

Monday, June 15, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Donald Rieger and Dennis Afrank, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for the June, 2009 Mid-Month session.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly road report. Discussed Ash Creek Road; they plan to take out the old culvert that is too small and place a new culvert. Bob feels they could place a 4' culvert in place of the old one. Commissioner Ranum asked Bob to be sure to contact FWP (Fish Wildlife and Parks). Bob stated he would be sure to call them. Bob further stated there is private land on both sides. Commissioner Ranum asked what Bob had found out about the bridge on Jeanette Dye's road. Bob stated they filled in the holes with rock; it is pipe bridge and the vibration causes the dirt to sift through the pipe. Commissioner Ranum asked if this bridge had the proper signage. Bob stated yes it did. Commissioner Ranum also asked about the culvert on Lynn Householder's road. Bob stated they are working on that culvert. Commissioner Rieger asked if Clarence Sipma had contacted Bob regarding moving the approach. Bob stated he had not and after some discussion it was decided it would be best to move the approach. Bob stated the culvert by Spiffy's needs to be replaced; it is in very poor condition. The accumulators are here for the walk and rolls. CAT is coming Tuesday to work on the Accugrade System again. Some of the blades may have the wrong software in them because they are not working properly. Bob stated the steering quit on the blade up north and they are waiting for CAT to come down and look at it. Last week the blade operators bladed the roads, two members of the crew spent two days working on finishing up the guards on one of the conveyors for the crusher. Weather permitting this week they will be laying the cold mix in Plevna. The blades are about done down South. Two of the crew members will be patching the Webster Road when they complete blading. This week they will try to complete cleaning of cattle guards that are on the books.

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering joined the discussion to update on various projects. Jon stated a representative from Cretex in Billings had concerns about pouring a box culvert in place (Anticline Bridge). Jon explained they are going to get the same product as if it was a concrete form.

Commissioner Ranum asked how the Stark Bridge project was coming. Jon stated he is trying to get it done for the June 22nd meeting next week. Jon stated he received the letters from the North Baker Water Sewer businesses and the other supporter's of the project and will get all of the information compiled and given to Jason for the EDA funding for the project. Jon left the discussion.

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor joined the Road Foreman regarding how to proceed spraying in some areas of the County. Dale discussed the accident in his department. Commissioner Ranum asked if Dale was purchasing some flea beetle bugs for spurge prevention. Dale stated he was and also the helicopter pilot would be here approximately June 30th. Commissioner Afrank asked if they were getting enough spray on the road; Dale stated he felt they had gotten far enough off the edge of the road.

Dee Dee Geving, Fair Board Chairman met to discuss the new addition at the Fairgrounds. Dee Dee stated the addition at the Fairgrounds is not on schedule as they had hoped. They had problems with MDU regarding the gas lines. MDU does not want to move them until Mark has the walls up. The Fair Board does not want to put the walls up until the gas lines are moved because they are live gas lines. Dee Dee is concerned that they have not allowed for all of that in the new budget year as the new budget has already been turned in. Commissioner Afrank stated we will allow for that and re-budget it.

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met with the Commissioners and asked about the cement culverts sitting in sections at the old dump. Since they were too tall for what was needed by the lake, he wondered if it would work for the low water crossing up North. The Commission felt that would be a good idea; Bob will go check on that.

Chuck Lee, DES/911 Supervisor discussed properly labeling the 911 system after they had completed further research on the phones in various offices vs. Dispatch center.

The Commission discussed the hay lease for the Airport. The Commission had felt it had always been \$500.00 per year and after further research it was found it has been \$450.00 for several years. The Commission made the decision to leave the lease at \$450.00 this year.

Spence Huether, Road Technician met to discuss the road abandonment hearing for roads in Commissioner District II. Spence will get the notification sent to the Fallon County Times and the packets will go out to the landowners. The State section going up to Brackett Butte was discussed again. The Commission stated they are letting the bid for the two bridges on Cabin Creek by Don Wyrick's. Commissioner Afrank stated George Fitzgerald came down to complete the work at Brackett Butte on Saturday for the Baker TV District.

Lynda Herbst, Klassy Kleaner and the Fallon County Commission reviewed and signed the Custodial Cleaning Contract Agreement drawn up by Rich Batterman, County Attorney. That agreement is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Noon Recess

Marlin Maynard, M & M Safety met to discuss contracting to Fallon County on an as needed basis. Marlin feels it would not be in his best interest to be involved with the Fallon County safety program unless he could bring the program up to snuff. Marlin stated he would do an assessment free of charge and would need full participation of the people involved because there are significant needs and he would then draft a report for the Commission to review. Commissioner's Ranum and Rieger asked if Marlin would like to visit with the safety committee first. It was decided Commissioner Ranum would do that and the Commissioner's would get back with Marlin.

The Commission reviewed and approved the June 15, 2009 accounts payable in the amount of \$309,049.51 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission discussed some budget questions. Some of the Boards are requesting and expecting pay increases for their employees. The Commission discussed this issue with Rich Batterman, County Attorney and Rich explained no County Board has the authority to give pay increases or COLA's as it is the Commission that are fiscally responsible for the well being of Fallon County. A memo will be sent to all County Boards explaining this matter.

Pat Ehret, Fair Board Member met to discuss the Concert being held on July 4th at the Fairgrounds.

Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor met to discuss some safety updates. Vera also brought in Airport Board minutes. Vera explained the next safety meeting will be held discussing snakes, ticks and heat stress. Vera stated Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor trained the Carter County Weed Department as well as his own. Vera stated Chuck Lee, DES/911 Supervisor and the Dispatch Center are working on the 911 tones and marking everything appropriately. Vera will discuss the yearly training topics from month to month with the Commission. Discussion on mandatory safety meetings. Vera tries to have the mandatory safety meetings in November. Vera explained the Safety Team would like to complete the on site inspections one day per year. They have scheduled that for September 9th, 2009 at 8:00 AM. Vera stated she passed out the bump hats ordered for various County Departments. The Fairgrounds employees decided they wanted to keep the regular hard hats they received earlier. Vera asked, if the City employees are working on County property, would they need to wear hardhats or bump hats. The Commission stated yes they would. A letter will be written pertaining to this item of business. The Commission stated it should be worded explaining, if the employees do not realize the importance, then there will be consequences. Vera stated the Library had training and several Counties came to participate in the training.

Reinhard Barth, Outside Building Maintenance met to review the application he received for the position of Outside Building Maintenance assistant. The Commission

asked if Reinhard wanted to get hold of the applicant and interview him. Reinhard will try to get hold of the applicant for the interview. The Commission asked Reinhard what he found out about the Ambulance Garage issues. Reinhard called Clayton Verke of Verke Refrigeration and Clayton found it to be the stove exhaust which comes out under the eave. Clayton feels they need to extend the pipe out past the eave so the exhaust fumes do not go back under the roof.

CLOSED-INTERVIEW

Spence Huether, Road Technician stated the State was objecting to closure of some of the roads which will be discussed at the hearing tonight.

Spence stated Don Wyrick is more than willing to sign easements but he will not sign the easements unless the Commission will allow him to cut across a County road. Don also does not want an easement to his place so it is public but does want it maintained once or twice a year. The Commission all agreed to the no bore as Wyrick will be responsible for repairs to that portion of the road should there be maintenance issues. However, the Commission will not agree to providing maintenance, no matter how much or little, without an easement.

CLOSED-LEGAL

Bob Thielen called into dispatch and said he is going to dig a trench across a county road because the water is running into his well. Dispatch called Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman and Bob called Commissioner Ranum. Commissioner Ranum told Bob W to call the County Attorney. Bob stated he was going to call Dispatch and have them call Tim Barkley, Sheriff to let him know what Bob T was doing.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Commissioner Ranum signed Encroachment Permit #506 from Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to bore across a County Road in Section(s) 19/20 in Township 8 North, Range 59 East to place a communication line.

The Commission received the State Fuel Tax allocation statement for FY2010 for budgeting purposes. The amount to budget is \$50, 950.22 which is less than last year's amount by \$343.55.

The Commission received information from Rimrock Engineering, Inc. regarding the test results from a sample of base used in the new parking lot located south of the new addition to the Hospital. The pavement was breaking down and it was necessary to have the tests run. According to the results received, the base course did not come close to meeting specifications. The results from the test are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Mike Carlson reported an update on the wind measuring equipment they have been installing in Fallon County. They are hoping to finish the equipment placement on the Rustad and Overton Towers June 12th and June 13th. Mike found someone else to climb the tower as the original person contacted has never responded back. They finished moving the old tower from the Landfill site on May 26th and May 27th to the new site near Baker. They may have to look at a new logger for that tower, then all three sites would be the same and would be able to run for two years without any worry as the data chip and batteries will both last that long.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Other Board Minutes Received:

The Commission received and reviewed the Rifle Range Board minutes for April 27, 2009.

The Commission received and reviewed the Council on Aging minutes from April 28, 2009.

The Commission received and reviewed the O'Fallon Museum Board Minutes from June 2, 2009.

The Commission received and reviewed the Fallon County Safety Team Minutes from May 11, 2009.

The Commission received and reviewed the Baker Municipal Airport Commission Minutes from March 11, 2009 and May 6, 2009. March 11, 2009 minutes were filed before the Commission had a chance to read them.

The Commission received and reviewed the Fallon County Library Minutes from April 13, 2009. They were filed before the Commission had a chance to read them.

The Commission received and reviewed the Fallon County Council on Aging minutes from February 24, 2009 and April 28, 2009. The February minutes were filed before the Commission had a chance to read them.

The Commission received and reviewed the Little Beaver Conservation District minutes from April 1, 2009.

The Commission received and reviewed the SMART Annual Meeting minutes from January 20, 2009. These minutes were filed before the Commission had a chance to read them.

The Commission received and reviewed the Fallon County Planning Board minutes from April 6, 2009.

The Commission received and reviewed the Rifle Range Board minutes from February 23, 2009. These minutes were filed before the Commission had a chance to read them.

REVENUES:

The Commission was notified they would be receiving \$37,622.00 for FY2009 PILT. Bowers Oil and Gas, Inc.-April, 2009-\$42.04-Oil and Gas Royalties.

Fallon County received a check from Farmers Alliance Companies in the amount of \$50,000.00 for damage received to a bridge located on Bridge Road.

Recessed at 5:20 PM until evening meeting.

The Fallon County Road Abandonment Hearing was held at 7:00 PM in the Fallon County Courtroom. The minutes from that meeting are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Adjourned at 7:30 PM

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder