

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

June 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. By phone/zoom: Steve Fanning and Deb Hill.

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 May 26 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: Hearing was opened at 2:01 p.m. Steve Fanning gave a road viewers report on the designation of the Horse Ranch Road T18N R20E S1 to T18N R20E S23 (4.94 miles) designated as county road. Hearing closed at 2:02 p.m.

BID OPENINGS: One bid opened from White Glove for a three year contract of \$93,000 to increase 3% per year. Discussion ensued on just what services the janitorial services is supposed to cover. Contract will be sent to County Attorney for review.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Extension Office/Program Assistant-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Nurse's Office/Public Health Director-perm/full-time
- Treasurer's Office/Motor Vehicle & Tax Clerk-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Deputy Sheriff-perm/full-time
- District Court/Office Clerk-perm/full-time
- Facilities/Grounds & Building Custodian-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:

- Road Viewers reported on the Box Elder Rd relocation and the committee recommended to accept the new road as county road and that the landowners will need to go through the process of abandoning the other portion.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the June 10, 2026 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 17 – 2026 County Investment Commissioner Willson 2nd; Rhonda Long and Rebekah Rhoades spoke as members of the Investment Board. 2 bids were received; 1 from Bank of the Rockies and 1 from First Bank of Montana. Investment Board recommends going with First Bank as Bank of the Rockies had a cap. **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 18 – 2026 designating Horse Ranch Road T18N R20E S1 to T18N R20E S23 (4.94 miles) as county road. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the Petroleum County Attorney services contract. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Carl Seilstad (term ending 12/31/2027) and Casey Boyce (term ending 12/31/2028) to the Fergus County Weed Board to fill the Ferris and Walter vacancies. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Mary Messica (term ending 12/31/2029) and Don Berg (term ending 12/31/2029) to the Fergus County Tax Appeal Board as *alternates* in the absence of any CTAB member. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

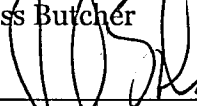
June 12, 2026 Friday – 10:30 a.m.	Federal Primary Canvass	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
June 17, 2026 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
June 24, 2026 Wednesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
July 9, 2026 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

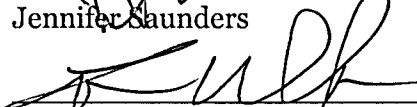
FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:



Ross Butcher



Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

