

Monday, December 22, 2008

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Dennis Afrank and Donald Rieger, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular Monday session.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly road report. The Pennel Creek Bridge report from Brosz Engineering was received. Discussion about various bridges in the County led the Commission to make the decisions to have Mackin look at the Bridge on Bridge Road and the Pennel Creek Bridge. Bob explained the gravel at the Pinnow Pit is too wet so they are hauling scoria now. Bob stated they are hauling scoria on Fred Houszvicka's road this week. The road ditches are starting to fill with snow close to the Baker area. They are out plowing roads East of Baker and will be checking roads North and West of Baker. The roads South of Baker do not seem to be as bad this time.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss maintenance items for the old Extension office pickup. Alba stated Scott Rabbitt has asked him if the County would be interested in purchasing an F700 Ford Truck with a reversible plow and box sander that he found for sale in the Finder. Alba stated he has been debating on purchasing something like this to clean the parking lots at the Courthouse and Hospital and has had no luck finding anything from the State Property and Supply Bureau. Alba stated they do have a few other options also. The decision was to contact the person from the Finder, ask some questions and if it sounds feasible, send Alba to look at it. Commissioner called the number listed in the Finder and left him a message to call Alba at the County Shop.

The Commission phoned Steve at MTI regarding the Library heating issue. Steve will let the Commission know what Jeff Gruizenga, Coneer has to say and get back to them.

Brian Ulberg, MDU met to discuss the wind tower project for 2009.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman came in and updated the Commission regarding the snow plow truck and sander. Alba stated the owner stated it can be viewed in Glendive. The Commission granted permission for Alba to go and view the truck and if he feels the truck is in good condition, permission is also granted to purchase the truck. Alba asked if this would belong to the Road Department. The Commission stated yes, the truck will come from the Road Department budget and will belong to the Road Department.

Commissioner Ranum stated some of the residents of Parkview 2 have called stating there are no plug-ins for their vehicles. Commissioner Afrank stated there was no intention of placing them at this time; Commissioner Rieger agreed.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL/HIPAA

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:00 PM with all present.

The Commission signed Resolution 12-22-08 choosing the presiding officer for the next three fiscal years. Commissioner Afrank stated he did not feel he wanted to accept the presiding officer position at this time. After some discussion it was decided Commissioner Ranum would remain the presiding officer for 2009, Commissioner Rieger would then be the presiding officer for 2010 and 2011 unless extenuating circumstances changes this decision. A new resolution will need to be completed in 2012 for the next 3 years, unless changes arise before that time. Resolution 12-22-08 is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission signed Resolution 12-22-08(1) adopting the Cattle Guard Policy for Fallon County and that resolution along with the Cattle Guard Policy are on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL/HIPAA

Therese Iwaniak, MT DOT Right of Way Agent met regarding three County parcels of land she needs easements from the County for and one County parcel she needs acquisition of regarding the Highway 7 project slated for 2009. After reviewing the drawings, easements, etc Commissioner Afrank stated, regarding Parcel 71 (Spillway), the DOT needs to make sure the high water mark is not altered and stays the same level as it is as of this time. The Commission signed the Right of Way Agreements and also the Bargain and Sale Deed with Easement and the Drainage Easement and Agreement for Parcel #70. Commissioner Ranum signed the Realty Transfer Certificate for the acquisition of the spillway property. The project is slated for 2009 unless the legislature makes cuts to that portion of the budget.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Commissioner Afrank swore in Deb Ranum, Commissioner for her new 6 year term and Jeraldine A. Newell, Clerk of Court for her new 4 year term. Darlene Hornung, Editor, Fallon County Times was gracious enough to attend and take a photograph of the swearing.

BUSINESS AS OR IF NEEDED:

The Commission received the November and December, 2008 Extension Agent report from Nico Cantalupo and is reported as follows:

Completed the North Carter County Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant for a total of \$20,745; started the MOU process with Fallon County 4-H, Baker FFA and Plevna FFA; Attended Conservation District meetings in Fallon and Carter Counties; attended two weed board meetings in Carter County; Co-sponsored a low stress livestock handling workshop with Fallon County NRCS; Finalized details for Southeast Montana Winter Ag Series for January 2009 for both Carter and Fallon Counties; held rule meeting with Fallon County 4-H livestock committee concerning rule changes form new committee made up of 4-H and FFA; Attended the Eastern Montana Area Agent up-date at Fort Keough; Held a Montana 4-H Advance Market Beef Conference call planning session for 2009 summer tour; did two radio programs; attended the Southeast Area Stock growers Meeting in Miles City; worked on year end reports; participated in Wind Web Cast for extension; attended Fallon County LEPC meeting; continue to meet with 4H shooting sports folks on trailer insurance; all 4-H club financial audits are completed; continue to help the Carter County Weed Board close out 2008 year; met with Prairie and Wibaux County agents to finalize Tri-County Weed Grant; continue to send in feed for analysis for producers.

The Commission received the cake raffle cash sheet from the Baker High School for December 12, 2008. Proceeds in the amount of \$53.25 were collected.

The Commission received the bridge assessment report from the MT DOT regarding the Ag Lane Bridge. That report is on file in the Commissioner's office.

The Commission received and signed the following road easements:

Ralph C. & Joan M. Koenig-Farmstead in Section 27-8-60.

Richard and Michael Stark-Snake Trail and Farmstead in Section 21-10-60.

Larry P. & Norma Lee Losing-Farmstead and John Deere Lane in Section 1-7-58; Leibee Farmstead in Section 2-7-58; Pennel Road in Section 22-8-58.

The Commission approved a special warrant in the amount of \$7,004.72 and that warrant is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from December 15, 2008.

Adjourned.
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:
s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder