

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

December 24, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Willson. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to December 9, 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 ****FILLED****
- District Court clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Saunders working on "share fair" with LAC April 10th.
2. Commissioner Willson put a hide a key at the Weed Dept for the Sheriff's Office

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the December 24, 2025 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 33 – 2025 STIP participation authorizing Taplin and Neal Tucek. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. RFQ from Lewistown Insurance for a local agent continuing table.
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 34 – 2025 appointing special deputy county attorney Robert Spoja. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 35 – 2025 appointing special deputy county attorney Oja & Grant. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

6. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the interlocal agreement for multi-jurisdictional planning commission (FKA the City-County Planning Board). Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Nick Schultz for a 2nd term ending 12/31/2027 to the County Planning Board. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Pam DeRosier for a 2nd term ending 6/30/2028 to the Council on Aging board. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

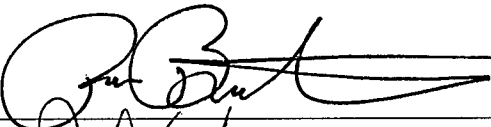
- Treasurer Kristy Taplin thanked Neal Tucek for all his help and hard work in the treasurer's office.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

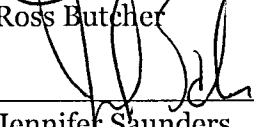
January 2, 2026 Friday – 10:00 a.m.	Reorganizational Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 9, 2026 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 21, 2026 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 26, 2026 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

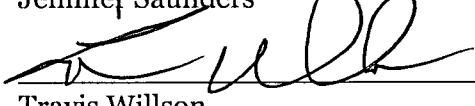
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Ross Butcher

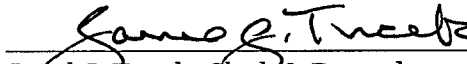


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

