

Monday, July 13, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Donald Rieger, Member and Brenda Wood met for a regular July, Monday session.

Bob Weidmer, Road Foreman and Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to present the weekly road report. Alba stated they are having issues with the timing of blading roads and spraying weeds on roads. There are issues crossing over, i.e. road gets bladed and the road crew does not know the road was just sprayed. They are wasting blade and weed operator time, diesel fuel and chemical. Alba would like to see the Commission approve a third truck so each district has its own spray truck. Alba would like to see the Commission get rid of the Ford weed truck, due to constant mechanical issues, and purchase a new cab and chassis from the Weed budget and the Road Budget would purchase a complete spray truck also. The weed crew and blade operator of each district could coordinate allowing the blade operator to blade the road first and the weed crew could come in after them. The Commission felt this would be a good idea. Alba will visit with Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor and Dale can visit with the Weed Board about it.

Bob stated today part of the crew is blading scoria roads; the rest of the crew will complete maintenance on equipment. When the rain quits they will go back and mulch the Pine Creek Road. Bob plans to have the crew mulch the first 1 ½ miles of the Calumet Road and are planning to get back to the South Ismay Road.

Mike Kirschten, Gun Range Chairperson met to discuss various business items regarding the gun range. Mike stated they are finishing up the paperwork on the NRA Grant. FWP may require the Gun Range Board to have an EIS (Environmental Impact Study) completed before they will allow them to dig post holes for the awning for the canopy grant. Mike is going to get down to the bottom of it first before completing and EIS. FWP also is requiring quotes for anything over \$5,000.00. Mike will report back when he gets further information.

Chuck Lee, DES Coordinator met with his EMPG Grant paperwork. Commissioner Ranum signed the EMPG Grant; some of the funding will be used to purchase a credentialing machine for the Sheriff's Department. Chuck stated he will have to have this grant signed monthly rather than quarterly.

Chuck also submitted the CDBG Grant in the amount of \$114,000 for a rotary plow and bobcat. This funding should be awarded by August or September. Public comment for this grant will end today.

Chuck stated he has been gathering the rain gauge readings for CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network). Chuck will also gather the snow accumulation and moisture content starting this year.

Chuck would like to budget for two new sirens and give the old siren to Plevna. The Commission has not completed budgets as of this time so no decision was made at this time.

Randy Hoenke, Baker Fire Chief met to update the Commission on the new Baker Fire Hall. Due to the weather holding them up, they are still doing dirt work. Randy stated the week of July, 20th the foundation people will try to be here, but with the rain, not sure that will be a go.

Commissioner Rieger asked if Search and Rescue would be moving to the new fire hall. Randy stated there was some talk about that but now the talk has fizzled out. Randy brought a sample card for carpet, tile, etc for various rooms for the Commission to view. Fire people were looking at grays and reds and got colors of blues and grays instead. Commissioner Rieger asked who was putting up the building. Randy stated he is not sure who all the contractors are. Randy stated they have had a little bit of an issue with water, sewer and footings and completion of compaction testing but thinks they got it worked out now. Randy will continue to keep the Commission updated.

Reinhard Barth, Outside Building Maintenance received three applications for the Seasonal, Outside Building Maintenance position and the interviews will be completed next Monday. Clerk and Recorder will schedule them accordingly.

Noon Recess

The Commission reconvened at 1:15 PM with all present.

Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor came in to discuss her concerns regarding all of the accidents Fallon County employees have been having lately. Sending out a memo regarding attendance at safety meetings was discussed. Commissioner Rieger feels the Commission needs to stand behind the Safety Program. Vera asked if the Commission would like her to add the random drug testing's to her monthly report; numbers not names. The Commission felt that would be a good idea. Vera also discussed an incident at the landfill. The Commission thanked Vera and told her to keep up the good work and try not to let the high number of incidents discourage her. The Commission feels everyone is now more conscientious which means things are now being reported that may not have been before.

Tom Muckle met to discuss the Veteran's War Memorial and if a decision was made regarding whom the Memorial would be purchased from. Commissioner Rieger stated there was no decision made at this time. Tom explained Jon Stevenson stated he would absorb the cost of two benches and the podium.

Tom also discussed the Fire Warden budget. Tom has budgeted for an Explorer or something similar, as he needs more room for equipment. He would also then have room to take the Commissioner's with him to a fire. Commissioner Rieger stated they will have to determine the funding level for the new budget year first. The Commission stated they will not be able to make a decision right away; Tom understands that. Tom stated they could then use the pickup for another department.

David Espeland, CEO and Selena Nelson, CFO met to present the monthly report for Fallon Medical Complex. Selena discussed the bill for seal coating; it was decided to pay it from Fund 2897-Oil and Gas Accelerated Fund, to be paid back at a later date.

Commissioner Rieger asked when they would be closing up the hole for the diesel tank. David stated he did not understand why they had not already closed it up.

The truck lane and alley in the new parking lot were discussed in detail. The bottom line is the truck lane will have to be reworked and the decision as to who will be responsible will need to be determined also.

A memo went out to the Parkview residents regarding taking their own garbage out. A resident told David some of the people are going to have a hard time taking their garbage out. House rules read, residents should take out their own garbage, but FMC will take the garbage out for them during the winter.

Discussion regarding the street issue in front of the Hospital. David stated Century Paving will repair it when they are in town this fall.

Public Health lot was discussed; the Commission plans to leave as it is.

Selena stated the budget is completed; she has to have it completed this soon so cost increases can go into effect July 1, 2009. No wage increase in the budget this year for the employees. It was explained to them already and the employees were just happy to have a job. Selena stated the new room rates increased by eight (8) percent and there are 21 Nursing Home residents.

Commissioner Rieger stated he noticed the snow removal caused much damage to the curbs and sidewalks. Discussion on ways to prevent that from happening again.

Commissioner Rieger asked when the landscaping was going to get started. They are waiting for the sidewalks to be poured and there are a lot of utilities in the back that are not buried very far below the ground.

Garages for Parkview residents were discussed; still working on purchasing more land to place the garages.

Rich Batterman, County Attorney met to discuss County business. The Commission asked a question regarding the Veteran Memorial. The County is funding a portion of the Memorial but it is not a Fallon County project. Rich stated he feels Fallon County should not have to go to bid but feels those in charge of the project may get a better price if they go to bid.

Commissioner Rieger stated the City of Baker decided to go in-house to get applications for the Recreation Director Position and Angie Rabbitt was selected.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL/LEGAL

ROAD EASEMENT:

Michael Zent-Anticline Road in Section 10-Township 9-Range 58 East.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Commission received a breakdown of the Eastern Region Juvenile Detention Services share for Fallon County for FY2010 salary, which is based on a percentage of the population. This FY the amount will be \$54.77.

The Commission received the Maintenance Agreement from ThyssenKrupp Elevator of Bozeman, MT for the elevator at Parkview 1. This agreement was signed by Commissioner Rieger and mailed back.

Chuck Lee brought his Emergency Management Performance Grant paperwork in for the Commission to view. The Grant is allowing additional funding in the budget of \$32,460.00 this fiscal year.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Cash Up report for month ending June, 2009.

Treasurer's Cash Report for May, 2009-all funds are in good standing.

Detention Center Report-June, 2009-7 prisoners for a total of 67 days-10 Fallon County days; 56 City of Baker Days; 1 Carter County Day-total revenue for the month of \$50.00 which was from Carter County.

Detention Center Report-July 2008-June 2009-761 total days; total revenue collected for the fiscal year of \$3,150.00.

REVENUE:

Sale of Fixed Assets: \$30,240.00.00 for the W ½ Section 30-6-55

4th Quarter Subdivision Review Fees-\$165.00

ConocoPhillips Company-\$4205.24-April and May Oil and Gas Revenues

Sands Oil Company-\$162.53-May Oil and Gas Revenues

JOURNAL VOUCHERS:

724-Correct coding for claim taken from the General Fund and needed to come from the MCH Fund.

725-to transfer from various funds to their respective Capital Projects Funds.

726-To set up loan for Fallon Medical Complex to pay for liability insurance.

727-Transfer from Fund 2899 to Capital Projects-Road.

Adjourned.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder