

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

April 24, 2025 – 3:00 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. In person public: see attached.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the April 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:**

- Brandon Beriault stated he made a payment to a Fergus County inmate in jail and believes that the inmate didn't receive said payment. Sheriff Peterson spoke after and advised that a payment had been receipted in and that in fact the inmate did receive the money.
- Brandon Beriault stated that when he was jailed at the FCSO last June, he was served Chinese meals because of all the Chinese writing on the packaging. Chief Probation Officer Guy Stefani spoke after advising that he did not receive meals from China. The meals come from California. CPO Stefani also spoke on the daily caloric intake that inmates receive.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** none

**BID OPENINGS:** none

**PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Planning Office/Planner in Training - perm/full-time
- Planning Office/Planner - perm/full – time
- Sheriff's Office/Civil Clerk - perm/part-time
- Sheriff's Deputy – perm/full – time
- Road Department/Road, Bridge, & Gravel Crew Member - perm/full-time
- Weed Department/Weed Coordinator - perm/full-time
- Weed Department/Weed Coordinator - seasonal/quarter-time
- Weed Department/Weed Sprayer - short term/full-time

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REPORTS:**

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the April 24, 2025 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Luke Brandon to the Fergus County Recreation District to fill the Comer vacancy; term start 6/1/2025 ending 5/31/2029. Commissioner Willson 2<sup>nd</sup>; **Motion Passed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** none

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

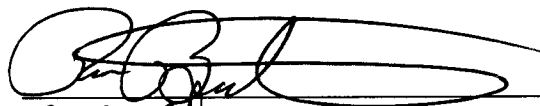
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| May 9, 2025<br>Friday – 2:00 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners<br>712 W Main St., Suite 210 |
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| May 21, 2025<br>Wednesday – 5:15 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners<br>712 W Main St., Suite 210 |
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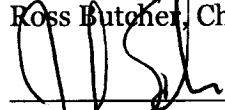
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| May 27, 2025<br>Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. | Regular Business Meeting | Fergus County Commissioners<br>712 W Main St., Suite 210 |
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Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

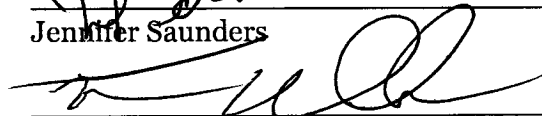
**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**



Ross Butcher, Chair

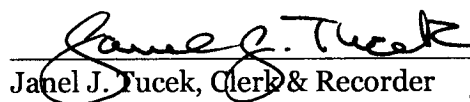


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

