

Monday, March 23, 2009

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

Bob Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly road report. Bob stated the Nemitz Pit find appears to have a lot of sand in it. They are still working on the permit application for the Hagadone Pit. Bob stated they have heard no word from Jim at JGA Engineering and Architects regarding the building project. Bob stated there will be an OSHA Seminar held this Thursday, the 26th of March at FMC. The entire crew will be going to that meeting and it will be held all day. Permission granted by the Commission to attend. Bob and Dave Hall will be attending the MACRS convention next week. The group discussed the gas tax maps, sent to the State of Montana. There is an MSHA crusher workshop that will be held in Billings on April 14th. Bob feels he Dave and Alba need to attend the meeting and they will need to leave on the 13th, permission granted by the Commission to attend. Last week the road crew bladed the North Ismay Road and part of the Westmore Road; they also bladed down south fixing washouts and bad spots in the roads. This week the road crew is planning to continue hauling gravel on the Anticline or they may go back to hauling scoria on the Little Pine Road, depending upon the weather. Jessica Dinardi, Planner Secretary and Bob will be working on the permits to open the Hagadone Pit.

Mike Carlson, New Harvest Energy phoned the Commission to discuss placing wind gathering data on towers in Fallon County. Mike explained the equipment costs about \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 per tower and the installation is approximately \$2,800.00. Mike stated they could take the tower down at the Landfill and put it on some County Property. Mike will not be able to get an estimate on that until he sees the tower, etc. Commissioner Afrank stated possibly Mike could look at it next month. Commissioner Afrank asked who will pull the data logger information. Mike stated we will only have to check that once per year. The Commission felt they could have Chuck Lee, 911/DES Coordinator retrieve the information.

Judy McWilliams, Quality Improvement at Fallon Medical Complex called to ask if Fallon County would sponsor the doughnuts for the trenching workshop. The Commission agreed to sponsor the doughnuts for the workshop. The Clerk and Recorder will let Judy know.

The Commission left at 11:00 am to tour the completed project at Fallon Medical Complex and dine in the new cafeteria.

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Cheri LeBlanc-Eastern Montana CASA was not able to attend her meeting due to the weather.

Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator met to give information to the Commission regarding the weather issues. Chuck also discussed the fire issue in Miles City, MT. Chuck stated the courthouse generator had a lag time issue, Chuck stated he felt it was necessary to call TWE about the issue. The Commission asked if Chuck would be interested in gathering the information from the wind monitors that will be placed on towers in the County. Chuck stated he does not know how, but would be glad to do that.

CLOSED-HIPAA/PERSONNEL

BUSINESS AS OR IF NEEDED:

Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder stated Frank Schwarz, EBMS will come if we want him to speak to the employees about the MiBenefits and the Care Link programs which are provided for by EBMS. Selena Nelson, CFO – Fallon Medical Complex is going to have him talk on some other things some time in May. Debbie explained he will do this for free. The Commission felt this would be fine.

The group also discussed the safety boot issue for the seasonal employees. The Commission all agree they do not wish to pursue that at this time.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

BUSINESS AS OR IF NEEDED:

The Commission received notification from Mike Kirschten, Gun Range Board Member that they received a \$5,000.00 grant from the NRA Foundation, Inc. to purchases supplies, etc. for the gun range. Nico Cantalupo, County Extension Agent wrote the grant on behalf of the Gun Range Board.

Vera Abrams, Safety Supervisor was given permission to attend a Safety Workshop in Miles City sponsored by the WorkSafeMT Foundation, if she wished to attend.

The Commission received notification that the City of Baker did not approve and sign the Golf Course Irrigation Interlocal Agreement, with the changes made by the County. Rich Batterman, County Attorney advised the Commission not to sign the agreement with the changes requested by the City of Baker. The Commission therefore did not sign.

The Commission discussed the Airport hay lease for Steve Spriggs. The Commission made a few changes to the old lease and asked that it be brought up to date and reissued to Steve.

The Commission granted permission to Mike Carl, Custodian at Fallon Medical Complex to replace one of the hot water heaters that went out. The old one was a 91 gallon, commercial grade hot water heater and was 7 years old and only had a 2 year warranty. Mike received a quote for \$6,000.00 and could have it installed by this Monday, March 23, 2009.

The Commission reviewed and signed the gravel pit lease agreement between Fallon County and James and Peggy Hagadone.

ROAD EASEMENT:

Louise Gillum-Section 10-9-58-Anticline Road

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from March 16 and March 19th.

The Commission has been steadily watching the legislative sessions and reviewing many of the bills they deem pertinent to Fallon County, City of Baker, Schools and the State of Montana.

Adjourned,
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder