

Monday, December 28, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson, Donald Rieger, Member and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular December, 2009 session. William L. Randash, Member was excused due to weather conditions.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly Road report. Bobby stated he plowed snow in various areas Sunday. Three of the Road Crew members plowed roads on Saturday. Bobby stated the crew will be plowing snow for the next couple of days. When finished with that they will go back to hauling gravel. This morning Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and Mitch Overn, Shop Mechanic are working on the FWD snow plow truck and one of the blades.

Arnold Pinnow met to discuss signing an easement for the road going to the Pinnow gravel pit and the trailers he owns. Arnold asked why he needed to sign an easement now and he did not have to sign one 15 years ago. Commissioner Rieger stated the times have changed and we have to have an easement signed now before we can maintain or plow snow on the roads. Arnold stated they (he and Vivian) would sign and thinks Craig and Wanda will sign an easement also. Arnold discussed the fact that his taxes doubled and the road was not maintained. Commissioner Rieger stated Spence will have to draw up the easements. Arnold explained he owns the land on the South and Craig and Wanda own the land on the North side of the road.

Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance met to ask permission to purchase a snow blower from Steadman's Ace Hardware as there will be no snow blowers in the Baker area for several days. Permission granted to purchase as requested.

Commissioner Rieger phoned Rich Batterman, County Attorney about certifying the easements for the North Baker Water Sewer District. Rich is working with Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering on this issue.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:00 PM with Deb Ranum, Donald Rieger, Commission and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder present.

Arlene Singer, Public Health Nurse Secretary met to get signatures from the Commission for the WIC Medicare papers.

Commissioner Rieger asked about the door opener for the Public Health office. Arlene stated now they have an inside opener on their Public Health door and it works just great. Arlene stated they have almost 500 H1N1 shots available to the public and have quit accepting any more from the State of Montana.

Commissioner Rieger phoned Kevin Dukart, City Clerk regarding publishing the hours for the City Judge since the Inter-local Agreement between the City and County was not signed.

REVENUES:

Baker Air Service-December 2009 Aviation Fuel-\$51.27

ENCORE Operating-October, 2008-November, 2009 Adjustments of Oil and Gas Royalties-\$3,247.54.

Continental Resources-September and October, 2009- Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,620.50.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission wrote a letter of support to John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor to support Bud Anderson as the TransCanada Liaison as an individual that will carry the interests of the County, Landowners, TransCanada and the State of Montana to the highest degree. A copy of this letter is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission wrote a letter of support to Honorable Max Baucus to request his support of efforts to increase the minimum funding level for the Economic Development Administrations planning program. A copy of this letter is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission received a copy of a violation letter for the underground storage tanks at the Airport. Commissioner Rieger contacted Roger Meggers, Airport Manager, who contacted the State of Montana. Roger stated this was corrected already and a letter will be sent stating this fact.

The Commission wrote a letter of support voicing their support for the 2010 Homeland Security Grant Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator is applying for to update communication sites with needed improvements, including microwave technologies.

The Commission received notification the FAA approved a payment for the Airport Expansion Project in the amount of \$1,508.00 for expenses incurred.

The Commission and the Road Department received a Safety Notice from Caterpillar regarding the need for a temperature sensor that needs to be installed and new software that needs to be flashed on the 120M, 12M, 140M, 160M, 14M, 16M, and 24M motor grades. In addition the secondary steering system needs to be inspected on certain 12M, 120M, 140M, 160M, 14M and 16M motor grades. Also the transmission EDM harnesses may need to have an air conditioner wire relocated.

MINUTE APPROVALS:

The Commission reviewed and approved minutes from November 23, 2009 and November 30-December 3, 2009.

Adjourned
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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