

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Donald Rieger, and William L. Randash, Members and Brenda J. Wood convened in regular session with all present.

Jim Neary met to state he would like the driveway into his home leveled out so he could mow better. The Commission agreed to accommodate this request and the Road Department will take care of it.

Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner, Commissioner's Rieger and Randash went to view the Fallon County Dispatch Center.

Interoperability Montana meeting in Basement of the Library-10:00 AM. Full minutes of this meeting are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Noon Recess.

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

Bob Wiedmer and Alba Higgins met to discuss the snowplows. Oshkosh snowplow is a 1972 and the right front ball socket for the steering needs to be replaced. The only place Alba can find the part is in New York from Dan Patterson Equipment. Dan would sell us the used part, ½ price or \$625.00 plus freight. They have agreed to ship the part, bill us and let us pay. FWD Snowplow-Alba is trying to get hold of Franco Truck but has been unsuccessful. Patterson Equipment has some parts for the FWD also but they will not rebuild them. Dan wants Alba to tear it apart and let him know what part is needed and he will send it. The Commission felt Alba should order the part for the Oshkosh and wait on the FWD. Mowers-The mower from District 1 is in the shop having the back window replaced; District 2 mower is on Webster Road; District 3 mower is finishing Willard Road. Commissioner Randash asked about the car gate questions at Enos' and Meccages'. Bob had gone to talk to Meccages'; no decision on Enos'. Building-The new building will not be completed by the 1st of November. Unanswered questions-rain gutters, sewer and water tie in for the restroom, handicap ramp and parking. Trailers-Do we order 2 trailers or wait. Commissioner Rieger stated he felt we should wait on the budget. Bridge Plank-Bobby had been asked by a member of the public if bridge plank from an old bridge could be used by the public. Commissioner Rieger feels the answer is no but the Commission will discuss further and give an answer. Bob will go look at the bridge plank and check on the condition of it.

Commissioner Rieger left for the afternoon to attend out of town meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Sharon Schwartz met regarding funding for Positive Choices 14th Annual Youth Conference grades 5th - 8th; 1st Wednesday in October and brings together Baker, Wibaux, Plevna, Marmarth, ND and Ekalaka. Sharon stated they all converge in the Longfellow School. Positive Choices solely survives on donations. Jeff Yalden is the speaker this year and Sharon stated he does a wonderful job. Commissioner Ranum asked who supports the funding. Sharon stated many of the same people each year such as the City of Baker and Fallon County. Sharon would like to ask for a \$1,000.00 donation this year. Commissioner's Ranum and Randash agreed to donate 1,000.00.

Dan and Lana Buerkle met to discuss the TransCanada Pipeline, regarding the camp site they would like to set up in Fallon County. Dan stated they would like Fallon County to encourage TransCanada to look at their property. Dan stated he knows they are looking at Fallon County property also but feels it would benefit Fallon County more if the Buerkle's were to get it and put it on the tax roles. Dan stated they would also probably have to amend the plat which would entail a public hearing so they would be able to accommodate this type of arrangement. Dan felt this would also benefit them as TransCanada would probably build the road they need which Dan found would cost them upwards of \$98,000.00. The Commissioner's stated they would let the Buerkle's know when they are contacted and if they gather any information as the Commission has really heard nothing as of this time either.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman discussed viewing roads with Commissioner Randash for the upcoming Road Abandonment Hearing, which will encompass District II.

The Commission signed DEQ Contract 510018 between the MT DEQ and Fallon County for the purpose of delegating to the County, pursuant to Section 76-4-104, MCA, the authority to review certain water supply, wastewater, solid waste and stormwater systems in subdivisions. The County will review subdivision applications for completeness and to determine whether certain systems, comply with the Sanitation in Subdivisions Act, the Montana Water Quality Act, and applicable administrative rules and Circulars. The purpose of this Agreement is also to provide reimbursement to the County for performing site evaluations and related services for subdivisions. This agreement is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Commissioner Ranum and Mayor Hornung signed the Summary of Project Costs for partial payment request #5 for the extension of the Baker Municipal Airport Runway.

Commissioner Ranum signed the joint application for proposed work in Montana's Streams, Wetlands, Floodplains and Other Water Bodies for the Bridge Replacement Project on Bridge Road located in Section 23-10-60-Beaver Creek.

The Commission received notification from the MT DEQ of the public hearing on proposed amendment for Underground Storage Tanks.

REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed the May 18, 2009 Fallon County Planning Board Minutes.
The Commission reviewed the July 8, 2009 Safety Team Minutes.
The Commission reviewed the July 27, 2009 Planning Board Minutes.

REVENUES:

Baker Air Service-August, 2009 County portion of Aviation Fuel-\$290.92
ConocoPhillips Company-June/July Oil and Gas Royalties-\$4,575.07
Encore Operating, LP-May oil and gas royalties-\$3560.67
Encore Operating, LP-June oil and gas royalties-\$3228.78

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Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder reported the auction total was \$4,296.00. Debbie stated she will discuss the County Insurance renewal policy next week. Debbie discussed the insurance audit.

Debbie stated she insured the Sheriff car so they could take it to Oklahoma to get the equipment placed on it. The Commission felt that was a good idea.

Randy Hoenke, BRFD Chief met to update the Commission on the new Fire Hall. Randy stated they are hoping to pour the floor in the south apparatus bay tomorrow but due to the weather it probably will not happen until Tuesday or Wednesday next week. The block layer's plan to be here the 14th or 21st of this month. Discussion regarding the fire truck being used as a water truck. Commissioner Randash stated the Commission felt it was the contractor's concern to be furnishing the water truck. Randy stated Rich Batterman, County Attorney is drawing up a contract for them allowing MacManus to use the County's fire truck. Randy stated they asked some of the water hauling companies if they were interested and some were not. They had a trucking company that voiced a concern for not being paid and Randy stated they felt that it would be best not to have that concern. They had a trucking company that MacManus felt they were being charged too much for the services. Randy stated the State is coming September 12th for a live burn of a prop trailer and a lot of different towns will also be attending. Randy stated this could be the start of a regional training center. Commissioner Randash asked where they will hold the training. Randy stated it would be on the cement behind the High School. Randy stated the estimated completion date for the new Fire Hall is the end of March, 2010.

Tim Barkley, Sheriff discussed being away and the coverage they will have while he is gone. Tim also discussed the Interoperability Montana meeting he was unable to attend. Tim stated he is not in favor of their communication thoughts and feels we have a very good communication system of our own that we have already paid for.

Adjourned.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson
s/Donald Rieger, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder