

Monday, June 23, 2008

Deb Ranum, Chairperson and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for a regular session.

Dave Hall, Acting Road Foreman met to present the weekly road report. Dave stated he has the blades running. Rollie Maier will be done with the Cap Rock Road today, then on to the Farm to Market and Anticline Road. They have mowed most of the roads around town.

Donald Rieger, Member, joined the discussion.

Dave told Commissioner Rieger, Jim Hagadone needs surface going into Jim Bickle's as someone is living there now. Decision made to get some scoria from Gatzke's. Commissioner Rieger stated the Willard Road needs surface. Dave replied he noticed it was rutted up. Dave stated they would like to start mulching; there is a portion of road by Bobby Thielen's trailer that needs surface. Commissioner Rieger felt we already finished that portion of the road; also, we need to look for more surfacing for the roads. Dave stated we have some at Gatske's and Wenz's. There is still some surfacing left in the Allerdings pit also. Discussion regarding Tom Barth, Landfill Manager needing to use a scraper at the landfill; as the larger one from the Road Department could do the work in half the time. Dave submitted his written report which is as follows: District 1-Most roads are in good to excellent condition except the ones that have not been bladed since the last rain. Gary has been laying black top on roads that need patching. Mowing around town and laying pavement. Brian Rustad had Dave and Doug inspect bridge on Beaver Slide Road and found it to be sound and in good shape for now. District 2-All roads are good to excellent except on that has not been bladed since the last rains. Billy and Rick completed construction on Wiley Butte Trail and are continuing to blade. Mowing Willard, Little Beaver Road, laying pavement. Patrol 45 down for repair. District 3-Jim Hagadone needs surface on road going to Bickle Access. John and Mark would have time after blading is caught up. Lane Jones all the way to Rieger's needs bladed; need a few loads of crushed scoria on Reservoir Trail (Sandstone) to patch thin spots. Also mulching needs to be completed on South Ismay Road (about 6 miles).

Dennis Afrank, Member, joined the discussion.

Gene Vennes contacted Dave and the Commission and has run into a problem with the property Fallon County purchased from the BLM. He has run into a bog that may need to be fenced around and also wanted someone to know that Gary Rusley's cows are getting ready to be fenced out; this will be looked into and resolved. Commissioner Ranum reiterated, Tom Barth wants to know if he can use the Road's scraper for final cover. The Commission stated Tom should come in and visit with them about this before a final decision is made, as he has his own scraper to use.

Commissioner Rieger made a motion to pass Resolution 6-23-2008 (1) regarding the Undersheriff and Deputy Sheriff's rate of pay for the hours worked over 40 hours. Commissioner Afrank seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum called for a vote. 3 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion carries unanimously and that Resolution is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Jim Leischner, County Insurance Agent met to discuss some insurance updates.

Per Commissioner request the Clerk and Recorder will write a letter to Faye Koenig, Treasurer/Assessor requesting billing for the Hoff and Pearce properties in order to clear those taxes off the books and get them back on the tax rolls.

Per Commissioner request the Clerk and Recorder will write a memo to the Department Heads and Supervisors regarding the new mileage increases and what this will do to the budgets. This will allow them to budget more in those line items for the mileage, travel for training and compensation to employees for all trainings attended on behalf of Fallon County motel rooms as well as remind everyone to use the County vehicles for County travel/training and other County business.

The Commission received a letter of interest from Betty Mueller to be appointed to the Council on Aging Board. Commissioner Afrank made the motion to appoint Betty Mueller to the Council on Aging Board; Commissioner Rieger seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum called for a vote: All in Favor-3 Aye; Opposed-0; motion carried unanimously.

Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor met to present an update, regarding the parks, to the Commission. Scott met with the City Council and they have agreed to pay for one-third (1/3) of the Dingo; they would also agree to the land swap with the County for placement of a shop for the Park. Commissioner Afrank stated he did get a chance to go view the Dingo belonging to Steve Herbst and was very impressed with the work you could do with it. Scott stated the gates are up and he will get them painted. The land swap would be for two lots owned by the County on the East Side of Baker, which will house a City playground, with the land the City owns by the old hangar. Commissioner Afrank asked Scott to keep track of the Dingo. Scott stated it will be housed in the Golf Course shop as Scott has no room for it at his shop. Discussion on placement of signage for the Amphitheatre.

Ken Griffith, Evelyn Neary, Duane Quenzer-North Baker Water Sewer Board Members and Dan and Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering of Bowman met to discuss the North Baker Water Sewer District.

Before the meeting began, Commissioner Afrank asked Ken Griffith if Griffith's had a chance to dig out the gate at the upper lake. Ken stated they will try to do that sometime today or tomorrow.

The NBWSD wants to know if they can bid the water and sewer job. The DNRC wants to meet onsite in August. Commissioner Ranum asked how the grants were looking for this project. Jon stated the reviews are all in but will not know the outcome for awhile. Commissioner Afrank asked if we bid and something falls through what happens. The County needs to make sure they have 1.5 million in the budget for this project due to the grants. The group wondered how long it will be before they could go to bid. Commissioner's discussed the budgeting process and they will not have a definite answer until August or September. The group discussed bidding a phase II. Dan stated they would like to get the Rural Development Grant which would cover 2/3 of the project and 1/3 loan but you also need to have money there to show a commitment. The Commission stated they should get the bid specs ready and talk to the Commission before they put it in the paper. Ken discussed Conoco/Phillips will sign a buy sell and also has a company interested in building some pre-fabricated houses. Ken asked if they go to bid, who is going to take care of the funds; can the District contract that to someone. Dan stated the District would need to get their own checking account. Ken stated possibly SMART could handle this as a financial project.

Tim Barkley, Sheriff; Randy Ketterling, Chief of Police-City of Baker and Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor met to discuss placing an emergency ordinance for the parks. Rich Batterman, County Attorney was out of town. Discussion on a reasonable time to close the gates at the parks; Midnight was the decision made. Scott discussed the purchase of permits and who would be in charge of issuing them to the public. Commissioner Afrank made a motion to pass an emergency ordinance for the parks, according to Section 7-5-104, MCA to regulate the use of the County/Municipal Gazebo/Parks, Softball Complex and Gun Range to control the destruction of County property. These facilities will be closed at midnight and there will be a penalty for violation of the ordinance; up to six (6) months imprisonment in the County jail, a \$500.00 fine, or both such fine and imprisonment. This emergency ordinance will be effective June 23, 2008. Commissioner Rieger seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum called for a vote. 3 Aye; 0 Nay; Motion carries unanimously. Scott will place signs on all of the gates and the emergency ordinance will be advertised in the paper and on the radio. The Emergency Ordinance is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Commissioner Rieger signed Encroachment Permit #493 for Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to bore under the County Road in Section 33-7-58 to place a Communication line for Scott Foster. The fee of \$150.00 was submitted with the permit.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

The Commission received a Thank You from the Carter County Museum Board of Directors for the donation of chairs from the Fallon County Library Basement.

The Commission made the decision to allow the Museum employees to be added to the list of those to receive the Hepatitis B shots.

The Commission approved the following journals to reverse journal entries made for FY07; make corrections and post; and re-roll into the new fiscal year, per auditor request: Journal 490; Journal 713 and Journal 491 to correct entries in Fund 2897; Journal 492; Journal 714 and Journal 493 to correct entries in Fund 5410 and 5411; Journal 494; Journal 715 and Journal 495 to correct entries in Fund 9000.

The Commission reviewed the Council on Aging minutes for April 22, 2008.

The commission approved the reviewed and approved the minutes for June 9th and June 16th.

The Commission received the Detention Center Report for the month of May, 2008. There were 11 prisoners held for a total of 80 County days and 3 City days. No income was received for the month.

Noon Recess

Out of the office for the County Auction.

Adjourned.
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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