

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
July 24, 2026 – 10:00 a.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. Deb Hill via phone.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to July 9 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: Jerry Hanley asked about the mileage of Maiden Rd in the request for bids and how they figured it to be 9 miles. John Anderson advised it also included the Maiden Rd cutoff.

PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearing on the acceptance of the annexation of real property into Moore Fire District opened at 10:04 a.m. Jerry Simpson spoke on behalf of the landowners and the reason for the request. Hearing closed at 10:05 a.m.

BID OPENINGS: One bid was received and opened for the Maiden Rd chip seal project. Century gave a bid of \$557,818.00. Bid will be sent to Stahly engineers and FC Attorney's office for review and advisement.

PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Nurse's Office/Public Health Director-perm/full-time
- District Court/Office Clerk-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS: Commissioner Saunders gave a fair report. Commissioner Butcher advised that the Senior Center would be open Saturday for a cooling center.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the July 24, 2026 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 20 – 2026 annexing real property into the Moore Rural Fire District. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

3. Pam Vosen, county planner, reviewed the facts and findings regarding the Breen Minor Subdivision. This is an 8-acre minor SD across from Torgerson's. Liam Breen also spoke about what he wants to do with the proposed area. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve the Breen Minor SD with the conditions listed by the Planner. Commissioner Willson 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

- Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Thomas McKenna – Fergus Co Council on Aging – 1st term ending 6/30/2029. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Saunders motioned to appoint Joe Eckhardt – Fergus Co Council on Aging – 2nd term ending 6/30/2029. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Edward Evans – Weed Board – 2nd Term ending 12/31/2028. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

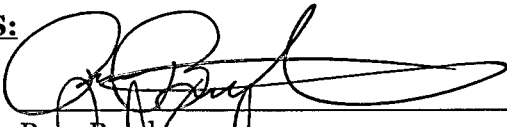
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

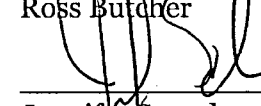
August 10, 2026 Monday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 19, 2026 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 25, 2026 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

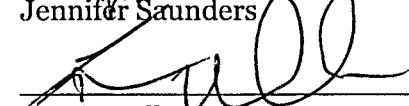
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Ross Butcher

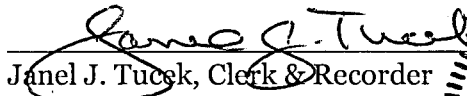


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

