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Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Reorganization Meeting

January 2, 2026 – 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 10:03 a.m. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the December 24th, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Treasurer's office is going to continue running on shortened hours for vehicle registration until staff can get fully trained.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Ross Butcher as the BOCC presiding officer for the 2026 year. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve **Resolution 1-2026** adopting reimbursement rates payable to officers and employees for travel related expenses – includes mileage, lodging, and meal rates effective 1/1/2026. Commissioner Willson 2nd; These rates follow IRS and MACo. **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve **Resolution 2-2026** a resolution approving the 2026 calendar for commissioner meeting dates and holidays. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve **Resolution 3-2026** appointing deputy coroners. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve **Resolution 4-2026** posting notice locations. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **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. Commissioner Butcher & Saunders will be voting members on the 911 board. No changes were made from the 2025 appointments.

2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Terry Gill to fill the Rice vacancy; term ending 12/31/2026 to the County Planning Board. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Laurie Ray; term ending 1/30/2028 to the County Board of Health. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Sandy Thompson; term ending 6/30/2028 to the Area 2 Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Cavan Wrzesinski for a 1st term ending 8/31/2029 to the Fair Board. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

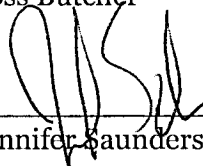
January 9, 2026 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 21, 2026 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
January 26, 2026 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

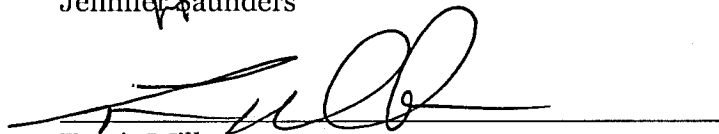
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Ross Butcher

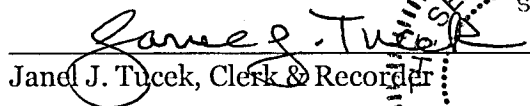


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

