

Monday, August 24, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson, William L. Randash, Member and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular Monday session. Donald Rieger, Member was excused to attend a JPT meeting.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his road report. Bob stated he went to view the Anticline Box Culvert project; Bob stated they are getting ready to pour cement. The mowers all left the yard with the exception of the mower from District 3, which is broke down. Straub Access was discussed. Commissioner Randash and Bob looked at Meccage's cattle guards; they feel if they raise them, this should help. Bob will get hold of Mr. Meccage and let him know what they plan to do. Enos' want a cattle guard replaced. Bob stated they will not replace the cattle guard until the road crew starts cleaning them again; possibly next summer. Fried's have an issue with their cattle guard also; the highway is much higher than the cattle guard. Bob will contact Dale Newell, MT DOT Road Superintendent and discuss the Fried cattle guard and see if it can be worked in with the Highway 7 project. Bob stated the cattle guard needs to be replaced. Culverts-Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering feels they need to use 10 gauge culverts for Stark Bridge project; Bob stated he usually has the crew use 14 gauge culverts. Jon will get hold of Bob today and give Bob the specifications. Bob wondered if it was possible to hire extra help in the summer; mostly for hauling. The Road Department could use help now because the culvert and cattle guard crew will only work on them now if it is an emergency because the mowing is not completed. The Commission will further discuss hiring extra help when Commissioner Rieger returns. Bob stated a decision will need to be made on the Shelterbelt Road; how much will the County mow, etc. They will mow the entire Webster Road. Bob and Commissioner Randash will view the Fried cattle guard after lunch today.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to update the Commission on the Park/Road shop building. Alba stated according to the building permit for the new building, they are requiring them to be mechanically ventilated, if it is a repair shop. Alba will discuss this issue with the state; as the building is not a repair shop, it is a parking building. They may have to address this issue later down the road if this changes. Alba also wondered when the Commission would be pouring more concrete for the creek channel as a decision will need to be made as to what will be done with the new building. Will they put a building on skids and allow it to be available for others to use later, or how does the Commission want to handle the use of this building. The Commission will further discuss and render a decision when Commissioner Rieger returns.

Noon Recess

The Commission Reconvened at 1:00 PM with Commissioner's Ranum and Randash and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder present.

Brock Collins met to discuss the alley issue in Fairway Acres, located between himself and Chad Tronstad's property. Brock stated he has talked to other attorney's in others parts of the state and they say everyone signed off on the plat stating this was an alley; the County then took responsibility of the alley. Mike Rinaldi, Sanitarian joined the discussion. After some discussion Mike agreed we could leave it as an alley but there is still the issue of Fallon County needing to talk to the Gunderson's and purchase the property. Mike stated he is working with the County Attorney on this issue and the decision rests with the County Attorney. Brock stated the County has other alley's they maintain in Stanhope Addition and the law clearly states the local government is in charge of maintaining those alleys and they are public alleys. Mike stated he will discuss this with the County Attorney and a decision will be made. Brock wants to be notified when if there is any further discussion on this alley; he does not want the decision made behind closed doors. Mike will talk to Rich Batterman, County Attorney about the next step and have Rich contact Myra Schultz at MACo for assistance, if necessary.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman and Commissioner Randash left the meeting to view the Conlan Fried cattle guard issue.

Commissioner Randash returned to the meeting.

The Commission approved a special claim in the amount of \$20,000.00 and that claim is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Chuck Lee met to explain the issues with the Montana Interoperability Consortium to Commissioner Randash.

Bob Wiedmer met to discuss the gauge of culvert to use for the Bridge Road Project. Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering joined the discussion to have the Commission sign the Army Corp of Engineering permit for the Bridge Road project. Commissioner Ranum signed the permit. Jon left the discussion.

Kevin Dukart, City Clerk brought a copy of an e-mail received by Mayor Hornung from the US Army Corps of Engineers in Billings. The e-mail was regarding the letter the Mayor wrote to them pertaining to the creek channel lining project Fallon County would like to start. Cathy Juhas of the Corps replied stating she had just spoken with the US EPA regarding the Baker Lake violation and the proposed lining of the outlet channel. As long as the violation against Fallon County is not resolved, the application to line the outlet channel with concrete cannot be processed. Ms. Juhas also noted that the work on the proposed lining of the waterway cannot commence until the appropriate permit authorizations have been received.

The MSU Extension Service Salary Adjustment Verification Form and Extension Service Agreement between MSU and Fallon County was signed for FY2010.

REVENUES:

Continental Resources, Inc-June Oil and Gas Royalties-\$7,253.94.

VOUCHERS:

Journals 37-46-Roll balances forward from June, 2009 to July 2010 (new fiscal year). Those journals are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Adjourned.
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder