

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

August 10, 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.

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 July 24 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: none

BID OPENINGS: none

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 stated the Mental Health Task Force will be starting in September. Commissioner Willson advised that the county surplus property auction will be at the Fairgrounds starting August 19th – 26th.

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the August 10, 2026 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
2. Snowy Mtn Development Corporation spoke about the community economic development study survey they are conducting for Fergus County. The survey was handed out and a round-table discussion occurred.
3. Fire Warden Ryan Peterson and Deputy Fire Warden Steve Fanning discussed the thought process and concerns and conditions that are leading them and the county Fire Chiefs to possibly move to Stage 1 Fire restrictions.
4. Commissioner Saunders motioned to approve Resolution 21 – 2026 amended resolution adopting Horse Ranch Rd as a county road. Commissioner Butcher 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

- Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Steve Fanning – Fergus Co Council on Aging – to finish out Howell’s vacated position with term ending 6/30/2027. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Saunders advised there is opening on the Fair Board for a member terming out.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Snowy Mtn Development thanked Commissioner Butcher for his service to the board and presented him with a challenge coin and a distinguished leader award.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

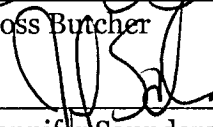
August 19, 2026 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
August 25, 2026 Tuesday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 10, 2026 Thursday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus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

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

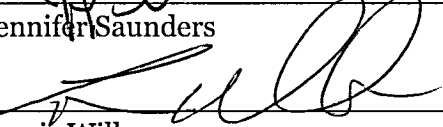
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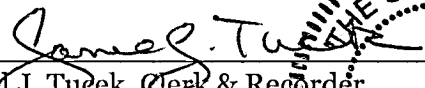


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tueck, Clerk & Recorder

