

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

January 10, 2025 – 2:00 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 list. Deb Hill via telephone.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the January 2, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Commissioner Butcher opened the hearing at 2:01 p.m. on the Modular Home Business Floodplain Permit #01-2025-FC in Three Sister's Subdivision, Section 14, T15N, R18E. Megan LeCaptain with Stahly engineering reviewed the Findings and Facts with the commissioner's. Commissioner Butcher asked about the approach height. Discussion ensued. Harley Rouns wanted to know what size culvert would used. Permit states 2 18" culverts. Hearing closed at 2:09 p.m.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Planning Office/Planner - perm/full-time
- Environmental Health Sanitarian - perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REPORTS:

1. Road Viewers Committee – Ming Coulee Rd T18N, R17E and T19N, R17 E Steve Fanning gave a report. Road Viewer's recommends to extend the county road. See attached map. Scott Stewart believes it's a good idea to extend the road to open up the access to public land. Ed Stahl also asked about the access and where the road would end. John Wickens also asked questions.
2. Commissioner Butcher was in Helena with MACo testifying on behalf of Local Government at the Legislature.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the January 10, 2025 claims. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the Modular Home Business Floodplain Permit #01-2025-FC in Three Sister's Subdivision, Section 14, T15N, R18E with the conditions on the approach height added. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 5 - 2025 appointing a special deputy county attorney. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Brandon Cowen to the City/County Planning Board 2nd term ending 12/31/2026. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Jesse Hankins City/County Planning Board 1st term ending 12/31/2026. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Jerry Hanley to the Fergus County Planning Board 1st term ending 12/31/2026. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Bobbie Rouns asked when the warrants are ran. Commissioner Butcher advised they are scheduled every 2 weeks, but if needed, they can have special warrants ran in between. The run dates coincide with commissioner meetings.

January 15, 2025
Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

January 24, 2025
Friday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

February 10, 2025
Monday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

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Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

"Absent"

Ross Butcher

Jennifer Saunders

Travis Willson

Attest:

Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder