

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

August 20, 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. Deb Hill via telephone. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to August 11, 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:

1. Public hearing opened at 5:16 p.m. on the Preliminary FY26 Fergus County Budget. Finance Director Neal Tucek spoke on the proposed budget. Mill values have increased. County is projected to carry over 10.26 mills this year. Public Safety line has been split into two lines. Jail will now have its own line. This will increase transparency. Hearing closed at 5:22 p.m.
2. Public hearing opened at 5:22 p.m. on adopting Ming Coulee Road as a County Road. This is cleaning up gaps from the past. Hearing closed at 5:23 p.m.
3. Public hearing opened at 5:23 p.m. on adopting PN Bridge Road as a County Road. This is cleaning up gaps from the past. Hearing closed at 5:23 p.m.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Planning Office/Planner in Training - perm/full-time
- Planning Office/Planner - perm/full – time ****FILLED****
- Road Department/Road, Bridge, & Gravel Crew Member - perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer – perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Deputy – perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. There is a board position opening on the TIF (Tax Increment Finance) and TEDD (Targeted Economic Development District) board due to legislation that passed requiring a county representative to be on this city board. Applications are due August 29th.

2. Fergus County has signed a contract with PJV Consulting to do contract work in the Planning Office.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 12 – 2025 adopting Ming Coulee Road as a Fergus County Road. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 13 – 2025 adopting PN Bridge Road as a Fergus County Road. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

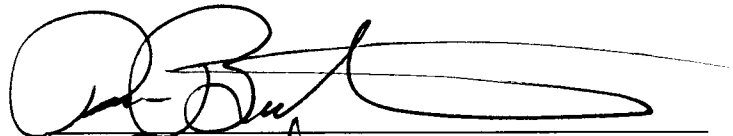
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

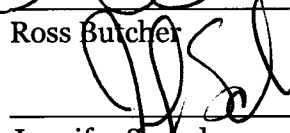
August 25, 2025 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 3, 2025 Wednesday – 10:00 a.m.	Special Budget Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 10, 2025 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 18, 2025 Thursday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

