

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
March 25, 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 2:09 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to March 10, 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:

- Commissioner Butcher opened bids for the Fairgrounds Trade Center Roof. Ace Roofing put in a bid for \$158,921.00 for an overlay and had all the required paperwork. Bid packet will go to the County Attorney for review and give a recommendation to the BOCC at a later date.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Extension Office/Program Assistant-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office Deputy-perm/full-time
- Planning Sanitarian Office Clerk-perm/full-time ****FILLED****
- Nurse's Office/Public Health Director-perm/full-time
- Treasurer's office/Motor Vehicle & Tax clerk – perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Commissioner Butcher and Willson attended the local Data Center meeting that was held in Lewistown.
- DES had an active shooter training at the Courthouse.
- Commissioners Saunders reported that the 250 Celebration Committee is taking names of those who may want to volunteer.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the March 25, 2026 claims. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Sandy Youngbauer asked the BOCC to consider increasing the Veteran's Burial rate from \$400 to \$500 again. She advised there is a grant available for the County to go for to help in making affordable housing for the senior and veteran population. Susan Barta asked about the parameters of the grant
- Nancy Wilson spoke on the need to keep the Eagle's Manor here and open.
- Jody D'Autremont also spoke in favor of keeping Eagle's Manor here. Currently it has 35 occupants, but there are 62 apartments.
- Commissioner Butcher advised that the county is engaged with the Eagle's board and Council on Aging board on seeking different avenues in keeping it open.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

April 9, 2026
Thursday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners
712 W Main St., Suite 210

April 15, 2026
Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.

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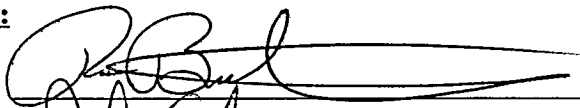
April 24, 2026
Friday – 2:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

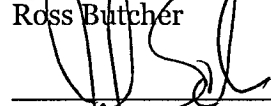
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Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

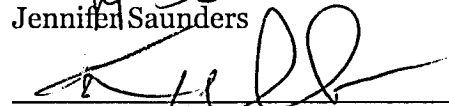
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Ross Butcher

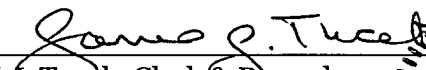


Jenniffer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel L. Tueek, Clerk & Recorder

