\$10,277.00
2300	PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,250.94
2301	SEARCH & RESCUE	\$20.99
2302	DETENTION FACILITY	\$2,199.34
2917	VICTIMS	(\$130.01)
2958	DES GRANTS	\$1,699.66
2972	F PLAN	\$454.14
2974	FAM PLAN FUNDRAISING	\$249.10
5610	ARPT	\$3,427.91
		\$48,484.34

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