

Monday, November 9, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Donald Rieger and William L. Randash, Members and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular November, 2009 meeting.

The Commission, Clerk and Recorder and Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder were scheduled for the HIPAA PRIVACY WEBINAR presented by Stacey Loucks of EBMS (Employee Benefit Management Services) which is the holder of Fallon County's health insurance. After the webinar Debbie stated she would e-mail Stacey and find out how much of this applies to the Employer. Encryption software was discussed also as to who may or may not need to purchase it, i.e. Health Nurse.

Commissioner Rieger stated he may be gone on Monday for a Board of Oil and Gas meeting. The Commission called Willie Duffield to discuss the agenda for that meeting. Willie stated the meeting will discuss including energy development in the County's growth policies.

Barb Lechler, Fair Board Secretary met to say the Fair Board is concerned about the costs for next year's Fair and wanted to know if they have authority to spend approximately as much as last year. The Fair Board wanted to have the Carnival issues worked out before going to convention so they knew how much money they would have for other side show events. In looking at this year's budget the Commission feels there is at least the same amount of budget to work with this year as last year.

Exhibit Hall Addition-Commissioner Rieger asked how the building project was going. Barb stated it was slow now due to the weather; the Contractor still needs to rock the front and paint.

Kitchen Remodel-The Commission was not aware of all of the updated plans and would like to discuss this with the Fair Board. Barb stated the Fair Board wants to update the Commission on all of their plans and discuss the Fair, after Fair Convention. Barb will schedule the Fair Board to meet with the Commission.

Miscellaneous-The Commission discussed the work completed at the big barn. Barb stated the road crew did a great job. The group also discussed the purpose and costs surrounding the round pen.

Noon Recess

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly report. Anticline Box Culvert-The work is completed and traffic is running smoothly over that bridge.

Landfill-Scraper is now at the Landfill; it was sent to the Landfill with stipulations. The Landfill pickup goes to Miles City to be repaired and one of the Road Department trucks goes to Billings for repairs also.

Scoria-Discussed scoria at Mike Choate's; Bobby did not think Fallon County would be able to permit this pit, per information Jo Stephan, DEQ had given them. The Commission stated they felt they would not be interested at this time.

Snow Fence-Bobby would like to place snow fence in some of the bad areas in the County. The Commission granted permission.

Stark Bridge-Fence issue was discussed.

Cattle-guards-Bobby stated the crew replaced a cattle guard on Willard Road West because it was sinking.

Straub Access-Bobby stated TransCanada Pipeline thought this was Straub's private road when in fact it is a County Road.

Friday after Thanksgiving Day-The road crew would like to take that day off as they usually do. The Commission stated that would be fine as long as it is taken as vacation.

Scott Rabbitt, City/County Park Supervisor met to ask if he could place some dirt in the area of the old Public Health building. Scott felt it would be much easier to maintain and easier to mow until the Commission decided what they were going to do with the area. The Commission felt that was a good idea and granted permission to proceed.

Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator met to discuss miscellaneous business items.

Furnace quotes-the Commission felt they need a clearer picture of the quotes received so they could compare the quotes equally. Carla will contact them and try to get more detailed quotes and return it to the Commission for further review/discussion.

New Mini-Van -Carla explained the new van will be used for out of town trips, in case there are not enough people to fill the big bus.

New Bus-Will be getting another 15 passenger bus. It will be more economical (diesel).

Parking for Buses/Van-Carla is concerned about where they will park all of the buses/van. The group discussed possibly building a garage on the Senior Center property.

Plevna Bus-Carla explained the Plevna bus is 100% County (no lien); the Baker bus has two more years before the lien is released and belongs to Fallon County. Carla explained the reason she mentioned this is so the Commission could make a decision as to whether or not they would like to keep the Plevna Bus or sell it. The Commission will give this some thought and make a decision later.

Bus age limit-Carla explained there is no longer an age limit for those who ride the buses/van, as they (buses) are considered public transportation.

Public comment, closed sessions, other business or department heads as or if needed:

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to present his year-end Weed Department report. Dale presented some comparisons involving the last two years. Dale felt the economy had the landowner's portion of spraying down from the normal. Dale stated he had no contract with the BLM this year.

Weed Shop-Dale stated he received a quote from G & R Custom Metals for the other door for the shop. The quote was for \$4,000.00, inclusive of parts and labor. The Commission granted permission to proceed with this project. Dale stated he could pay for this through the Noxious Weed Grant.

Mike Rinaldi, Sanitarian met to update the Commission on the new water well for the Golf Course, etc. Mike will be sending in a new permit as the State was confused regarding the use of the water well.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Canvass of City of Baker/Town of Plevna Mail Ballot Election:

Karol Zachmann, City Mayoral candidate was in attendance. No other members of the public were in attendance. The Fallon County Commission was the Board of Canvassers and the following are the official election results.

City of Baker-570 Electors voted in Wards 1 & 2.

Ward 1:

Mayor:

Clayton Hornung-150 total votes

Karol Zachmann-119 total votes

Alderman:

JoDee Pratt-200 total votes

Total Electors Voting-Ward 1-271

Ward 2:

Mayor:

Clayton Hornung-172 total votes

Karol Zachmann-115 total votes

Alderman:

Rod Morris-227 total votes

Total Electors Voting-Ward 2-299

Town of Plevna-45 Electors voted.

Mayor:

Kalyn Bohle-36 total votes

Alderman:

Shawn Sanders-38 total votes

Gary Thielen-37 total votes

Other business as or if needed:

Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder and Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor met to discuss questions regarding the County's current Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Kit Anderson, Planner was strongly urged by Jo Stephan, DEQ to attend an Open Cut Mining conference in Helena November 16-November 19th as a representative of a smaller eastern Montana county and because Jo feels Kit has the ability to articulate and explicate words and thoughts. This meeting is being held to try to simplify the Open Cut Mining Applications. The Commission felt it was not necessary to attend at this time.

The Quit Claim Deed from Gunderson Farms to Fallon County was placed of record on November 5, 2009 for the piece of property in section 24-7-59, marked as an alley, lying between lots 9 and 10 of the Fairway Acres Subdivision.

REPORTS:

Plat Status Report-6 Plat's/COS's in various stages-waiting for more paperwork, discontinued, COS/Plat sent back to landowner due to lack of cooperation by landowner or waiting for landowner to come and sign in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

REVENUES:

Sands Oil Company-\$147.89-Oil and Gas Royalties for September, 2009.

MINUTES APPROVED:

The Commission reviewed and approved minutes from September 17, September 28 and October 5-8, 2009.

Adjourned.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder