

Monday, July 20, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular session. Commissioner Rieger phoned to state he would be slightly late.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly road report. The group discussed the Big Hill Road and the roads leading to Dulane and Dave Wang properties. Easements will be sent to them by Road Technician, Spence Huether. Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor joined to discuss new weed trucks. Dale stated his crew was worried an extra truck would cut down on the amount of work to do. Dale stated he explained that would not be the case. Dale stated he checked the aerators last weekend and they will be checking them again in the near future. Dale left the discussion.

Road Report-Finished mulching the Pine Creek Road and mulched 1 ½ miles of the Calumet Road. Today they started mulching the Ismay Road. Blade operators have finished blading. They plan to haul scoria near Dan O'Connor's in Section 14-7-56 when the blade operators get finished. Rick Wiman built an approach for Dave Hayden last week in T3N-R61E. Roscoe Gray built an approach for Greg Gunderson in Section 24-7-59 and today Roscoe and Doug Bruha are building an approach for Steve Spriggs in Section 27-8-59. Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and Mitch Overn, Shop Mechanic are still working on the conveyors and crusher placing guarding on pulleys and rollers. Roscoe and Bob will be going out to Don Fried's today or tomorrow to prospect for gravel

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss weed trucks. Alba wondered if they needed to try to purchase them from whoever has the State bid. The last time they purchased a truck, Ford was cheaper than the State. They will shop around and get quotes from various dealers. Alba stated the new building is here; they still do not have a new quote for the fence but can wait until they are ready for it. Alba feels we need to bid new fence rather than use the old fence.

Commissioner Rieger joined the conversation and was refreshed of the previous discussions. Commissioner Rieger did not have any issues with any of the prior discussions. Commissioner Rieger did suggest they look around and get quotes from others regarding the weed spray trucks.

The group discussed permitting pits such as Dan Buerkle and Mike Choat. Bob stated he has not spoken to Mike Stark as of this time either, regarding their possible pit.

Bobby asked about Shelterbelt Road, a road that we do have easement on. A taxpayer stated this road needs to be bladed, should we blade it? Commissioner Rieger stated we should blade it if it needs it, otherwise stay off of it. After much discussion Tim stated he would tell Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor to stay off and keep his crew off of Shelterbelt Road for now and Bobby will tell the Road Crew the same.

Commissioner Ranum asked Tim what it was looking like at the Humane Society. Tim stated it seems to be staying cleaner.

Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator received an e-mail from the MT DOT stating the Council on Aging, on behalf of Fallon County, will have the option to receive a nicer bus than earlier stated. Carla also asked about fencing off the parking lot since it will be newly sealed and the traffic from people coming in the back way, through the scoria, is ruining the parking lot. Carla also has concerns about the garbage attendant getting to the garbage can if it is fenced or roped off. The group discussed moving the garbage can. Carla explained they have already moved a garbage can to the parking lot to try to keep the people from littering all over their parking lot; it did not help deter the littering, they still litter.

Kit Anderson, Planner/Landfill Supervisor met to discuss setting up a \$50.00 petty cash fund for the Landfill. Kit spoke to Jim Wosepka, Auditor and he explained how they should proceed and she would need to write up some procedures. Kit wanted to get permission from the Commission first. Commissioner's approved of this and the written procedures.

The Commission reviewed and approved the July mid-month claims in the amount of \$399,702.79 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

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Chuck Lee, DES/911 met to discuss the letter received by the Commission acknowledging the receipt of the CDBG-Disaster Recovery Grant Application. This funding was available due to the May 1-2, 2008 severe winter storm that occurred. Four Counties (Fallon County included) were declared a major disaster by Governor Schweitzer on May 20, 2009. The amount applied for by Fallon County was \$114,000 for the purpose of purchasing a rotary snow plow for the County Road Department and a bobcat for use at the Hospital for snow removal purposes.

CLOSED-INTERVIEWS

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to discuss the culverts they are taking out of Highway 7. Bob stated two are rusted out; two are good. Bob feels they may have to cut the good culverts in sections and he does not know if it is even worth taking them if they have to do this. The Commission does not feel it would be either. Bob will know more about them later.

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering met to discuss various projects. The Commission approved the change order based on (valued engineering) for the Anticline Road box culvert, to cast in place. This will be a \$600.00 savings and that amount is split between the Contractor and County. They will start the project next week.

North Baker Water Sewer-Still no word on the EDA funding.

Clayton Hornung, Mayor-City of Baker met for his monthly report. Clayton and Commission discussed the salary for Nicole Brown, City Judge/Justice of Peace. No consensus could be made at this time as no one is sure of the funding level as of this time. For payroll purposes the group decided to leave things as they are and whatever they decide to do will be retroactive to July 1, 2009.

Clayton stated Angie Rabbitt did accept the position as the new Recreation Director.

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Tom Barth, Landfill Manager met to update the Commission on Landfill business.

Dumping Issue- Tom asked if the Commission gave permission for anyone to dump at the landfill this weekend. The Commissioners both stated they did not give permission to anyone to dump at the Landfill. Tom stated he is pretty sure he knows who the individual was. Tom will probably ask Tim Barkley, Sheriff if he would be able to go visit with the individual and let them know that is illegal dumping and you can be fined.

Landfill Inspection-Tom stated the State Inspector came out last week and stated everything was good except they need to complete some signage.

Bruce Ingraham item-Tom stated the Commission may be getting an e-mail from Bruce Ingraham. Bruce heard someone bad mouthing our landfill and felt we should know about it.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE RECEIVED:

Fair Board-June 15, 2009 Report

Baker Rural Fire District Meeting Minutes-June 4, 2009-Warrants issued in the amount of \$46,552.87

Plevna Rural Fire District Meeting Minutes-June 11, 2009-Warrants were issued in the amount of \$4,909.06; voided warrant in the amount of \$594.19.

District Court Juror Warrants-June, 2009-\$70.00

Fallon County Planning Department Plat Status Report-5 Plats/COS's on the agenda to be completed.

JOURNAL VOUCHERS:

Budget Journal 7-Transfer or revise between certain budget items within certain described limitations, to provide the necessary budgets or funds for such expenditures per Resolution 6-29-09.

Budget Journal 8-Correct error on Budget Journal 7.

Journal #728-Correct Plevna Fire warrants in Plevna Fire Fund #7200-expenditures should have been taken from Fund 7201.

Journal #729-Baker Rural Fire warrants taken from 940 M & E and should have been 921-Buildings.

REVENUES:

Rosebud County-\$10,865.40-Fallon County share of 16th Judicial District Juvenile Probation funds for FY09; Transportation -\$564.53; Secure Detention-\$10,300.87; of this funding Fallon County paid the following before Fallon County's share was received- Transportation-\$1,227.51; Secure Detention-\$34,200.00 for a Total-\$35,427.51.

Motorola-rebate for pagers paid through 911 funding-\$1,080.00

Adjourned.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder