

Monday, October 26, 2009

Donald Rieger, Vice-Chairman; William L. Randash, Member and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular October session. Deb Ranum, Chairman excused until further notice.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly road report. Today the crew will start removing the sand at the Fair barn. Some crew members are cleaning a car gate on the Anticline; when they are finished they will start hauling sand from the Baker Redi-Mix Pit to the Fair barn. Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and Mitch Overn, Shop personnel will start to put the wings on the blades this week. One Road Crew member is at the Landfill today. Crusher Crew will continue crushing at the Allerdings Pit when everyone returns from vacation. The crew will also go back to hauling gravel after the Fair barn is completed.

Drainage ditch to the lake-Discussed the need to keep one of the approaches open to the County shop at all times so they can get equipment in and out while the MT DOT is working on the drainage.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman joined the discussion regarding preparing to bid for Weed spray trucks. Alba stated they will try to get some quotes for trucks as everyone agrees, if they bid them together, they will get a better deal.

Budgets-Alba feels they need to look at replacing belly dump trailers, keep the best Ranco trailer, then if we have a truck down, there would be a backup. They would like to get quotes for various types of trailers. Commissioner Rieger asked about side dump trailers; it was felt it was hard to measure the loads on those type trailers. Discussed trading possibly two trailers; Alba felt they could possibly put the trailers on the government web site and do better than at the County auction. RDO would like to bring a trailer down to try (Cross-Country). Alba will get some specs drawn up and get back to the Commission later.

Building-The group discussed having a building constructed for pouring forms for the creek channel. Alba felt when they are finished pouring forms, the building can be used someplace else as it would be built on skids. It was also felt it would be a good idea to have doors installed on both ends. Permission granted to proceed but the Commission would like them to get a quote first.

Pennel Creek Bridge-Bobby felt the bridge is too long and Bobby feels they went a little overboard on this project.

Fairgrounds Barn-The road crew is almost finished removing the sand.

Commissioner Randash will go with Spence Huether, Road Technician and Bobby to look at roads for the upcoming road hearing.

Pick ups-Alba wondered if they could still purchase two more pickups this year since they are getting rid of fuel trailers. Permission granted.

Tool Purchase-Discussed purchasing a laser to set culverts and car gates; Bobby felt it would be handy to have. Mark Feland, RDO sells (Top Con-brand name for lasers) and would sell to Fallon County at a 5% discount. Permission granted to purchase one for \$1,370.00. Ken Griffith, Griffith Excavating told them they like the Top Con as they are more user friendly.

Scoria-Crushing at the old landfill 15,000 yards; Allerdings about 10,000 yards now.

Medearis' Road-Bobby stated he has not made it there yet.

Commissioner Randash discussed his Economic Development meeting on Thursday. Tod Kasten, Circle will no longer be employed with Economic Development as they are doing away with some jobs within the State in the Economic Division. Jason Rittal, Executive Director of Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation is also worried since he is on the bottom end of the totem pole.

Jeff Gruizenga, Con'eer Engineering phoned in and was placed on speaker phone. Jeff discussed the various projects they are working on.

Law Enforcement-The insulation is in very poor condition. As part of the contract Jeff was just going to have them add insulation to what they already have but the contractor stated he

provides service of completely vacuuming the insulation and would then blow-in insulation. There is 1100 square foot area that has ceiling tiles within the Police Department, Sheriff and Sheriff' Secretary's portion of the Sheriff Department, which would have the bat insulation placed opposed to the blown-in insulation. Jeff stated the contractor gave him a quote of \$12,855.00 for that portion of the project which would be offset by a credit from the initial bid proposal. Ceiling tiles-Jeff stated there are ceiling tiles which are cracked in some areas. Jeff asked if the Commission would like to have a contractor remove and replace them or would the Commission rather replace them themselves. Commissioner Rieger felt Fallon County would not be interested in doing that but wondered if the person that is installing the insulation be interested in doing that. Jeff stated no, a Contractor working at the Hospital would do that type work and they are still working at the Hospital, so would be in the area. Jeff did not get a quote from them for this project. Commissioner Rieger asked Jeff to get a quote and get back to the Commission on this matter. Jeff will do that and let the Commission know. Jeff will now direct the contractor to move forward on the insulation.

Commissioner Rieger asked about the balance of the Courthouse, pertaining to blown in insulation. Jeff will get a quote on another portion of the courthouse; they could schedule in May and then possibly complete the balance next spring.

Commissioner Randash asked about the heat issues in the Library. Jeff stated the Librarian told him the Library was cold Saturday but the contractor was supposed to have the heat moving now. Commissioner Randash stated he does not think there is any heat moving there at all. Jeff will check on that matter.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:00 PM with Commissioner's Rieger and Randash present.

Jasen Wyrick and Frank Bondell, Wyrick Construction met to discuss the issues with the new parking lot at the Hospital. After much discussion Jasen stated he would do the work and the Commission agreed the County would provide the gravel.

Bridge Road Bridge Project-Jasen stated he is finished with the Bridge Road Bridge Project. Rieger's will do the seeding; Rick Stark talked about the fencing; the Commission will visit with Rick Stark about the fencing.

Misti Breitbach, Health Nurse had to cancel her appointment.

Mike Rinaldi, Sanitarian brought the Cooperative Agreement for the Commission to sign between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Fallon County Board of Health for establishing a payment schedule for disbursing funds to the BOH and to facilitate payment of funds to support inspections of licensed establishments. This agreement will be effective July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011.

Gunderson Deed –Gunderson's are deeding the "alley" to Fallon County. Still need to complete some type of agreement with Tronstad's and Collin's regarding the "alley".

New Well-We are still waiting on the water rights to come through. The Golf Course is now using 100,000 gallons a day from the lagoon to water the greens. The Water Rights person in Billings, MT wants Fallon County to permit the well for the same amount as irrigation. Mike stated he told them Fallon County just wants to use it as a balancer for alkalinity. The group discussed allowing the Weed Department to access the new well for non-potable water needs. Mike felt that would not be an issue either.

Ambulance Garage–Mike stated his son is working on the door and they are not sure if they can do anything with the roof.

H1N1-Issues of patients or residents that do not do what is asked of them by a Health official, when they or a family member is diagnosed or suspected of having the H1N1. Mike stated the Health Officer, has to enforce this and the law enforcement agency only assists.

Faye Koenig, Treasurer/Assessor met to discuss preparation of the Real Estate tax notices. Faye stated she placed the TIF District in the computer system and felt Kate Russell, (DOR) was not happy about it. The Commission stated if there was a problem with this, the Commission would tell the DOR that is what Faye has been instructed to do, by the Commission, each year.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS:

Bison Project sent an encroachment permit to cross the Webster Road, North of Cox's. They sent a permit for both, boring and open cut trenching for the Commissioner's approval. The Commission stated as long as Bison has a bypass, flag it and stay in contact with the Road Foreman, they will allow them to open cut the road. Permit #509 was signed for Bison Pipeline, LLC-operated by TransCanada Northern Border, Inc to open cut trench across the Webster Road in Section 23-3-61. A fee of \$150.00 was collected for this permit. Exception was made to open cut by the Commission as stated above. Bison asked for exception to #8 stating the County is not liable for damage to installations-Bison inserted an exception which was accepted by the Commission, "except where such damage or injury results from the gross negligence or malfeasance (misconduct by a public official that cannot be legally justified or that conflicts with the law) of such County employee

The Commission phoned Commissioner Ranum at home and updated her on County business.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission signed an agreement between Fallon County and Mike Carlson, New Harvest Energy for assistance in management of three (3) meteorological towers.

The Commission received a letter from the BLM regarding the public hearing on November 2, 2009. The BLM requested a deferral on the decision made, at the public hearing, regarding Petitioned Roads #20 and #60 until the possibility of BLM accepting maintenance, or some other possible solution can be further researched. They also stated they had no concerns with Petition #17-Road #1, Petition #38-Road #41, Petition #99-Road #156 and Petition #1919(15)-Road #9 being abandoned.

REVENUES:

Encore Operating, LP-\$3,476.63-Oil and Gas Royalties for August and September, 2009.
Continental Resources, Inc.-\$7,426.25-Oil and Gas Royalties for August, 2009 and adjustments for September, 2007 and January, 2008
State of Montana-County Fuel Tax Allocation for September, 2009-\$4,245.85.

Adjourned.
s/Donald Rieger, Vice-Chairman

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