

RESOLUTION 21 - 2026

**AMENDED RESOLUTION ADOPTING
HORSE RANCH ROAD AS COUNTY ROAD**

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of Montana vest the Board of County Commissioners with the authority and responsibility regarding roads and bridges, and such statutes are generally found in Title 7, Chapter 14, Montana Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS, the Fergus Board of County Commissioners previously adopted resolution 18 - 2026 declaring a 4.94-mile segment of Horse Ranch Road as a county road, and it was subsequently determined that this original description did not encompass the complete, historically maintained length of the road; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2026, the Fergus County Road Viewers Committee, consisting of Road Supervisor John Anderson, Fergus County Commissioner Travis Willson, and DES Coordinator Steve Fanning, drove and viewed the remaining section of Horse Ranch Road from the intersection of Horse Ranch Road and Irish Road to the actual beginning of Horse Ranch Road at its intersection with US Highway 191; and

WHEREAS, the complete and accurate legal description of the entirety of Horse Ranch Road is more specifically described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection with US Highway 191 in the southeast quadrant of Section 8, Township 18N, Range 20E (109° 3' 57" W, 47° 19' 58" N), and traveling in a north-northwest direction 8.37 miles to its termination at the gate of O-11 (Oscar 11 of the 490th Missile Wing, Malmstrom) in the northwest quadrant of Section 23, Township 19N, Range 20E (109° 8' 18" W, 47° 24' 7" N).

A map depicting this complete 8.37-mile road is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein.

WHEREAS, Fergus County has historically maintained the complete length of Horse Ranch Road via road improvements and plowing; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated 7-14-2101(2)(b) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to "accept by resolution a road that has not previously been considered a county road but that has been laid out, constructed, and maintained with state department of transportation or county funds" after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on this amended matter on the 10th day of August 2026;

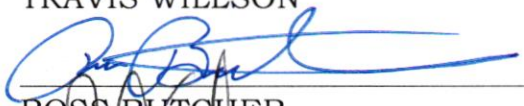
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 7-14-2101, Montana Code Annotated, the Fergus Board of County Commissioners hereby amends the official record and declares the complete 8.37-mile length of Horse Ranch Road, as described above, to be a county road.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10 day of August 2026.

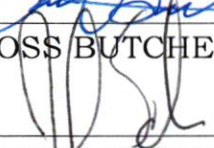
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



TRAVIS WILLSON



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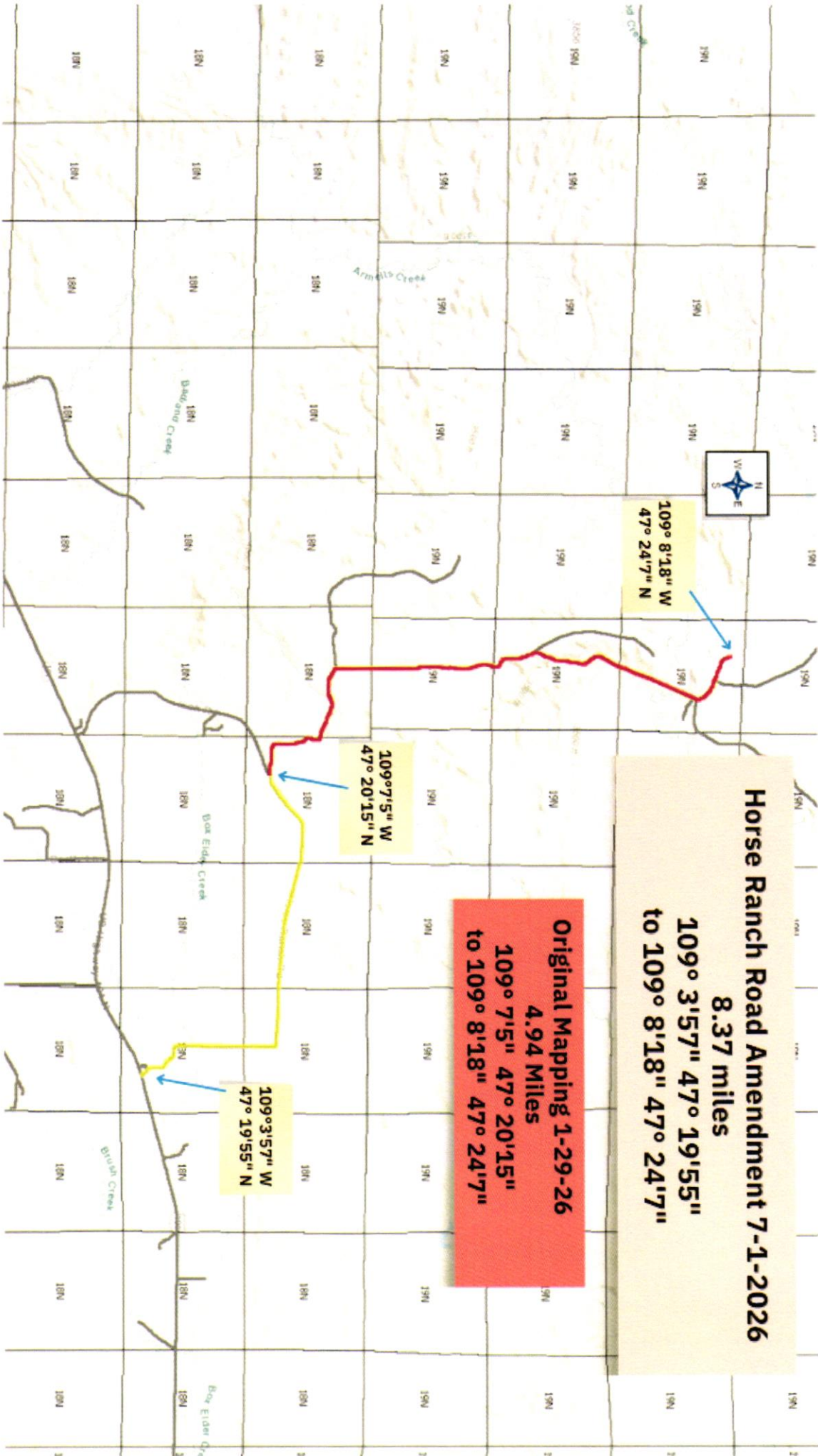
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ATTEST:



Janel Tucek, Clerk & Recorder





109° 8'18" W
47° 24'7" N

109° 7'5" W
47° 20'15" N

109° 3'57" W
47° 19'55" N

Horse Ranch Road Amendment 7-1-2026
8.37 miles
109° 3'57" 47° 19'55"
to 109° 8'18" 47° 24'7"

Original Mapping 1-29-26
4.94 Miles
109° 7'15" 47° 20'15"
to 109° 8'18" 47° 24'7"