

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Donald Rieger, Chairman; Deb Ranum, Member and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular June, 2010 session. William L. Randash was excused to be out of state.

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to discuss various items of business. The Commission asked Dale if he could spray the weeds around the Baker Senior Center. Dale felt he could as soon as he was caught up on his regular duties. The group discussed placing chemical in the Baker Lake due to the weed issue. Dale stated he spoke to Roger Meggers, Baker Air Service; Roger felt he would try to get up in the air and take pictures. Dale and Roger feel there will not be the need to use as much chemical due to the residual and cool weather. Dale was also asked to spray weeds at the Fairgrounds; Dale stated he would do that also. Dale has filed the required 308 permit for the Lake but has not received it as of this time.

Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator met to discuss information he found pertaining to elevator maintenance companies. Chuck stated ThyssenKrupp is one of the few companies that will come to Baker to service our elevators from the research he has completed.

Weather Radar- The weather radar in Bowman, ND is not operational so those of us in this area will finally have some assistance when poor weather conditions are approaching. Chuck needs to know how much the County will help pay toward this and wants to place it in his grant. Chuck stated the ten Counties that will benefit from this are going to put funds in to this. The Commission agreed that Fallon County would pledge \$4,000 and Chuck feels he should be able to get ½ of those funds through his DES grant. Chuck stated the Airport Board would give \$2,000 through their budget; Chuck feels if he is short that amount he would go to them for that funding.

Budget-Chuck is working on his budget. Chuck is putting in for a vehicle hopes to get ½ of the funding for the pickup through his grant (DES) but they have stated they are funding salaries, then supplies and equipment will be funded last. Chuck stated he has no access to a vehicle when he has to go out on a call AND does not want to use his personal vehicle. Chuck stated he wants a 4-wheel drive pickup and then he can keep all of his maps, supplies, tools and extra necessities in that vehicle.

Sirens-Chuck stated he found \$21,000 in grant funding and would use it to fund a siren in Plevna.

Pickup keys-The Commission stated they felt they would wait to give him the keys to a County fleet pickup until they have more time to discuss this. This would then alleviate the need to purchase a pickup from the DES budget.

The Commissioners signed the IGT (Intergovernmental Transfer) for the Hospital. The paperwork will be mailed ASAP to comply with time constraints.

Noon Recess

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

Spencer Huether, Road Technician and Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to discuss the roads in the upcoming road hearing scheduled for June 7th, 2010. Spencer and Bobby will go view the County roads for the June 7th hearing.

Cold Mix-Bobby stated they will be making cold mix today and hopefully starting to lay it tomorrow.

The Commission signed the Interlocal Agreement between Fallon and Carter Counties on behalf of the Community Service Program and this Agreement is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission reviewed and approved the May Claims in the amount of \$341,975.90 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission reviewed and approved the May, 2010 Payroll and Withholdings in the amount of \$299,465.35 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Recess

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

The Commission reconvened at 10:00 AM with all present.

Spencer Huether, Road Technician met and stated he phoned Matt Thielen about the roads for the June 7th road hearing. Matt stated he was confused on Road 100-Petition 71. Now that he understands the Petition he is in favor of abandoning that road.

The Commission passed Resolution 6-2-2010 calling for a public road abandonment hearing, it is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Jim Leischner, County Insurance Agent met to discuss Insurance for the Fallon Medical Complex.

Destroyed building-Jim stated the Insurance Company granted permission for the County to sell the new building, damaged beyond repair, for scrap. The building was sitting at the old landfill and was being used to pour cement forms for the drainage channel through Baker.

Nico Canatalupo, Extension Agent brought in his Department Annual Report for the Commission to view. The group discussed various items in the report; there were no action items pertaining to the report.

Nicole Brown, JP/City Judge met to discuss the Community Service Interlocal Agreement with Fallon and Carter County and the worker's compensation pertaining to that agreement. The Commissioner's asked Nicole to discuss her questions with Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, as Debbie handles payroll and all of its workings.

Noon Recess

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

The Commission and Clerk and Recorder attended the Mandatory safety training.

Recess

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss the new building that was destroyed while at the old landfill. The Commission stated the building should be hauled to Baker Metal and Recycling and if anyone wishes to purchase it, they will have to do so through Baker Metal.

Senior Bus-Alba stated he cannot get the Senior Bus in to be repaired until next week as he is waiting for parts.

David Espeland, CEO and Selena Nelson, CFO-FMComplex met for the monthly Fallon Medical Complex/PV Complexes reports.

Discounts-Commissioner Rieger asked if they offer discounts at the Hospital. Selena explained Blue Cross/Blue Shield providers and EBMS only pay the amount allowable by the provider.

Teleconference-David stated they received a call from Senator Baucus' office regarding having a teleconference at FMC regarding health care issues. David stated he would like to invite the Commissioner's to attend the teleconference also.

Water issues-The group discussed the issues with water coming in under the clinic. David stated they will be bidding that project on June 16, 2010.

Handicapped Restroom-Awarded the Hospital contract to Schwartz to construct a Handicapped Restroom in the Hospital.

Parkview 1 repairs-Val Dyba-ABT is working on the Parkview 1 repairs.

Sidewalk-Diamond J is working on a portion of the sidewalk around the Parkview's. David stated Hardy Construction came and tore up the cement and then left. David is working with Stevenson on a design to divert the water on the east side of PVI and PVII.

PVI Elevator-David stated the seal is out of the PVI elevator. Commissioner Ranum stated she would like them to check on a new person to maintain the elevators other than ThyssenKrupp. Commissioner Rieger stated he wonders if when it was installed they struck the cylinder and scored it. David stated ThyssenKrupp claims dirt gets in the cylinder. Selena stated if that is the issue then why not fix the problem of the dirt getting in to begin with. The Commission stated they are not going to sign the ThyssenKrupp contract at this time as they would like to find someone else to replace them. David stated he will work on that.

PVI repairs-David discussed the work being completed on PVI. David stated the reason there have been issues with the plywood, sheetrock and siding on the outside is due to the lack of water proofing.

PVI and PVII Apartments-Selena stated PVI and PVII Apartments are all rented.

Budgets-The group discussed the budget and mill levy work to be completed this year. The Commission stated to proceed with the budget as usual.

Room Rates/Ancillary-Selena stated they are not raising room rates this year; Medicaid is also not raising rates. Selena explained they are raising ancillary rates due the amount the Hospital is charged for supplies, etc.

PA-The PA will be leaving in October.

D.O.N. (Director of Nursing) is leaving the first part of July. Sarah Maynard (D.O.N.) has a person from North Dakota coming to interview with 4-5 years of D.O.N. experience. This would bring a family of 4 and her husband is a teacher and a coach. The 2nd candidate is from Wyoming, she has been a traveling nurse. They do have a lady coming to fill in until they hire someone to fill the D.O.N. position.

Medicinal Marijuana-The Commission stated Fallon County seems to be the talk of the Eastern portion of the State of Montana when dealing with medicinal marijuana. Selena stated there is protocol that has to be followed. The person asking for medicinal marijuana has to have the necessary medical records by being examined by a physician and have conditions that qualify them to be allowed to have marijuana. The doctor can only recommend they qualify for medicinal marijuana. The Commission appreciated the clarification.

Noon Recess

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

Vera Abrams-Librarian/Safety Director met to discuss various items of business.

Bob Winston, Mandatory Safety Meeting presenter would like some feedback from those that attended the meeting. The Commission felt he did a good job.

Boiler-The repairmen are still working on the Library boiler. It is still 75 degrees in the Library.

Parking-Vera wondered if the fleet pickups could be moved to the County Shop to allow more parking for employees/public. The Commission felt they could and felt they were moved already, but, will take care of getting them moved.

Accident investigation-Vera feels the investigations that are being completed need to be more detailed. Vera explained she budgeted for Joe Janz to help assist with accident investigation starting July 1, 2010. Vera stated she also budgeted extra wages for Joe to assist in the safety program. The Commission will have to discuss that further.

Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance was asked to meet with the Commission regarding a complaint they received regarding the time of day Joe mows. The complaint was received by the City of Baker from a resident in the neighborhood. Joe will try to mow at a different time during the day. The Commission is also going to talk to the City of Baker Mayor about it later today.

The Commission discussed wages in length. The Commission tabled the discussion of wages as of this time.

The Commission discussed Board appointments scheduled tomorrow.

Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor met to present the monthly report. The Commission asked if Clayton was aware of the complaint the City of Baker brought to the County regarding the time of day Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance mows. Clayton was not aware of the complaint. Joe stated he was mowing while it was cool and felt everyone was probably up during that time getting ready for

work. Clayton felt possibly it would be best to wait until 7:00 AM to mow but still felt people should be getting up and getting ready for work by 6:30 AM.

Camp Site-Keystone XL Pipeline is in the advanced stages and will prepare to enter into a contract with the City of Baker in a couple of weeks for sewer and water.

City Judge/Justice of Peace-Clayton wondered if there was any word regarding the City Judge/Justice of Peace hour's issue. The Commission stated there was no word yet.

Clayton stated he felt the City may go back to having the City Judge be an elected position. The group feels we need to resolve this issue before the new budget year.

Baker Lake-Clayton wondered if there was any word on the Baker Lake issue. The Commission stated Interstate Engineering has turned their report into the EPA and now it is just a waiting game.

Overtime-Clayton stated the City is working on a policy manual with special concerns relating to their overtime because of the Auditor. Clayton stated they do not follow the overtime policy. If they take vacation, holiday and work 36 hours they were paid overtime and should not have unless the employee physically worked the extra hours. The Clerk and Recorder stated that is how the County pays. In order to be considered for overtime, you have to physically work over 40 hours per week.

Contracting Law Enforcement-Commissioner Rieger explained he is still opposed to consolidating the City and County Law Enforcement. Commissioner Rieger stated as it is, the County Officers have caught some criticism from City citizens when the Sheriff's Department stops to handle incidents within the City limits. Commissioner Ranum expressed her concerns regarding Tim Barkley, Sheriff and Randy Ketterling, Chief of Police working together. Clayton stated he has some reservations also but still feels consolidation may be a good idea.

Parks and Recreation-Clayton wondered if the Parks and Recreation Boards needed to meet or if the Commission felt things were moving forward smoothly. The Commission felt there was no need at this time.

War Memorial-No one is sure when they will break ground as of this time.

Recess

Friday, June 4, 2010

The Commission reconvened at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Rieger was not present as he was attending an out of town meeting.

Joe Janz and Darold Brown, Search and Rescue met regarding the hovercraft. They purchased the hovercraft for \$4000.00 from a place out of Williston. Now it will cost more to repair it than it is worth. The Commission feels they should be able to sell the hovercraft or issue to another Governmental Entity.

The Commission reviewed the preliminary Auction item list and made suggestions. Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director stated the Ambulance has some EMS items they no longer use. The Commission suggested they offer them to another Ambulance Service.

The Commission granted permission for Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor to order lights from this year's budget to light the walk path around the lake. Scott will budget the electrical in next year's budget.

The Commission appointed Board Members:

Commissioner Randash made the motions to appoint the following Board Members. Commissioner Ranum stepped down from the chair to second the motions. Commissioner Ranum called for those in favor to signify by saying Aye. 2 Ayes; 0 Nays and 1 Absent. Motions carried unanimously.

Airport Commission/Zoning Commission:

Letters of interest received from:

Dan Cox, Darin Meggers and Jon Slagter.

Bill Lane resigned from the Board; his resignation was accepted by the Commission.

Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Daniel Cox to the Airport Board.

Baker Municipal Board of Adjustments and Planning Board:

Letters of interest received from:

Tom Bechtold and Pat Hanley. Both were reappointed to serve again
Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Tom Bechtold and Pat Hanley to the Baker Municipal Board of Adjustments and Planning Board.

Baker TV District:

Mike Gunderson-resigned from the board and his resignation was accepted. There is also a need for one more member.

Letters of interest received from:

Pat Hanley

Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Pat Hanley to the Baker TV District Board; still short one board member.

Cemetery Board:

Tom Muckle's position is up and Tom Muckle submitted a letter of interest.

Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Tom Muckle to the Cemetery Board.

Council on Aging:

Jerry Townsend and Melvin Rabe resigned from the board and their resignations were accepted.

Letters of interest received from:

Judy Gunderson, Jeanette Dye, Betty Mueller, Beatrice Barkley- Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint/reappoint all named above to the Council on Aging Board. They still need one more board member.

Fallon County Shooting Range Board:

Positions that are up-Mike Kirschten, Penny Kono and Brian Hickey. Resignation was also received from Penny Kono.

Letters of interest received from:

David Kono, and Mike Kirschten- Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to reappoint David and Mike to the Fallon County Shooting Range Board. Commissioner Randash made the motion to also reappoint Brian Hickey to the Board and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to reappoint Brian Hickey to the Fallon County Shooting Range Board.

Lake Advisory Board:

Needed a fifth Board member

Letters of interest received from:

Tom Barth- Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Tom Barth to the Lake Advisory Board.

Library Board:

Janet Townsend's term was expiring.

Letters of interest received from:

Janet Townsend- Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Janet Townsend to the Library Board.

Museum Board:

Kenneth Griffith's term was expiring.

Letters of interest received from:

Kenneth Griffith- Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Kenneth Griffith to the Museum Board.

Salary Commission:

Kevin Braun did not re-up unless no one else submitted a letter of interest.

The Commission will try to get someone interested to send a letter of interest.

Plevna TV Board:

Gordon Heimbuch's term was expiring.

No letters of interest were submitted. The Commission will try to get someone interested to send a letter of interest.

Tax Appeal:

Tom McGonigal's term was expiring.

No letters of interest were submitted. The Commission will try to get someone interested to send a letter of interest.

Weed Board:

Bill Lane's term was expiring.

Bill Lane- Motion from Commissioner Randash and seconded by Commissioner Ranum, who stepped down from the chair to appoint Bill Lane to the Weed Board.

Bobby Wiedmer-Road Foreman met to let the Commission know that the cold mix work is completed. Bobby stated we may need to look at a new packer next budget year.

Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor stopped by to state he will be gone for a while next week.

REPORTS:

The Commission received Treasurer's Cash-Up Report for May, 2010

The Commission received copies of the May 24, 2010 Planning Board packet which contained many public hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission received copies of two vehicle/property accident reports:

The Commission received a capital credit allocation statement from Golden West Electric Coop in the amount of \$61.72 for 2009.

The Commission was notified by Tom Muckle, County Rural Fire Chief of a Fire Training Workshop they are invited to attend on June 22, 2010.

REVENUES:

Baker Air Service-May Aviation Fuel-\$92.27.

Southeast Electric Cooperative-Dividends-\$53.18.

ENCORE-March and April Oil and Gas Royalties-\$4069.62

Adjourned
s/Donald Rieger, Chairman
s/Deb Ranum, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder