

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
February 10, 2026 – 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 sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to January 26, 2026 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:

BID OPENINGS:

1. No bid openings were received for the 3rd Ave bridge. Kurt Thompson with Stahly Engineering advised that the county should readvertise due to an error in the initial advertising.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Extension Office/Office Clerk-perm/full-time ***filled***
- Extension Office/Program Assistant-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- District Court clerk – perm/full-time ***filled***

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- All commissioners will be out next week for MACo mid-winter. Commissioner Butcher will then be at NACo the next week.
- Road Supervisor John Anderson (2:37 p.m.) gave a report on the road department happenings for 2025.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the February 10, 2026 claims. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 7 – 2026 appointing special deputy county attorney under MCA 44 – 4- 1. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

3. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 8 - 2026 appointing special deputy county attorney under MCA 7-4-2705. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 9 - 2026 MT Aeronautics Loan for Airport hangar door. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the Community Services Block Grant 2026-2027 work plan and budget - HRDC District 6. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
6. RFQ from Lewistown Insurance for a local agent continuing table.

APPOINTMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Andrea Payne spoke on her concerns about data centers coming to Fergus County. Roger Lohrer also spoke about his concerns. Commissioner Butcher spoke about zoning and how the County Commissioners don't have the authority to tell people how they can run their private property. Ken Beihl spoke about his concerns.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

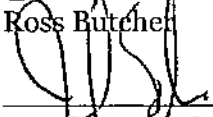
February 18, 2026 Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
February 26, 2026 Thursday - 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
March 10, 2026 Tuesday - 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

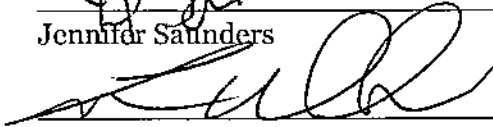
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Ross Butcher

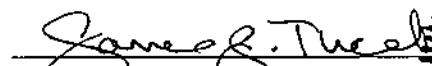


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

