

Monday, January 11, 2010

Donald Rieger, Commission Chair; Deb Ranum and William L. Randash, Members and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular January, Monday session.

Commissioner Rieger brought copies of the plans from JGA for Grandstands for all to view. These are the same plans used for the Grandstands built in Lewistown, MT.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his road report. Commissioner Randash stated when Bobby, Commissioner Randash and Spencer Huether, Road Technician went to check the roads for the hearing, they felt the roads down by the Strangford's were fine at that point.

MACRS Convention-Bobby would like to take Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman to the MACRS Convention which will take place March 29, 2010-April 1, 2010. Permission granted to take Alba to the program. Commissioner Rieger stated he would make sure Bobby goes to the Convention and if Dave Hall, Substitute Road Foreman does not want to go, Bobby could then alternate between Alba and Dave.

Meeting Feb 23rd, 2010-There is a Call Before You Dig meeting at 6:00 PM at Thee garage. Bobby stated he just needs a head count to turn in and supper will be served. Commissioner Ranum will sign up for the meeting as Commissioner's Rieger and Randash will be gone to Convention that week.

Bobby stated he hopes to finish up snow removal today and continue hauling from the Pinnow Pit.

Commissioner Ranum asked where Bobby felt the most snow had accumulated. Bobby stated he felt Districts 1 & 3 have the most snow this time around.

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Commission reviewed and approved proceedings for December 22, 2009 and December 28, 2009.

CLOSED-HIPAA

Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor met to present her Quarterly Safety Report. Vera stated Mr. Winston, Victory Insurance affiliate had returned Fallon County's Drug and Alcohol Policy, which he was asked to assist in writing for us and Vera is reviewing it.

APPOINT SAFETY TEAM MEMBERS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to reappoint Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary and Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor to the Safety Team Committee. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Rieger asked for those in favor to signify by saying Aye. 3 Ayes. Commissioner Rieger asked for those opposed to signify by saying Nay. 0 Nays. The motion passed unanimously. The Clerk and Recorder will write letters to each of the individuals. Commissioner Ranum asked how we were going to get some of the employees to attend the meetings. Commissioner Rieger stated we will need to monitor it more closely. Vera reported the Safety Team meeting attendance average is 64% and the Monthly Safety meeting attendance average is 60%. All alcohol/drug screenings were all negative.

Contractor Incidents (1); Near Miss (1); Vehicle/Property Damage (2); Non-Recordable (1); Recordable (1); Lost Time Accident (0). In-Service/Training topics this quarter were: October-Hearing Testing Conducted; November-Mandatory Training and Respiratory Protection; December-Slips, Trips and Falls (presented by Joe Janz).

Safety Meeting-Thursday's safety meeting will be a promo for following safety policy and knowing the safety equipment in your job.

May, 2010 Safety Meeting-Will be Commentary Driving.

November 7, 2010-10 AM blood pressures and flu shots and this will also be the time she will have the Mandatory Safety Meeting scheduled. The Commission asked what someone would do if they were to miss training. Vera stated if they will reschedule the training for a later date, she will give them credit. Vera stated the rules state the only reason anyone should be excused is because of sick leave or vacation. The Commission agreed this is how it should be.

Vera stated Bob Winston, Victory Insurance will present the Mandatory trainings.

Crusher training-This will take place June 1, 2010.

Justin Forbes and Jerry Martinson, Tractor and Equipment (T & E) met for a sales call.

The Commission signed Resolution 1-11-2010 calling for a public road abandonment hearing. That resolution is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:00 PM with all present.

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering met to update the Commission on various items of business. North Baker Water Sewer District (NBWSD) has a general permit on the easements. Jon stated after information received from the DEQ, it sounds like they have given their blessing for the project.

Jeanette Dye Bridge-Jon brought information in regarding the quotes received for this bridge and stated he recommends using the box culvert, not the 2-72" corrugated culverts. Commissioner Rieger asked if using a larger pipe would work better and be more cost effective than using the cement box culvert. Jon stated yes, but the cost to build the road up and complete the dirt work would be quite costly also. Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman joined the discussion. The group updated Bobby on this discussion. The amount of drainage was discussed. Commissioner Randash asked if this was as big as the Anticline box culvert. Jon stated no this would only be a single box culvert. Commissioner Ranum asked when he looked at the underside of the bridge; she wondered what the structure looked like. Jon feels this bridge is pretty good and feels there are other bridges that are in worse condition. No decision will be made as of this time.

Baker Senior Center-Commissioner Ranum asked if Jon knew if Brosz had ever surveyed the lots at the Baker Senior Citizens Center. Jon did not remember anything about it but would check on it.

Bridge south of Plevna-This bridge is the one going to Gatzke's. Jon stated it is a cable bridge and will not meet load restrictions. Jon stated Ray Mengel, MT DOT told him since we have had two bridges repaired up north, we are off the list for bridge repairs by the State of Montana for the next seven (7) years. Jon stated since that bridge has a 30% efficiency rating and is also a State bridge; Jon felt we could write letters to our State Legislators to request money for bridges but Ray does not feel this will help. Commissioner Randash asked how the MDOT decides what bridges they will be in charge of. Bobby stated he felt the bridge would have to be over 20 feet long and there were also other qualifying items classifying them as State.

TSEP Funding-Jon discussed the TSEP 50-50 program for bridges. There have been 14 counties that have applied for \$3.4 million dollars and only 2 Counties were denied. The reason they were denied was because the program did not fund all of the bridges submitted. The Commission and Brosz Engineering can recommend five (5) bridges that need to be completed and the County can complete 2 bridges a year for two years and one bridge one year; the Commission agreed. The due date to apply is April 16th and Jon stated he feels this is completely doable. Richard Knatterude said anything under a 50% rating would qualify. Jon explained there is definitely a commitment to be made by the County; because if this gets approved the County has to pay their 50%. Fallon County can also apply for a \$15,000 engineering grant. It is too late to apply for the Engineering Grant this year but it can be completed next year. Jon stated once TSEP has worked with Fallon County/Brosz, it is easier to get the funding. Commissioner Ranum made the motion to apply for the TSEP 50-50 program for bridge repairs/replacement. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Rieger called for those in favor of the motion to signify by saying Aye. 3 Ayes. Commissioner Rieger called for those opposed to the motion to signify by saying Nay. 0 Nays. Commissioner Rieger called for any further discussion. Jon stated he will select five (5) bridges ranked accordingly and bring them to the Commission for review/approval. End of discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Barth, Landfill Manager met to update the Commission on various items of business at the Landfill.

Trees-Commissioner Rieger asked what it may cost to grind the trees from the container sites. Tom stated he would check on the cost to grind them. The group discussed the fact they will also need to address the issue of the branches that are still contained at the old container site. The Commission stated they will address this matter after more information is received.

New Landfill Shop-Commissioner Rieger stated he was surprised Tom was leveling a spot for the building. Tom stated Commissioner Afrank had discussed this quite some time ago. Tom stated that is why he asked about it now because MDU still has to bring the power in. The group discussed the type of heat that would be preferred for the possible new building. Tom stated an oil burner would heat it but he does not want to rely solely on that type of heat. Shop Electricity-Commissioner Rieger felt Tom could move slowly forward and get electricity to the new site. Commissioner's Ranum and Randash agreed. Shop building doors-Commissioner Rieger asked which way Tom felt the doors would face. Tom felt the building would face east and west; and the doors would face south. Tom felt it would be nice to have doors on each side for ease in accessing the building with equipment. The building would also have 20' side walls. Commissioner Ranum asked if Tom wanted 20' side walls on the entire building. Tom felt that would be best for ease in getting all equipment in and to operate equipment within the building. Tom will get updated quotes for the building and get hold of Steve Mero, MDU for the electricity.

Equipment-Commissioner Rieger discussed the equipment and what, if any, Tom could get rid of if they were to get a baler and building. Tom stated the equipment they have now is good but felt they could get rid of the compactor if they did purchase a baler. Commissioner Rieger asked if the people that have balers have access to water. Tom stated there are not many that do. Tom explained there would be exhaust fans for the purpose of assistance with the odor and also explained the garbage does not stay in the building long enough to create an odor.

**FALLON COUNTY ROAD ABANDONMENT HEARING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010 AT 3:00 PM**

ATTENDEES:

Donald Rieger, Deb Ranum and William L. Randash, Commission; Spencer Huether, Road Technician; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman; Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder; Llewellyn Johnson and David Meccage, members of the public.

Commissioner Rieger opened the public hearing at 3:05 PM.

Completed minutes are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Hearing adjourned.

Spencer Huether, Road Technician and Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to discuss abandoned roads after the Road Abandonment Hearing.

Spence stated again that Robert Rusley came to see him as he did not make the hearing in time and Robert stated he had no problems with the roads being abandoned.

The Commission made the decision to sign Resolutions 1-11-2010(1)-1-11-2010(5) abandoning the roads from the hearing and they are on record and filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Bill Brimley, Tri-State Truck and Equipment Salesman met to introduce himself to the Commission. Bill moved to Montana from Utah; Terry May is his mentor. Tri-State sells Volvo and Mack Trucks and they also sell trailers (Ranco). The Commission stated they are not purchasing trucks right now but they are putting specs together for trailers. Commissioner Rieger stated we now have 3 Ranco trailers. Bill stated Tri-State can now accommodate with payment plans for Counties. The Commission thanked Bill for coming and assured him Tri-State would receive a bid packet when they had them ready.

Mike Rinaldi, Jr. met to discuss the work he plans to complete at the Ambulance Garage. The Commission stated G & R Custom Metals will be replacing the doors for the garage. Commissioner Ranum asked what Mike plans to do to prevent the snow from blowing in again. Mike is going to perform some extra precautionary measures and ventilation. Mike wanted to know how the Commission felt about using metal verses sheetrock for the walls. The Commission made the decision to put metal sheeting on the roof for now.

The Commission asked Lynda Herbst, Custodian to come in and discuss the disinfectant spray the Hospital uses for door knobs, light switches, counters. This spray is supposed to have a 24 hour kill life.

Lynda will go talk to Tammy Reetz at Fallon Medical Complex about the spray and check with her (Lynda's) suppliers.

Glycol Pipes-The group discussed the replacement of glycol pipes. Lynda feels they really need to replace the pipes, as do the Commissioner's.

Sanitizer machines-were discussed; Lynda will do some checking with her (Lynda's) suppliers for these machines also.

The Commission made the decision to be members of the 16 County Economic Plains RC & D Area, Inc. and the annual dues of \$125.00 will be paid accordingly.

Commissioner Randash discussed the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation suffering a \$7,000.00 shortage. Commissioner Randash wants to know what he should tell them at the meeting. After some discussion Commissioner Randash stated he would first check everyone's feelings, in attendance of the meeting, on this matter.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to appoint Commissioner Randash to serve as a representative on the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Commissioner Rieger stepped down from the Chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Rieger called for those in favor to signify with the sign of Aye. 3 Ayes. Commissioner Rieger called for those opposed to signify with the sign of Nay. 0 Nays. The Motion carried unanimously and the appointment letter will be sent with the dues payment.

REPORTS

New Harvest Energy-Mike Carlson reported on the inspections for the three meteorological towers and the data chips were changed so the information could be downloaded.

REVENUES

Sands Oil Company-Oil and Gas Royalties for November, 2009-\$74.25.

MEMOS

The Commission wrote a Memo to the Departments regarding County provided cell phones. The letter was intended as a reminder that the cell phone provided to the employee by Fallon County is to be used for County business and the employee is to keep all personal use to a minimum.

If the employee had questions or concerns they were to make an appointment to meet with the Commission.

AGREEMENT

The Commission signed the Business Associate Agreement allowing Employee Benefit Management Services, Inc. to have access to Fallon County's Protected Health Information or PHI which allows them to provide Medical Health Insurance for our County plan.

The Commission reviewed and signed in approval of the Action for Eastern Montana 2010 CSBG Work Plan and Budget and its use.

Adjourned
s/Donald Rieger, Chairman

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