

Monday, October 27, 2008

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

Bob Weidmer, Road Foreman met to present his weekly report. Bob stated Mitchell's could not lift the bridge on Bridge Road with the crane so Griffith Excavating is going to take care of this. Commissioner Rieger stated Chad Tronstad asked if the road going by his residence was a County road and if so, would the County blade the road. Commissioner Rieger stated he remembered the County graveled it so the City could get their truck in to check the sewer that runs through there. Commission felt they would leave that alone until it is discussed with the City. The following report work in progress submitted by Bob:

District 1-We are hauling scoria to Johnny Creek Trail today and will go back to blading when the weather warms up.

District 2-Billy is working with the new Cat M blade today as a trial test. We are planning to start on the Barkley Bridge this week.

District 3-We will go back to blading when it warms up and we are planning to mulch the part of Green Acres road that did not get graveled.

The group discussed the County Smoking Policy (4.02). Bob will discuss this with the crew and make them aware the policy will be enforced especially when the new blades are purchased.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Nico Cantalupo was granted permission to purchase a pickup, with a topper from Denny Menholt. The check will be processed today due to the fact they can not hold the vehicle until the next check processing would take place.

Jason Rittal called in and was placed on speakerphone. Jason discussed the North Baker Water Sewer (NBWS) project. Jason stated the TSEP rankings are complete and we will have to wait and see how the project did regarding the funding from this grant. Jason wanted to know if anyone had ever tried to get the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the NBWS District. Jason felt TSEP would not get funded the CDBG may be used in lieu of that. He did not know if anyone had explored this or not as there may have been some stumbling blocks because it is based on low to moderate income jobs. The Commission will contact Dennis Bishop and then get back to Jason. Jason will either assist Dennis or Jason will do this himself. Commissioner Afrank will let Jason know tomorrow when he sees him at the meeting in Carter County.

The Commission discussed further pursuing taking the Anticline Road. Commissioner Afrank feels we need to get all the easements first before we pursue taking the anticline road. The Commission would like to set up an appointment with Spence Huether, Road Technician to discuss the best way to pursue this.

Noon Recess

BUSINESS AS OR IF NEEDED OR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to ask what he can use Capital Projects money for. Dale would like to put heat and restroom with water in his new shop. Commission feels this needs to be used for projects, designated as such. Dale asked if it could be used for new trucks. Commissioner Ranum asked what kind of heat would Dale put in his shop. Dale stated he did not know just thought it would be a good idea to have heat in his shop to keep the chemicals from freezing. Commissioner Ranum stated he could possibly put heat in a small room. Dale stated he would rather have water. Dale stated they allowed for possible spills when constructing the building. Dale stated the floor holds all the chemical that could possibly spill. Dale was just asking so he understood and could let his board know.

Dennis Bishop called in regarding funding for the North Baker Water Sewer. Dennis stated they did try to get CDBG funding and were unsuccessful because it is based on low

to moderate income levels and there are only 6 households in the NBWS District, therefore they do not qualify for CDBG.

Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator reported on a roundtable session he attended on October 21, 2008 in Billings on Mutual Aid and Common Frequency.

The Commission signed the bill of sale for Allan Wang's hangar purchase-Hangar A104.

The Commission completed a call for bids for a tractor for the Fairgrounds. The bid was for a 2006 John Deere 5525 Tractor with a 2008-542 John Deere Non-Self Leveling Loader. Bid packets were sent to Bentz Equipment of Belle Fourche, SD and Horizon Equipment Co. of Miles City, MT. A detailed list of specifications is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission called Barry Damschen regarding Fidelity placing gas wells on the land the County purchased for the landfill expansion. Barry suggested they give Fidelity a copy of the landfill expansion plan to view and then they will know what the County plans to do. Barry feels that would be the best way of handling this situation.

The Treasurer's cash reports were received for July, August, September and October. All funds are maintaining sufficient cash statuses.

The Commission received the cash sheet from Baker High School (FCCLA) cake raffle for the game held on October 16, 2008 for a total of \$98.55.

Mid Rivers was called to have service discontinued for the Parkview elevators because David Espeland, CEO-Fallon Medical Complex had them hooked up to their PBX system.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Continental Resources-Oil and Gas Royalties received for August, 2008-\$12,755.32
Encore Operating-Oil and Gas Royalties received August, 2008-\$5,742.85
Baker Air Service-County Portion aviation fuel sales for October, 2008-\$148.62
Action for Eastern Montana-Commodity Supplemental Food Program-\$162.00

The Commission had a special claim approval in the amount of \$24,090.00 and that claim is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from October 6-9, 2008; October 14, 2008 and October 21, 2008.

Rich Batterman, County Attorney met to discuss County Business. TIFID- Rich stated he is still waiting on Judge Day's response. Darlene Hornung, Fallon County Times joined the discussion. The Commission stated Fidelity plans to drill on section 14, which is the section the County purchased for the landfill expansion. Rich stated they would not be able to go into the controlled area. Rich stated they need to make sure they know the expansion is in the planning stages now and then follow up with DEQ with that matter or make sure Barry Damschen does that.

The following met during the Fair Board meeting with the Commissioners: Darlene Hornung-Fallon County Times; Sheena Veazey, Stall Renter; Marge Griebel-Barn User; Jim Neary-Barn User; Desiree' Thielen-Barn User; Tana Taylor-Stall Renter; Courtney Dietz, Don Buerkle, Dee Dee Geving and Wanda Pinnow-Fair Board Members and Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary. Pat Ehret phoned and said she was unable to attend the meeting.

Minutes from this meeting are on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Commissioner Afrank led the discussion regarding taking the bus to convention. Everyone left the conversation with the exception of the Fair Board members. Dee Dee stated the cost would have been \$2.50 per mile but there was not enough interest. Courtney discussed locking the barn and the person pays a fee, just like the gun

range and then you get a key. Commissioner Ranum stated locking the barn could create problems if there were to be a fire or something of this nature. Wanda still has concerns about the bathrooms being open. Commissioner Afrank stated you could leave them open until the bathrooms are broken and they have no bathrooms to use. Dee Dee stated then it comes out of our budget, and we have less money to operate on. Barb discussed getting new certificates of insurance. The Commission stated the users/stall renters have to provide new certificates every year; giving them a deadline was also discussed. The Fair Board invited the Commission to the meeting on Monday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Adjourned.
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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