

Monday, May 18, 2009

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Donald Rieger and Dennis Afrank, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular May session.

Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor; Richard Griffith, G & R Custom Metals; Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to discuss the plans for the Road/Park shop building. The group also discussed the stimulus funding that was approved for various projects around the State of Montana. Commissioner Afrank made the motion to use the stimulus funding for the Road/Park building project; Commissioner Rieger seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum called for those in favor to signify by stating aye. 3 Ayes. Commissioner Ranum called for those against to signify by stating nay. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously. Richard and Scott left the discussion.

Bob stated they went up and looked at the mowing system in another County and decided it would never work for Fallon County. Commissioner Rieger stated they may want to sample some scoria that is located on County property, close to Donald and Laurie MacKay's; Bob stated he will look into it. Last week the last blade was received and the operators are learning the controls and the steering. There have been some minor problems with oil leaks and some problem with the parking brakes. Today Bob and Roscoe Gray will be going to the Hagadone pit to take samples of the gravel. The bridge crew is working on car gates again this week. The road crew will be blading roads this week. District II blade operators will be in the Webster area. District I blade operators are mulching on the Big Hill Road, the Ollie Road and east of the Encore office. District III blade operators are working South of Plevna. Bob discussed blading the roads by Ed and Darlene Williams. Bob stated Darlene was throwing rocks at the blades. Commissioner Afrank stated he does not want the crew to go in and blade around the Williams' property, until further notice!

Bob discussed the bid opening for the Pennel Creek Bridge, being held today. The group discussed the bridge on Bridge Road; this bridge will have to be bid and engineered also. Commissioner Ranum stated there is a portion of a bridge near Jeanette Dye's property, in which the gravel is falling through the bridge. Bob stated it is a pipe bridge and a tire can not fall through. Bob stated he would go look at that and report back. The Commission informed Bob that Brosz Engineering, Inc-Bowman, ND has been asked to look at the other bridges in Fallon County that do not receive inspections from the State of Montana. Spence Huether, Road Technician is in the process of completing a map of all bridges within the County.

Jeff Gruizenga, Con'eer Engineering met to update the Commission on the HVAC upgrade for the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Ranum asked if they will have to get up in the ceiling. Jeff stated yes and then they will need to re-blow it with fiberglass. Commissioner Ranum stated she would appreciate it if they would put some tarps or something up to catch all the insulation, etc. Commissioner Ranum asked if the fiberglass insulation was safe. Jeff stated yes it is not carcinogenous. Library Air Handler-Jeff explained, you have a 30 year old system in the basement; you can update it, leave it as is or get a new one. Jeff will get some cost estimates together for that with options. PVI and PVII work items were discussed also. They will go out for bid the middle of June; collect the bids in July and try to get it completed as soon as possible. They will first finish the work at PVI and PVII, then start on the Library and last will be the Law Enforcement Center.

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to update the Commission on chemical bid and other aspects of his Department. Commissioner Ranum stated she heard if you change the PH level in the water, it will make the weed spray more effective. Dale stated it can, but usually only affects Roundup. Commissioner Ranum asked about the chemical bid. Dale stated the CPS Crop Protection Services received the bid this year. Commissioner Afrank asked Dale if he would be interested in learning how to put the aerators in the lake. Dale stated yes he would. Further discussed the chemical bids; Dale stated the Weed Board gave it to the lowest bidder.

Spence Huether, Road Technician stated they found four petitions that cover Shelterbelt Road. The Commission signed Resolution 5-18-2009 to hold a public hearing

on road abandonment's and that resolution is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission signed the intergovernmental transfer agreement between MT Dept of Public Health and Human Services and Fallon County.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:00 PM with all present.

Invitation to Bid for the Anticline Box Culvert Project was held in the office of the Fallon County Commission with Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering, Inc., Bob Wiedmer and the following companies being represented:

Martin Construction-Gladstone, ND
Franz Construction-Sidney, MT
Diamond J. Construction-Miles City, MT

Jon announced the following bids from each:

Martin Construction-Gladstone, ND-\$203,140.50
Franz Construction-Sidney, MT – \$222,965.20
Diamond J. Construction-Miles City, MT-\$193,547.30

Commissioner Afrank made the motion to table the decision on the bids until we can review the bids and make sure the tabulations are correct. Commissioner Rieger seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for those in favor to signify by stating aye. 3 Aye. Commissioner Ranum asked for those opposed to signify by stating nay. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously. Jon stated the individuals would be contacted as soon as the tabulations were completed. The company representatives left the meeting.

John Geving met to discuss the bus routes and Cap Rock Road. John stated he knows it has been a fiasco regarding the roads on the Anticline but he has been approached by Jarrett Hadley regarding the routes because they (Hadley's) are driving the farthest. John was wondering if it would be a possible to work on the Cap Rock Road (curves in the road). John wants to know if the County could also address the safety issues on the road. Commissioner Ranum stated she would ride with Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman first and see if it would be feasible to do so. Commissioner Rieger stated Bob or the blade operator could possibly tell you where the snow hangs up. Tobin School Road is closed now which is two miles.

The Commission approved the May, mid-month claims in the amount of \$501,047.51 and the claims are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission made the decision they would agree to keep the container site open on Sundays also. This would be from May 1-September 27th, 2009 on a trial basis.

Mona Cantalupo and Karol Zachmann, SMART/Eastern Montana Economic Development Authority met to discuss some lots they are purchasing to put up some multi-family housing. Karol stated it is almost an entire city block. The Commission discussed the letter Rich Batterman, County Attorney wrote to them and cc'd the Commission regarding this matter. Rich feels this is pushing their purpose but the Port Authority feels this is okay to pursue. Karol stated the Port Authority plans to sell the property, with the buildings, as they do not want to be landlords. That is not their scope of duties; they are going to see if the City will take care of the demolition. Eastern Montana Economic Development Authority Board members are: Karol, President, Norton Walker, Steve Zachmann, Brandon Schmidt, Desiree Thielen, Steve Koruba and Sharon Gookin.

Mona stated she helped the American Legion apply for the Caviar Grant for the Veteran's War Memorial. They were awarded \$5,000.00 and are still not sure where they will place it; the Millennium Park or McClain Park. Commissioner Ranum stated they really need to decide where this is going to be located first to be ready for the dedication

on December 7, 2009, which is Pearl Harbor Day. Mona stated she will get together with Drury Phebus regarding this issue.

Karol stated the sidewalk around the lake is so nice and would be nicer if it had lights around it also. Commissioner Ranum stated the Commission needs to talk to Scott Rabbitt, City/County Park Supervisor and have him include it in his budget.

A letter was written to G & G Garbage, Inc. regarding approving the opening of the public container site for regular hours from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Sundays, from May through September. The hours will be in addition to the regular schedule already in effect. A copy of a letter sent to G & G Garbage was received from the City regarding the same subject.

Brandi Griffith called to ask how long the Commission wants her to keep tracking the City/County garbage received at the collection site. The Commission would like to have it tracked indefinitely.

REPORTS:

The Commission reviewed and approved the Baker Rural Fire District Meeting Minutes for April, 2009. Warrants were paid in the amount of \$3,325.01.

The Commission reviewed and approved the Plevna Rural Fire District meeting minutes for April, 2009. Warrants were paid in the amount of \$4,603.64.

The Commission reviewed the Planning Department Plat Status Report from May 15, 2009. There are five plats/cos's with an incomplete status and one amended plat that was completed and recorded.

April, 2009 Detention Center Report-5 prisoners held for 43 City of Baker days and 1 Fallon County day. No income was received for this month.

Randy Hoenke, Baker Rural Fire Chief brought a subcontractor and supplier list for the Baker Fire hall construction project.

The Commission mailed the Intergovernmental Agreement for the transfer of monies to the State for FY2009 along with the required payment amount of \$112,350.64. Fallon Medical Complex will in turn receive a larger sum of money back. This funding is based on the average Medicaid patient days.

The Commission made the decision to ask Faye Koenig, Treasurer/Assessor to start dispersing the Port Authority funding as she handles the LBSCD funding.

The Salary Commission meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 8, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Commission office.

The Commission received a copy of the building permit received by Tumblewood Development for the Iron Horse bathroom construction.

The Commission received notification from the Corporation for National and Community Service regarding the RSVP Senior Corps Renewal application. The overall rating received on the application was a satisfactory.

The City of Baker was billed 2 mills for the City's share of the Baker Municipal Airport for FY2009 in the amount of \$2,576.00.

Recess until the Road Abandonment Hearing.

The minutes from the Public Road Abandonment Hearing are on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Adjourned,
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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

