

Monday, June 14, 2010

Donald Rieger, Chairman; Deb Ranum and William L. Randash, Members and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular June, 2010 meeting.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his road report. Dust control on County roads was discussed. Commissioner Ranum asked what the County was going to do about Jack Kinsey's road. Commissioner Rieger stated this problem existed before they purchased the property and everyone in the County that lives next to a County road has the same problems. Commissioner Ranum stated she cannot support paving but feels something needs to be done for these people. Commissioner Ranum discussed the County putting up dust control monitors. Commissioner Rieger stated he feels what started this whole thing was the millings that were placed on certain roads by a Commissioner several years ago. Commissioner Ranum agreed but stated she had spoken to the DEQ about the County's responsibility regarding the dust on roads.

Donnie Wood, Woody's Trucking, LLC joined the discussion to present information on a dust control product he has access to. Mr. Wood stated they would need to gather some samples from various roads and try various combinations of product to do the best job on the areas chosen, for the best price.

Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary phoned in and stated the interceptor tank is in Billings but they have no way to get it back; Barb stated it weighs 1300 lbs. Mr. Wood stated he knew some people that were in Billings, with a trailer and they may bring it back. Commissioner Randash stated we need to make sure and check on the size first. Barb found that it weighed 13,500 lbs. The Commission agreed the Fair Board should pay \$1,000 to have it shipped.

Commissioner Ranum moved back to the dust control conversation and asked what the County was going to do. Commissioner Randash wondered if we could try to use production water. Bobby will call Ann Fischer at the NRCS office. Commissioner Randash stated he feels we should wait to see if we can use the produced water. The Commissioner's made the decision to also have Mr. Wood send in the samples. The group discussed maintenance on roads that have had dust control placed on them. The discussion was; you do not blade the roads you maintain the potholes. Commissioner Rieger stated we have to figure the costs county wide and make a decision as to how to handle the costs associated with this. Commissioner Ranum again asked about the dust control monitors. Bobby stated as he understands it the monitors are very sensitive to any amount of dust. Commissioner Ranum asked what the answer is for Jack Kinsey for now. First we will try to get permission to use production water. Commissioner Ranum stated these people do not believe I am trying to do anything for them because when we do discuss this issue there is never anything in the minutes. Commissioner Randash wondered if the oil companies would help support the costs involved. Commissioner Rieger stated the Commission would need to discuss this with Denbury and other Companies because they will want to be relieved of all liability. Commissioner Rieger stated we could also try to mix the dust control we have and see how it works. Bobby stated we will use the County water truck for that. Commissioner Ranum had the list of County roads that needed dust control because of the houses that were next to County Roads. This list was completed when Doug Bruha was Road Foreman and Commissioner Afrank was in office and asked for this to be completed.

Commissioner Ranum asked Bobby if Allison Wyrick called him about a mess around a bridge recently replaced. Bobby stated he had already been to the bridge and looked at the area. Commissioner Ranum feels we need to get hold of the Construction Company to come and clean up their mess and fix the soft spot.

Commissioner Rieger asked if Bobby would then get the dust control the County already has placed on the road. Bobby stated they will try it and have Mr. Wood send in the samples for his product.

Commissioner Ranum discussed the road by Tim Jensen's; he has a sign up that says End of Road. Commissioner Ranum feels we need to put up a sign that says Dead End Road.

Bobby stated water went across road near Miles Creek in Commissioner Rieger's District. Bobby wondered if Commissioner Rieger felt they should place a larger culvert. Commissioner Rieger stated yes he did feel that would be a good idea.

Culvert on Rugg's-Bobby stated there are 3 culverts together on Shortcut Road. The culvert that has the entire bottom rusted out is 12' in diameter and 20' long. Bobby stated they do not make type 2

aluminum that large but do make aluminum with black poly around it for a cost of \$21,000 delivered. Commissioner Ranum asked if Fallon County was in charge of the culvert that attaches to the skimmer; it was agreed Fallon County is. Bobby stated it was the culvert that was the furthest south and wondered if we should take the 12' culvert out and put a 10' culvert in. Commissioner Rieger feels we better put the larger in. Commissioner Ranum wondered if Fallon County would have to take the other culverts out. Bobby stated no and felt Griffith Excavating will have to do that.

Commissioner Ranum stated, regarding dust control, the DEQ stated the best way to control the dust is to enforce a speed limit. Mr. Wood left the discussion.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman joined the discussion regarding budgets. Commissioner Rieger wondered how we are doing with the snow plow truck (FWD). Alba stated there are no parts available for the FWD. Commissioner Ranum asked what Alba recommends they do. Alba feels the green one can be converted but wonders if we should look for another truck. Alba stated he found that they could get a used 1977 Oshkosh for \$21,500 or a 1992-Kodiak which is used more for Municipalities but is about the same price.

Commissioner Ranum asked how many blades are set up for plowing. Alba and Bobby both stated they set up 6 blades to plow snow. Commissioner Ranum asked how many trucks we have to plow snow. Alba stated two, but actually one (1); we would run the FWD until it quits. Alba explained they still have a blade that will fit the autocar; so we could also use that. Commissioner Rieger suggests looking at the Oshkosh and use the FWD until it quits. Alba is going through Rapid City, SD this weekend so he could view the Oshkosh and then he will get more information.

Discussed what to budget as far as trucks and loaders.

Mona Cantalupo, SMART Director and Karol Zachmann met to discuss the Port Authority. The group also discussed the issues with Custer Country. Karol is President of the Port Authority and they would like to ask the Commission to appoint another member to the Port Authority Board. Commissioner Rieger asked if that would fill a position that is already filled. No, they received their ruling from Rich. Commissioner Ranum made a motion to reappoint Steve Zachmann to the Port Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Randash. Commissioner Rieger called for those in favor to signify by saying Aye. 3 Ayes. 0 Absent. Commissioner Rieger called for those opposed to signify by saying Nay. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. The motion carried unanimously. Karol stated now the seven (7) member board is filled. Mona stated the nine (9) member SMART board is now full also but they do have one person that does not attend the meetings very regularly; that will need to be addressed.

Housing Bids-Mona reported the bids will close for the apartments tomorrow at 2:00 PM. Port Authority will hold a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to review the bids but may not make their final decision. Their soil report should be back on Friday. Commissioner Randash discussed the need to fill holes from boring site. Mona stated Ken Griffith was going to fill the basement holes and fill those holes as well. Mona will follow up on that. Mona stated they have had a few companies approach them about purchasing the buildings.

Veteran's Memorial-Mona had a meeting with some of the contractors and Drury Phebus regarding the Veteran's Memorial. The plan is to complete the cement work for the monument within the next couple of weeks. They have not had good luck with the weather while trying to get this finished.

Wanda Pinnow, Fair Board Member wrote an e-mail to discuss various Fair items. Wanda wanted to let the Commission know they are preparing to purchase items to stock the kitchen. They plan to purchase a microwave from Baker Furniture; booster chairs and highchairs and a few other items.

Grandstands-Wanda wanted to know what the plans were for the elevator in the event there was a power outage; what would the Commission plan to do with the handicapped since there are no ramps. Wanda stated there is nothing on the plans for a machine room for the elevator and also wondered what the Commission plans to do about exercising the elevator. Nothing definite at this time-discussed possible emergency generator.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman came back in to discuss dust control. Bobby feels it will be better to try to enforce the speed limits because it may be cheaper to hire another Deputy. Commissioner Ranum suggested having Bobby discuss this with Tim Barkley, Sheriff.

Vera Abrams, Librarian reported that Bowman Glass arrived to start installation of the new energy efficient windows.

#### **ENCROACHMENT PERMIT**

The Commission signed Encroachment Permit #511 granting permission to Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to bore a County Road in Sections 8, 9 and 17-Township 8N-Range 58 East.

#### **MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed and approved the following minutes:

Baker Rural Fire District-May, 2010 minutes-Claims paid in the amount of \$274,680.41.

Plevna Rural Fire District-May, 2010 minutes-Claims paid in the amount of \$1,774.92

Noon Recess

Commissioner's Rieger and Ranum reconvened at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Randash was excused for the balance of the day.

#### **COMMISSIONER MESSAGES AND DECISIONS**

Lynda Herbst, Custodian had a repairman come and look at the water fountain on the east end of the Courthouse and it was found the fountain is too old to get parts to repair it. Permission granted to order and install a new fountain at a quoted price of \$1,025.00.

Vera Abrams, Librarian phoned regarding the County parking lots. Vera wondered if some of the County Vehicles could be moved to the County Shop so there more parking areas are available for patrons. The Commission agreed they will try to work on this to free up some spaces for patrons and employees.

Mike Carlson, New Harvest Energy emailed to find out if he had permission to replace the Rustad Tower, destroyed by ice and wind, with a State Surplus tower. The Commission granted permission to proceed.

The Commissioner's are still reviewing the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Contract for Parkview I and Parkview II with Rich Batterman, County Attorney. Rich is not satisfied with the agreement in its entirety.

A letter was mailed to Sternberg Lighting of Roselle, Illinois granting permission for Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor to order lighting from them for the Baker Lake walk path.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

HB758 Oil and Gas Production Taxes for quarter ending 12/31/09-\$62,252.65.

Sands Oil Company-Oil and Gas Royalties for April, 2010-\$280.11.

Conoco Phillips Co-Oil and Gas Royalties for March and April, 2010-\$4,869.57.

The balance of the Commission and the Clerk and Recorder attended Subdivision Regulation training in the Library Basement.

Adjourned.

s/Donald Rieger, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder