

Minutes of Fergus Co. Commissioners Business Meeting

February 19, 2020 – 5:15 p.m.

Fergus County Commissioners

712 W. Main St., Suite 210

Lewistown, MT 59457

Present: Commissioner Sandy Youngbauer, Commissioner Ross Butcher, Commissioner Carl Seilstad, and Clerk & Recorder Rana Wichman. Public present: See attached sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Butcher called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Butcher asked if there were any alterations or corrections to the February 7, 2020 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:**

Shawn Erickson spoke on behalf of the Central Montana High School Rodeo. They are asking for a break on the costs at the fairgrounds. They intend to leave everything better than they found it. This brings about 120 competitors to the area plus their families. It is getting to be too expensive.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**BID OPENINGS:** None

**PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) There will be openings for temporary weed sprayers the end of April or the first part of May with a starting wage of \$16.00 per hour.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS:**

- 1) All three Commissioners attended the MACo Mid-Winter Conference in Great Falls.
- 2) Commissioner Butcher stated the MTRC – Montana Resource Coalition Meeting went well.
- 3) Commissioner Seilstad will be attending the NACo Conference in Washington DC the end of February.

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Resolution 8-2020 General Fund and Family Planning Budget Amendment Resolution: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve Resolution 8-2020 General Fund and Family Planning Budget Amendment Resolution. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. This resolution is to receive and spend unanticipated revenue. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Central Montana Rodeo Club Proposal 2020: Commissioner Butcher moved to open discussion on the Central Montana Rodeo Club Proposal 2020. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. The rodeo group explained that the entry fees are set by the State High School Rodeo group. They are also charged stock and premium fees. The local clubs are responsible for the overall costs. In the past they went to

the Central Montana Foundation for a donation and they didn't feel right going back there again. Troy Henderson stated they used to work for the fair during fair week cleaning and repairing, but that doesn't appear to be an option anymore. They would like a set fee so they know what they have to work toward. They held their rodeo at Roy for awhile but it moved back to Lewistown in 2015. Commissioner Seilstad asked if they would go back to the Foundation. Kim Boyce stated she would prepare the paperwork and do that. Commissioner Butcher stated if a break is given to this group then other groups will come and ask for the same thing. Shawn Erickson said if the High School Rodeo goes somewhere else, what is the Central Montana community losing? He said per Montana Code Annotated volunteer work is worth \$26.00 per hour. The no-compete agreement with Mountain Acres was discussed and it does not pertain to dry camping. This is possibly a cost that could be left off. The rodeo group will come back to the March 25, 2020 meeting with a plan.

- 3) Montana State Fund Worker's Compensation Enrollment: Commissioner Butcher moved to approve the Montana State Fund Worker's Compensation Enrollment. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Commissioner Seilstad stated that we have had MACo Worker's Compensation Insurance but the State of Montana is taking over the whole group of Counties that were with MACo. MACo will no longer handle workers compensation insurance. Fergus County could save approximately \$59,000.00 a year with this change. Passed unanimously.
- 4) Montana Association of Counties Property and Casualty Trust Renewal: Commissioner Seilstad moved to approve the Montana Association of Counties Property and Casualty Trust Renewal. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Commissioner Youngbauer stated this is an annual process. Passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- 1) City County Planning Board – Paul Huff: Commissioner Butcher moved to appoint Paul Huff to the City County Planning Board. Commissioner Seilstad seconded. Passed unanimously.
- 2) Fergus County Council on Aging – Roberta Atchison: Commissioner Seilstad moved to appoint Roberta Atchison to the Fergus County Council on Aging. Commissioner Butcher seconded. Passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

February 25, 2020 Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Commissioners 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457
March 10, 2020 Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Business Meeting	Fergus County Treasurer 712 W Main St., Suite 210 Lewistown, MT 59457

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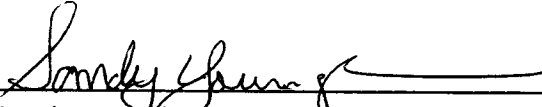
March 18, 2020  
Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting

Fergus County Commissioners  
712 W Main St., Suite 210  
Lewistown, MT 59457

Reminder: Agenda items are due to the Commissioners 5 days prior to the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned.

**FERGUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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Sandy Youngbauer, Presiding Officer

  
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Ross Butcher, Commissioner

  
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Carl Seilstad, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Rana J. Wichman, Clerk & Recorder

