

Monday, August 17, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Donald Rieger and William L. Randash, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder convened in a regular Monday session.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly road report. Bob stated they found scoria at Dan Buerkle's and Milbert Allerdings' and also found gravel at Don Fried's. Commissioner Rieger spoke to Rolph Tunby and they would like the road, going into their place, not to be bladed as often as it has been; they will even mow the weeds themselves. Cattle guard policy was discussed. Bob will talk to Conlan Fried about his cattle guard issue today and take the cattle guard policy with him. Pennel Creek Bridge-Bob visited with the workers installing the bridge and Bob did not realize it will take two months to install the bridge. The road crew put some surfacing on the detour road. Bob went out with Steve Spriggs, ENCORE Operating to view the detour road. Stark Bridge-Bob will come back at 11:00 AM to discuss the bridge when Brosz Engineering is here. Bob stated the crusher is almost ready to go. Randy Wolenetz spoke to Bob and wants to know when we are going to blade the road over to the Traweek place. Bob told Randy there are no plans to blade that road at this time. Webster Road is not a problem it can be worked on. Pete Enos asked Commissioner Randash about taking the road crossing out (car gate) by his Dad's place. Pete said the car gate is not heavy enough for the cattle trucks. Bob will look at it and see what he thinks; Commissioner Randash will ride along with Bob when he goes to look at it. Ferrel Pit-Bob will take Billy Singer with him to look at it; it may be closed already. Commissioner Ranum stated we need to let Steve Gonsioroski know what is going on with it. This week the blade hands will be patching the Webster Road and the Anticline Road. Some of the road crew will be raising cargates on the Soda Creek Road by Meccage's. Another crew member will be blading the bus routes in District 3.

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering joined the discussion. Bridge on Bridge Road-Jon stated they plan to use (2) 8 x 70'-14 gauge-corrugated pipes. Jon stated they could be ordered by Bob. The bid opening has been scheduled for September 8, 2009 at 1:15 PM. Bedding gravel-Jon will get a quantity needed. Discussed raising the road a little bit; Bobby stated they may need to add some dirt also. Commissioner Ranum asked about the low water crossing and Jeanette Dye's bridge. Jon stated the next couple of weeks they will concentrate on bridge inspections and the low water crossing. Anticline Box Culvert project-Jon stated they will have to do a change order on that because they had to add more concrete since they found a bunch of mush.

Cement issues for various projects in Baker (from last year)-They are not sure where the problem lies. Jon stated they will be submitting a mix design to the cement plant for the Anticline box culvert, etc. Fire Department-Commissioner Ranum asked if Brosz was in charge of that cement for the Fire Department project; Jon stated Brosz is just testing the cement for that project and will have the person in charge check the water/cement ratio. Commissioner Rieger feels it is the contractor's responsibility. Bob will check on who is taking the samples for the Road/Park Project. The group discussed how much gravel would be needed for the North Baker Water Sewer project. Jon felt they would need 4000 yards total, 2000 per project, i.e. water and sewer projects.

Noon Recess

The Commission reconvened at 1:00 PM with all present.

Jason Rittal, Executive Director – Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation met to update the Commission on the funding for the North Baker Water Sewer project. John Rogers-State of MT EDA Representative stated they have not formally approved the funding but they are being considered for the funding. Jason is expecting a lot of paperwork from the EDA so EDA can make a definite determination on this project. Jason also needs someone on the board to replace Commissioner Afrank. The Commission will discuss this and let Jason know as soon as they can.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor met to update the Commission on some safety issues. Since we have a new worker compensation carrier, there are services they will provide to Fallon County for no fee. Vera wants to sign up for some of them if the Commission agrees. The Commission feels this would be a very good idea. The packet Vera received also came with an OSHA manual; Vera will try to get them free. Commissioner Rieger stated if they can not get them free, Vera should get a price quote. Commissioner Rieger stated we need to put more emphasis on the seasonal worker's training. Montana Department of Labor and Industry are the guidelines the County follows and they follow the same guidelines OSHA has. The Commission recommends they order 50 OSHA manuals, enough for each department but check with Victory Insurance to see if they will give them to the County first.

The Commission approved the August mid-month claims in the amount of \$563,637.75 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman reported earlier he had spoken to Kent Ehret about the cement for the Road/Park building. Brosz Engineering is to do the testing of the cement and it is a 6 bag mix. Bob stated Jerry Maurice did reclaim the Ferrel pit and he did use the dirt from the pipeline to do so. The people in charge of the pipeline were there when he did that portion of the reclamation. Bob went to talk to Jessica Dinardi, Planner Secretary to see if they show the Ferrel pit as a closed pit.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman returned and stated the Ferrel pit is not closed but in our opinion it is reclaimed (Closed). The State of Montana (Jo Stephan) has not come to inspect the reclamation, therefore the Ferrel Pit it is not formally closed. Commissioner Ranum stated Steve Gonsioroski had said there was a mud hole developing. Bob will take Billy Singer, Road Crew member with him and they will see what they can do but the County can not be responsible for every mud hole that appears on a reclaimed pit.

Jim Leischner, Insurance Store met to congratulate Bill Randash on his position as Commissioner.

Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor notified the Commission, Victory Insurance is looking into furnishing Fallon County with 40 OSHA manuals for each department. Vera feels we have 33 departments in the County.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Klint Flint met to state there is a "No Through Traffic – Private Drive" sign on the Cap Rock Road. The sign was put up by Jack Hadley. Klint just wants to know what he, as an ENCORE employee should do, and also wanted to know if this is a County Road. Commissioner Rieger stated the road is not a County Road so would recommend not using it. Klint stated no one from ENCORE has been using it but if it was a County Road, Klint would use the road. Klint will take the information back to his Supervisor at ENCORE.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission received the approval for construction and the building permit for the Fallon County Improvement Project for Parkview Complex 1, Law Enforcement and Library for the Montana Department of Labor.

The Commission received the approval for construction and the building permit for the Fallon County Park/Road Department project.

The Commission received some information regarding various cement tests taken from various projects in Fallon County; not all Fallon County projects.

The Commission received notification there are recalls on some of the County vehicles. Appointments will be made and they will be taken to a dealership as soon as possible. (2008 Chevy Pickup-Road Foreman's; 2009 Chevy Malibu-County Fleet; 2003 Dodge Pickup-Sheriff).

The Commission received a copy of the letter from Con'eer Engineering, Inc which was sent to Star Service, Inc. notifying them of the bid award for the Fallon County Building Systems Improvement Project for Parkview #1; Law Enforcement Center and the Library.

Letters of support were written and mailed on behalf of Fallon County for Mid-Rivers to receive grant funding for Fiber to the premise Broadband Service. The letters were written to: Assistant Secretary of National Telecommunications & Information Administration and Administrator of the Rural Utilities Services. Those letters on filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission received an incident report from Fair Grounds Manager regarding the door that was broken on the new John Deere tractor, while driving the tractor through the alley way, in the barn with the door open. The door got caught on a panel and broke. This took place on August 10, 2009 and is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission received notification from Fish, Wildlife and Parks regarding a decision made pertaining to the grant for installation of a canopy. The decision reads as follows:

The Fallon County Shooting Range in Baker, Montana proposes installing a 16' x 110' canopy over the existing shooting line and shooting benches. The Range has applied or a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program for \$8,512 in partial funding of the \$16,225 total cost of adding a canopy to the shooting line. A review of the grant proposal has been completed. The proposed action is considered a minor repair or maintenance of an existing facility per administrative rule 12.2.430(5)(c), and is therefore exempt from an Environmental Assessment under Montana Environmental Policy Act.

The Commission received notification from Jason Rittal, Executive Director-Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation the position has been filled for an assistant for Jason. Elizabeth Smith will begin Monday, August 24, 2009.

The Commission received a copy of the report from West-Tech for the tank and/or line tightness test for the Fallon County Airport aviation gas and Jet A fuel tanks. This is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission received a copy of the report from West-Tech regarding the Cathodic Protection System-Sacrificial Anodes for the Fallon County Road Department Diesel and Unleaded Tanks. This is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

JOURNALS:

779-Adjustments for FY08-after audit were complete-per Auditor-All prior period adjustments.

780-Reversing journal entry for journal #779

781-Adjustments for FY08-after audit were complete-per Auditor-All prior period adjustments.

782-To adjust FY08 fixed assets so new year balances are correct-Per auditor request.

783-To record Ambulance bookkeeping charges, losses and adjustments to get into the County accounting system. July 08-April 09.

12-FY10-Set up petty cash account in the Solid Waste Fund-Per Auditor-Jim Wosepka.

REPORTS:

Plevna Rural Fire District-July, 09 meeting minutes-14,498.87.

Adjourned,
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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