

Monday, August 2, 2010

Donald Rieger, Chairman; Deb Ranum and William L. Randash, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder convened in regular session.

The Commission discussed proceeding with Grandstand Phase I.

Commissioner Ranum discussed TWE, Inc and the way the generators were serviced recently. Commissioner Ranum stated she told TWE, Inc. they need to have a new contract drawn up and also discussed the damages to the lawn when they were here Friday, July 30th.

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering was placed on speakerphone to discuss the gravel that is being used for the North Baker Water Sewer project. The gravel is not working for the NBWS project; they are finding it was too silty. Commissioner Ranum told them they could use some scoria but the road crew would only be able to haul and dump and not tie the trucks up; it will be up to the contractors to do the rest of the work. Jon stated he has been keeping Bobby apprised of the situation and they are now using some crushed scoria from the Allerdings Pit but they did also have to use some pit run scoria.

Dave Hall, Acting Road Supervisor and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met for the weekly road report. Dave reported: Bracket Butte Road-The Road Crew is widening an approach on an abandoned road for Mr. Brown because it is too small for him to get his equipment through. The creek is too high so he cannot get through that way either. Mr. Brown is in no hurry, just some time in the future. Permission granted to widen approach. No other work to discuss at this time.

Alba stated he spoke to Ron Olson, Team Eagle about the snow plow. Alba stated if Fallon County would take the snow plow, without runway plow, delivered to Baker it will cost approximately \$114,000.00 for the 1996 Oshkosh. Alba thinks he could pull the wing and plow off the FWD to mount on the Oshkosh.

Warranty-Alba stated the snowplow will have a 90day warranty when we put it into service and 50/50 on the used truck.

Box-The box is a live bottom box, with a sander.

Axles-The axles are heavier than our OshKosh and the truck has 34,000 miles.

FWD-Commissioner Randash asked what we would do with the FWD. Alba stated he just has no idea how long it will last. It was asked if we should sell it to Plevna. Alba stated they cannot get parts for it and we also cannot afford to be without it. Alba stated a new snow plow would cost \$750,000 and they would not be able to deliver it until next year.

Alba stated the owner will be here around the 16th of this month and would meet with everyone. Commissioner Rieger stated they should invite him out and tell him we are interested. Alba will contact Mr. Olson and get back to the Commissioners.

Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance was brought in because of the damage TWE, Inc. did to the lawn. Joe will check the drain tile and does not think the sprinkler system was hurt. Joe was contacted by Chuck Lee about the incident. Joe stated he felt those types of maintenance people should lay down plywood when they plan to drive in the courtyard. Commissioner Ranum asked Joe to come back later in the week because they need to discuss having this done in the off season.

The Commission reviewed and approved July, 2010 Payroll and Withholdings in the amount of \$359,979.62 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:00 PM with all present.

Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director will reschedule her appointment for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 11:00 AM.

Rich Batterman, County Attorney stopped by and stated we did get a date for the TIFID hearing.

Lake-Thinks a resolution is on the horizon. Attorney General-No phone calls back even after he has contacted them a few times regarding JP/City Judge hours issue.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL:

Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder met to discuss some questions regarding wages. Debbie stated Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor would like to add Joe Janz as an Accident Investigator for the Safety Team. The Sheriff would like to budget for an extra Deputy Sheriff. Need to discuss whether or not the Planner and the Road Department could partially share a Secretary. Chuck Lee, DES Coordinator stated ½ of Dale Butori's total wage can come from the DES budget. The Commission will discuss further.

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering met to discuss the Baker Lake Dam report. In reference to the issues in the Reynolds Parking lot as a question posed by Commissioner Ranum; drain tile will not help. Jon stated he consulted with Ken Griffith, Griffith Excavating and Ken agreed with Jon and feels they poured concrete over clay and should have put non-expansive material under the cement.

Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary phoned to see if the Senior Citizen bus could be used during the Fair to carry patrons from the South parking lot to the grounds. The Commission discussed with Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator and Carla stated the current bus drivers are not interested in driving the bus and in order to drive the bus, someone would have to be in the drug testing program. This means it would need to be someone that is already employed with Fallon County.

Barb stated the North and West side of the Big Barn did get painted.

Barb would like to be kept informed if the Commission decides to hold off for a year on the Grandstands as she has everyone set up to disconnect, etc.

Wanda Pinnow, Fair Board Member called in to state when the Architect was here, because of the Grandstand Project and discussed moving the arena fence to the west 20 feet, she felt they would like to leave the current arena lights where they are because it would cost too much to move them. Wanda stated this would not be a straight line fence and would not be able to get the stage close enough to the fence. Wanda also stated Mosbrucker told her that he did not feel they needed the arena to be larger.

Discussed, at one time when the contractor was working on the waterline to the golf course shop, the contractor took the culvert out and the Fairgrounds now has a lot of water sitting when it rains.

Commissioner Rieger stated he would discuss getting this taken care of with the Road Department.

Commissioner Rieger stated they are not sure if or how the Senior Bus is going to work during the Fair. They will get back to Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary or one of the board members when they get it figured out.

Ron Hegemeister, Excel Industries of Miles City returned the Commissioner's phone call pertaining to Fidelity location #2998 located in SW4NE4 Section 14-6-60 and Fidelity location #2999 located in NE4SW4 Section 14-6-60. These locations will be staked and located south of the wind towers; the pits will be fenced.

The Commission reviewed and approved the end of month July, 2010 claims in the amount of \$676,350.41 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Carla Brown, Council on Aging Coordinator phoned and stated the door purchased for the Baker Senior Center has a cracked window and feels the crack was already in the glass. Carla feels she will need to call Pro-Build regarding this issue. Carla also stated she spoke to Rocky Reynolds and he agreed to take over the installation of the doors.

The Commission was informed that District Court Judge, Joe L. Hegel granted Fallon County's Memorandum and Order-RE Motion to Alter or Amend pertaining to the TIFID (Tax Increment Finance Industrial District).

The Clerk and Recorder was granted permission to purchase a 5-drawer file cabinet, from SBM, in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the payroll department.

The Commission signed the Two Medicine Agreement pertaining to the Wellness Program. Most of the changes were accepted by both parties. A copy of the agreement is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Recess

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

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

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss the snowplow truck. Ron Olson, Team Eagle will hold the truck for Fallon County and will call Toronto, Canada to have them hold the truck. Ron stated he plans to try to come out here on the 16th of August to meet with the Commission and bring pricings, and information on a benching wheel and plow. These items can be put on in Canada before they bring the truck to the United States.

Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director met to give an Ambulance report update. Lisa stated the low numbers of EMT's is still an issue; they are hoping to hold another EMT class in the very near future. Commissioner Rieger asked how soon they would run the class. Lisa stated as soon as they get the certification from the State, they can start.

The State of Montana is changing some things regarding Ambulance reporting. They are computerizing everything and they want all kinds of information reported to the State. Lisa feels it is largely due to President Obama's Health Care Bill.

Lisa stated their Board proposed to upgrade the pay scale for Ambulance runs. Lisa stated she will give the Commission an updated sheet when they finalize and complete it. The Commission granted permission to upgrade the pay scale.

Lisa stated a lot of the Counties are considering purchasing a lap top for their Ambulances Service so they are able to enter trip reports right away.

Nurses-Lisa discussed the issue of reimbursing the Hospital for the Nurses that assists in the Ambulance on some runs.

New Ambulance-Lisa stated they went to view a new Ambulance from Sawtooth Medical, a Sister Company to Marquee, which is a Sister Company to the Company that built the ENCORE rig.

Garage-The Contractor is still working on the building.

Supplies-Lisa stated they need new blood pressure cuffs. The Commission granted permission to purchase what was needed.

Turn-out gear-They have not gotten a good response on purchasing turn-out gear as of this time.

Noon Recess

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

Mike Kirschten, Gun Range Board Member and **Deb Kirschten** met to discuss the gun range.

Gate-Mike stated TARA (Tri Area Racing Association) wants to move a gate and Mike has concerns regarding this. TARA had several reasons as to why they wanted it moved. Mike is concerned about the gate being over the hill and out of view for security purposes. TARA has not come in to discuss this with the Commission. Commissioner Rieger stated he feels they should leave the gate where it is and if TARA comes in and makes a proposal, the Commission will contact the Gun Range Board Members and schedule a time to sit down with everyone to resolve the issue.

Ruts-Mike state TARA or some of its members made some ruts and Mike and Deb had to mow over them. Mike stated TARA was told about the ruts but TARA has not bothered to come back and smooth them out.

Washouts-Got hold of Bobby and they will take care of the washouts. Mike stated he needs to ask also if they can do some blading out there. The Commission will get hold of Bobby about that after he gets back from Vacation.

Keys-Cost is \$2.00 for a key or \$25.00 for key and membership. They change the lock Jan. 1st of each year.

Canopy-Richard Griffith changed the roof on the canopy and never got approval to change it from the Fish Wildlife and Park. Mike explained it could not be changed because it was approved the other way by FWP. The Commission will make sure not to approve the bill until Mike checks the billings. Still need the sound proofing; there is a quilting they can use for this.

Goat Show-Mike stated Deb (his wife) approached the Fair Board on having a goat show and Mike feels the deposit is not something he is going to do. Mike stated Deb then approached having a goat show at the Gun Range, to the Gun Range Board. Mike stated the Board stated they would charge \$25.00 per day for people to hook up to electricity. Gun Range Board approved it if the Commission approved of it. Mike wanted to know what they would need to provide as far as insurance. The Commissioners stated they need to show proof of liability. They would charge a \$2.00 fee per person as a gate fee. Mike explained the Fair Board wants a \$500 deposit and \$50 per day. The Commission will run it past the insurance carrier and get back to the Kirschten's on this matter.

Ken Griffith, Griffith Excavating met regarding his property located in the NBWS (North Baker Water Sewer) District. Ken stated they would like to move the lift station to another location, on Ken Griffith's property, because the original location is an issue, due to flood plain. Ken has given permission for this to happen.

Fencing-Ken stated he plans to do some fencing regarding the area NALCO is now located.

Clayton Hornung-Mayor-City of Baker met for his monthly report.

Sidewalk Issue/Mark Domagala property- Clayton stated the City of Baker had a meeting with the DOT and Mark when they first made the proposal for the sidewalk and Mark seemed agreeable. Mark is not happy with the sidewalk on his property.

Culverts-1st street culvert is completed (cleaned).

-3rd street-they have a culvert that is sinking.

-3rd street-has a sink hole.

TransCanada Pipeline-Clayton stated the Pipeline project may be pushed back a little.

Attorney General Opinion-Discussed the JP/City Judge Attorney General Opinion. The Commission has not heard back regarding this matter as of this time.

COLA-Discussed what each City/County was planning or had decided.

Parks Department-Clayton stated he still feels the Parks Department salaries for Scott Rabbitt should be split 1/3 City and 2/3 County rather than 50/50 as is the case now. Clayton stated he feels Scott does more for the County, especially during the winter when he is plowing snow for the County.

Commissioner Rieger stated he disagrees and feels it should stay as it is. Clayton stated the problem is the overtime that is being paid out for Scott for work that is County. No further discussion.

The Commission signed the Outlay report and request for reimbursement for the Airport Expansion project for the period ending July 24, 2010. This document is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office and will be mailed to Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson.

Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator informed the Commission of a Tabletop Exercise, coordinated by the Department of Resources and Conservation, scheduled for August 31, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The exercise will be conducted in the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the Fallon County Library and will deal with Disasters affecting the Baker Dams (upper and lower) and how we would respond to this disaster.

Recess

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Commissioner Rieger and Commissioner Randash reconvened at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Ranum gone with Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and Spencer Huether, Road Technician checking roads for the Road Abandonment hearing to be held on August 9, 2010.

Dave Hall, Acting Road Foreman met to inform the Commission; the State of Montana stated the millings are ready to be hauled from the 101 Road. They will stockpile the millings at the Johnson Pit for now and they will need to use the millings fairly quickly.

Mona Madler, SMART Director and **Debbie Newell** met to discuss the upcoming plans for the Fall Festival. Mona stated the Baker Chamber of Commerce is struggling financially and Mona and Debbie were wondering if Fallon County would be willing to help and support this project by donating \$2,500.00. The projected costs are for the following: tents/tables/chairs-\$800.00; advertising-\$750 (newspaper) and \$300.00 (radio); prizes-\$400.00; music/entertainment-\$400.00; supplies-\$200.00; porta potty rentals-\$225.00; set up costs-\$300.00.

They are hoping for the following donations/help: City of Baker-Electricity; Banks-Coins for Sawdust Treasure Hunt; Running's-Sawdust for Treasure Hunt; Donations and Sponsorships from Chamber Members.

They are proposing the following events: Chili cook-off (sponsored by the Baker Cowbells'); Petting Animals-Juanita Rost, Tracy Nielson and others; Kiddie Carnival-Baker Lions; Quilt Show; Art Exhibit; Farmer's Market vendors; Ti Kwon Do Demonstration; Various Food Vendors; Fishing Derby; Music/Entertainment all day and Stockings for Soldiers.

They are planning to locate the vendors by the Bank of Baker and Prairie Rose. Stockings for Soldiers will be held that day also. There will be no street dance or competition with the Stockings for Soldiers as they are utilizing the Rock Jocks. Vendors and businesses will also be set up on the sidewalks. The Commission will discuss the amount they would be willing to donate and get back to them by the end of the week or next Monday.

Commissioner Rieger discussed the loan with the Bank of Baker for the Port Authority with Mona.

Veteran's Memorial-Mona stated they are hoping to start on Friday this week, but the rain has been the issue.

Mike Rinaldi, Jr. met to update the Commission on projects he is working on for the County. Parks-Mike stated he plans to work on the RV Station this week. Airport -Mike stated after the RV station is complete, they will start on the Airport sewer project. Mike still has to find the old tank, pump it, decide if they have to fill it with cement, and then they will hook the sewer to the new tank. Golf Course-Mike stated he has the Golf Course all connected but there is still no water at the Golf Course.

Rose Straub met to share a few items about the Retirement Complex.

Jessica Dinardi, Alba Higgins Tammy Reetz, Cindy Singer, Jolene Setinc, Debbie Wyrick, Kathy Newell, Selena Nelson met as the Wellness Committee.

Commissioner Ranum returned for the meeting and Commissioner Randash left early and attended the meeting with the NRCS.

Cody Johnson met to find out what the County was doing with the millings from the 101 road, stockpiled at the Johnson Pit. Cody was in hopes he could have some. Commissioner Rieger stated Fallon County cannot give the millings out or sell them as that has to be negotiated before the bid letting and we negotiated this through the State of Montana already. They also cannot go to private individuals; Fallon County is going to put them at the pit until we can use it on some of the County roads down there by possibly incorporating gravel with it.

Recess

Thursday, August 5, 2010

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

David Espeland, CEO and Selena Nelson, CFO-Fallon Medical Complex met for their monthly report. Director of Nursing-Was newly hired.

Maintenance Supervisor-Bob Hunt started as the new Maintenance Supervisor.

Temporary Hire-Phil Thibodeau was hired temporarily to assist with the outside maintenance and to complete some painting inside.

Maintenance-Bob stated he would like to paint the inside of Parkview's instead of using Val Dyba at his very high quote. Commissioner Ranum wondered about using Darold Brown for this. David stated he had asked Darold and he said no. Commissioner Rieger stated they could ask Stevenson Design for some names. Commissioners, David and Selena will get some people to give quotes and will discuss again, after the quotes are received. It was also suggested they have Steve Zachmann help David look at the Parkview I decks.

Landscaping plans-Landscaping quote from Northern Landscaping was \$9,884.00 over the amount requiring a quote and makes this a bid project. The Commission granted permission to proceed as long as they can cut the cost by \$10,000.00. David stated they will try to purchase the plants and bark to reduce the costs. The group discussed a raised garden, bridge and pergola. Commissioner Randash asked if the bridge was handicap accessible. David stated they were not and neither were the sidewalks due to the elevations.

Purchasing and Therapy-The group discussed further pursuing the Purchasing and Therapy Department plans.

Showers-David stated the shower curtains are too short in Parkview II. David stated the issue is the shower stalls are handicap accessible. Commissioner Rieger suggested purchasing longer curtains. David suggested putting a marble lip on the shower stalls. Commissioner Rieger stated David should check it out and see what can be done.

Landscaping-David asked if they could start the landscaping and painting now. Commissioner Rieger asked what they would do about the sandblasting of PVI. David stated he felt they would all work around each other. Commissioner Randash stated he was concerned about the sandblasting making a mess. David felt they would clean things up as they went.

Snow Removal-Commissioner Rieger discussed snow removal; Scott Rabbitt will more than likely be plowing the snow at the Hospital again in addition to Hospital Maintenance using their new skidsteer. Would like the curbs marked again to alleviate the damage to the curbing, etc.

Asphalt-Discussed asking the City of Baker if they would consider laying some asphalt down the seam in front of Parkview's to keep the water from running under the curbing and pavement, causing damage.

Curb work-David stated they (Diamond J) plans to get the curb work done from last year and then they will receive their retainage. This will be about \$6,000.00, which is what David feels was left in the budget from last year.

Commissioner Ranum discussed the planters full of scoria and wondered if they could fluff the scoria up. David stated he wants to turn it into lawn.

Loading dock (lift house)-David would like to use the mill levy money to complete that. Permission granted.

Hospital Shower Room-Schwartz is not performing. This project was being completed with Mill Levy funding also.

Kayle Prince-Kayle is leaving September 3rd.

Amy Schillinger-Amy is starting October 18th as a PA.

Financials-Selena discussed the April Financials and June Interim Financials and Budget.

Noon Recess

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

The Commission discussed various payroll budget items.

Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator brought the Fallon County Emergency Operation Plan to be signed by the Commission

Tower-Commissioner Randash wondered when the tower would be installed. Chuck stated they need to get soil samples first.

Vehicle-Chuck asked if he could have full access to the blue Chevy pickup. Chuck will use cars for long trips. Permission granted for him to have full access to the Chevy pickup. Chuck will park it at the County shop and get a fuel card and key to gate.

Shelley Mackay Dean resigned from the Planning Board as the Conservationist member. Commissioner Ranum made the motion to appoint Roy Rost to the Planning Board in Shelley's place; Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Rieger called for those in favor of the motion to signify by saying Aye. 3 Ayes. 0 Absent. Commissioner Rieger called for those opposed to signify by saying Nay. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously. Letters will be written to both Mackay and Rost regarding this position.

Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary was phoned about using the Public Transportation Bus during the Fair. The Commission stated this is not going to work as there is only one bus driver available and due to drug and alcohol testing only a few are able to drive the bus. Barb said they would have to figure out something else; let people drive down to handicapped parking area, drop off family members and move on.

The Commissioner's phoned Sean with Thyssen Krupp regarding the PV elevator maintenance contracts.

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to discuss the MEMO sent to the Departments regarding getting permission to purchase items over \$1000.00. Dale wondered if that applied to chemical purchases. The Commission would like a heads up on who does the get the chemical bids and the amount they agree on but this is part of the day to day operations and as long as it is in the budget, the Commission would not need to be notified as long as they know about bids and such beforehand.

Dale also wondered if this applied to the grant funding they receive as the Board would like to purchase side by sides to replace the 4-wheelers. Dale stated he has a board meeting next Monday night and wondered if they would have permission to proceed. The Commission would also like a heads up when they plan to purchase capital outlay items no matter if it comes from grant monies or not. Dale stated they will cost approximately \$11-13,000.00. Dale stated they would like to get a wench put on them so they are able to pull themselves out if need be. Dale stated they are looking at the Polaris Ranger (Gas -800 lbs or HD are 1300-1400 lbs.) or the KUBOTA RTV Diesel is very heavy at 2000 lbs. Permission granted to proceed but keep the Commissioner's informed.

The Commission granted permission to donate \$500.00 to the Fall Festival. Mona will be contacted and told that they would like them to try to put more effort into getting donations from other entities for the Fall Festival.

The Commission received two letters of interest to be placed on the Council on Aging Board. The letters were received from Robert Singer and Nikki Verke. The Commission was told there was only one vacancy. The Commission appointed Robert Singer and felt there may be a position on the board in the near future in which Nikki could apply to serve as the Commission felt both candidates were very capable individuals.

The Commission signed the vendor invoice for the Motor Vehicle Recycling & Disposal Grant for FY2011. The Eligible amount for FY2011 is \$7,500.00. A copy of the Grant is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission was notified by Brian Ulberg, MDU of the onetime payment of \$100 per acre, owed to Fallon County, for damage due to the construction of the wind turbines on Fallon County land. The disturbed area will be seeded to grass by a contractor obtained by MDU. The damaged acreage estimate will be sent to the Commission, by Brian, for their approval.

The Commission was notified by Jason Rittal-Executive Director for the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation of approved funds received from the EDA for the EPEDC for the next budget year.

The Commission accepted the quote from Griffith Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$12,900.00 to remove the grandstands. The Commission and Fair Board will work closely on a date for removal and will contact Mr. Griffith.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Baker Air Service-July Aviation Fuel-\$264.21

Conoco Phillips Co-May and June Oil and Gas Royalties-\$4,378.06

Farmers Union Oil Co-2010 Fuel Dividends for the Ambulance - \$5.15

Sands Oil Com.-June, 2010 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$190.40

JOURNAL VOUCHERS:

563-Move an invoice from Baker Rural Fire Oil and Gas Accelerated account to Baker Rural Fire Capital Projects because Oil and Gas Accelerated did not have enough funds available.

575-Move claim from the Drug Forfeiture budget to the Sheriff budget as the Drug Forfeiture budget had no cash to pay the claim submitted.

Adjourned

s/Donald Rieger, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder