

Minutes of Fergus County Commissioners Special Budget Meeting

September 3, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Butcher, Commissioner Willson, and Commissioner Saunders. Finance Director Neal Tucek via phone. In person public: see attached list.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: none

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Commissioner Butcher opened the hearing on the community development block grant. Thomas Peterson and Sara Hudson spoke on the process. Farm in the Dell is looking at putting in an 8-bed duplex with monthly rent of \$700, includes everything. Brandon Beriault asked a question that was answered by Thomas Peterson and Commissioner Butcher. Hearing closed at 10:12 a.m.

BID OPENINGS: none

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS: Commissioner Butcher to head to DC next week for PILT hearings. Commissioner Saunders advised that the PACT team (Mental Health Home Care) is up and running. Road Supt. John Anderson advised that the 3rd missile bridge is being finished up and that the 3rd Ave bridge permits have been turned in.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 15 – 2024 providing for a salary increase for Fergus County elected officials for FY26. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 16 – 2024 adopting the FY2026 budget. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the drafting of a resolution to authorize submission of a CDBG application. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS: none

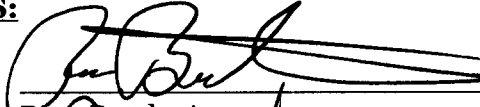
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

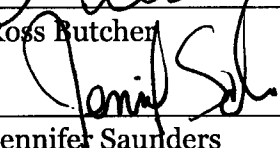
September 10, 2025 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 18, 2025 Thursday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 25, 2025 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting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

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

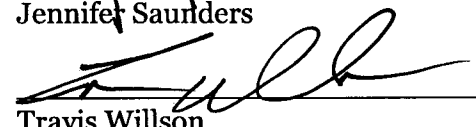
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

