

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Reorganization Meeting
January 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Willson, & Clerk and Recorder Janel Tucek. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the December 26th, 2024 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher will be in Helena all next week for the first week of the Legislature for hearings

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve Ross Butcher as the BOCC presiding officer for the 2025 year. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 1-2025** adopting reimbursement rates payable to officers and employees for travel related expenses – includes mileage, lodging, and meal rates effective 1/1/2025. Commissioner Willson 2nd; there are changes in the personal vehicle mileage rate. These rates follow IRS and MACo. **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 2-2025** a resolution approving the 2025 calendar for commissioner meeting dates and holidays. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 3-2025** appointing deputy coroners. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders moved to approve **Resolution 4-2025** Supporting the private landowner's decision to place property into what is known as the Stafford Ferry Conservation Easement. Commissioner Willson 2nd; Discussion ensued. Commissioner Butcher presented a letter from 2022 that the BOCC had sent penning their support of this easement. Representatives from FWP, Sonja Anderson & Jason Rhoten, spoke regarding better communication on the part of FWP going forward with other Conservation Easements. BOCC didn't realize that their comments with suggested amendments to the CE were holding up the process. **Motion Passed.**

6. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the current office hours, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday as previously set. Hours to stay as previously set.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioners reviewed the current table of committee appointments. See attached table.

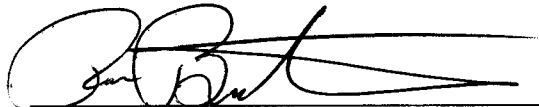
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

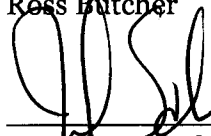
January 10, 2025 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 15, 2025 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 24, 2025 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus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

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

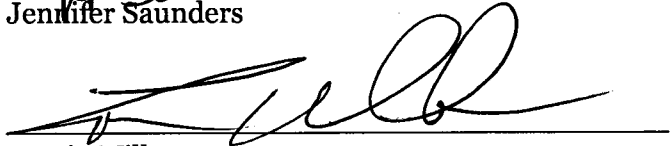
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher

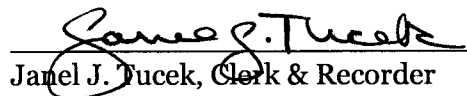


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

