

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting
September 10, 2026 – 2:00 p.m.
Fergus County Commissioners
712 W. Main St., Suite 210
Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Willson and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Jamie Hess. In person public: see attached sheet.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Saunders called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Agenda approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Saunders asked if there were any alterations or corrections to August 25 minutes. Hearing none, she 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:

- Commissioner Saunders opened the public hearing on the FY27 Preliminary Budget. Finance Officer Neal Tucek spoke about the proposed budget. No comments were received.

BID OPENINGS:

- 7 bids were opened for the Grass Range Road Shop project. Bids were as follows:
 - 1) Horizon Building Group - \$441,348.00
 - 2) Taylor Construction - \$577,777.00
 - 3) Geranios - \$807,589.33
 - 4) Martel - \$655,000.00
 - 5) Langlas & Associates - \$704,038.30
 - 6) TW Ridly – \$629,850.00
 - 7) Clausen - \$451,717.00

Bids will go to the county engineer and County Attorney's office for review and approval.

- 1 bid was opened for the H St paving project. Bid was as follows:
 - 1) Century – 197,000

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PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sheriff's Office/Detention Officer-perm/full-time
- Nurse's Office/Public Health Director-perm/full-time
- Sheriff's Office/Deputy-perm/full-time
- Attorney's Office/Legal Assistant-perm/full-time

ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS: Commissioner Willson advised that a road viewer's committee will be reviewing Erie Lane near Suffolk and the Judith River Hill. Commissioner Saunders advised that the Mental Health Board met recently.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the September 10, 2026 claims. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed**
2. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the transfer of property between the Lewistown rural fire district and the Grass Range rural fire district. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
3. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 24 – 2026 accepting the Fergus County Elected Officials Salaries. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
4. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve Resolution 25 – 2026 transferring funds from FC Economic Development Funds to Snowy Mtn Development Corporation. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
5. Commissioner Willson motioned to approve the “A Day to Remember” proclamation. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

APPOINTMENTS:

- Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Betty Light – Area II Agency on Aging consumer representative – filling Thompson appointment term ending 6/30/2028. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Jimmy Graham – Fergus Co Recreation District – 2nd term ending 5/31/2030. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**
- Commissioner Willson motioned to appoint Joe Irish – Fergus Co Recreation District – 2nd term ending 5/31/2030. Commissioner Saunders 2nd; **Motion Passed.**

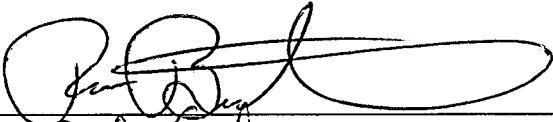
PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: none

NEXT MEETING DATES:

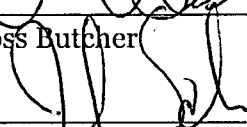
September 16, 2026 Wednesday – 5:15 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
September 25, 2026 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210
October 9, 2026 Friday – 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

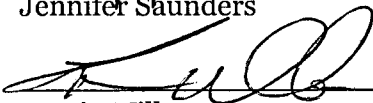
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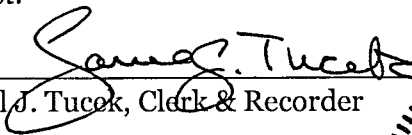


Jennifer Saunders



Travis Willson

Attest:



Janel J. Tucek, Clerk & Recorder

