

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

July 22, 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. Matt Smith via Teams. In person public: see attached sheet.

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 July 15, 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: none

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Planning Office/Planner in Training - perm/full-time
- Planning Office/Planner - perm/full - time
- Road Department/Road, Bridge, & Gravel Crew Member - perm/full-time
- Fairgrounds/ Office Clerk- short term/full-time
- Fairgrounds/ Grounds-short term/full-time
- Detention/Detention Officer – perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

1. Courthouse elevator replacement starting July 7 – out for 40 days.
2. Commissioner Butcher out of the office next week in Washington, DC.
3. Clark and Recorder's and Election Admins will be having their State Convention in Lewistown August 4th – 7th. A few of those days will have limited hours in the C & R's office so all staff can attend training.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the July 22, 2025 claims. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Matt Smith with Stahly Engineering presented the Staff Report of Facts and Findings for the proposed South McDonald Creek Minor Subdivision. 18 conditions have been set by the Planning Board. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding some of these conditions. Garth French, with WWC Engineering & project manager for the proposed SD, spoke on

some of the 18 conditions and also about the proposed denial in a variance. Also spoke on Condition 18 and that it would possibly be setting a future precedence to make the development install a cistern for the local fire department. Adjoining landowners, Burl Williams, John Williams, & Gary Barta, spoke of their concerns about the proposed subdivision. Commissioner Saunders motioned to table the South McDonald Creek SD until the August 11 meeting. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed to table.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

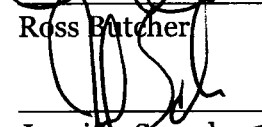
August 11, 2025 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 20, 2025 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 25, 2025 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

