

Monday, October 6, 2008

Deb Ranum, Chairperson, Dennis Afrank and Donald Rieger, members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder met for the first October session.

Spence Huether, Road Technician met to discuss the preparation needs for the road hearing this afternoon.

Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to state the mower we were planning to trade has been sold. Terry Combs will be bringing a contract for the Commission to sign as a form of release for the mower.

Bob Weidmer, Road Foreman met to present his road report. The group discussed the incident with a bridge up North on Beaver Creek involving a landowner and his equipment. The group also discussed purchasing a grapple for the skid steer. Bob asked Commissioner Afrank if the work completed on Airport Road looked okay. Commissioner Afrank responded, yes. Commissioner Ranum asked about the mowing in her district and around the Gordon Steen area. Bob stated they were planning to get to that location next week. Discussion regarding the bridge on Barkley's property consisted of various solutions: Box culverts (various sizes) and (6)-5' culverts. The Commission decided they would view the bridge before making a definite decision. Bob did not get a quote for a new bridge. Tim Barkley, Sheriff met regarding an incident with a bridge on Beaver Creek, North of Fallon County. Commissioner Rieger asked if he would work with Bob on filing a report. Tim agreed to help with the report. The Commission explained they are planning on replacing the bridge on Barkley's property with some type of culvert rather than replacing the bridge. Bob thanked the Commission for the pickup and sending him to the sign meeting, he felt he learned a lot. Bob reported the following work in the respective districts:

District 1-Planning to mow the new road easements and bus stops; blading up North; Conoco Philips culvert is completed; planning to place the pipe on Sunset Trail.

District 2-Planning to do some spot graveling on the Webster Road; switching a car gate on Airport Road.

District 3-preparing North Plevna Road for gravel which will be starting at the end of the week or the beginning of next week; will be working on culverts this week.

Mike Krause called and wanted to see if he could get permission to hunt ducks on the upper lake. The Commission felt it may be okay but did not feel there was any water on the upper lake and therefore would be no ducks.

Commissioner Rieger called Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary regarding replacing the sand in the big barn arena. Commissioner Rieger cautioned stating the cost probably is more than they had anticipated. He stated the Commission wanted her to tell the board that they need to be aware and if they still insist on doing this project the Commission would like a cost estimate.

The Commission received copies of the change orders for the boiler project at the Courthouse and the Hospital. The Commission approved and agreed to proceed.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

CLOSED-HIPPA

The Commission reviewed and approved September Payroll and withholdings in the amount of \$414,507.58 and those warrants are on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission reviewed and approved accounts payable claims for the month of September, 2008 in the amount of \$195,206.69 and those claims are on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:15 PM.

Commissioner Ranum was excused to attend a family funeral.

Anna Straub met at 1:50 PM to present her resignation to the Commission. Rich Batterman, County Attorney joined the discussion. Commissioner Ranum called for a motion to accept Judge Straub's resignation. Commissioner Afrank made the motion to accept Anna's resignation, Commissioner Rieger seconded the motion. All in favor. 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried. The Commission needs to make a temporary appointment pending the 72 hour ruling. Rich suggested the interim appointment. Anna stated she is willing to substitute whenever needed. Commissioner Ranum called for a motion for a temporary appointment of Justice of Peace. Commissioner Afrank made the motion to appoint Nicole Brown as the temporary Justice of Peace. Commissioner Rieger seconded the motion. All in favor. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. The Commission thanked Anna for her years of service and dedication. Anna thanked the Commission for their part in making her career one she will remember.

CLOSED-HIPPA

David Espeland, CEO-Fallon Medical Complex phoned to find out if the Commission felt he should have a new valve installed to replace the valve that is not working properly and place new pipe to the main line. This will require digging up the sidewalk and the asphalt to get this repaired. Star Service felt the cost would be about \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The Commission feels there is no other choice at this time. The Commission also discussed the settling by the Public Health building and some cracks that are appearing.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

October 6, 2008 PUBLIC HEARING-4:05 PM

Dennis Afrank and Donald Rieger, Commissioners; Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder; Spence Huether, Road Technician; Tim Barkley, Sheriff; Tim Grube, Undersheriff; Bob Weidmer, Road Foreman; John Robert and Wilma Rusley, Randy and Jeff Wolentz, Ed and Darlene Williams and Mike Carter all members of the Public met for the Road hearing. The taping and typed minutes of this hearing are on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Commissioner Ranum returned from the funeral at 4:20 PM and the hearing was adjourned at 4:23 PM.

Reconvened back in the Commissioner's office.

Tim Barkley, Sheriff stated he went up North and spoke to the insurance adjuster. Tim stated the insurance agent feels that the County has no fault in this. The bridge was sound and it did not come apart until it was accidentally hit.

Commissioner Rieger stated Dan O'Connor would like a cattle guard put in. Dan will purchase it but the County will put it in. The cattle guard has to be at least a 20' guard.

Commissioner Ranum discussed driveways that landowners would like extended.

Recess

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Reconvened at 10:15 AM with Deb Ranum, Dennis Afrank, Donald Rieger and Brenda Wood.

Commissioner Ranum asked for a motion regarding the Shelterbelt Road Extension and the Shelterbelt Spur Road. Commissioner Rieger made the motion to accept and sign

the resolutions as written. Commissioner Afrank seconded the motion. All in Favor. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. Resolutions are: Resolution 10-7-2008 declaring Shelterbelt Road Extension and Resolution 10-7-2008 (1) declaring Shelterbelt Spur Road. Those resolutions are on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission discussed the Public Auction for the Airplane Hangars. Advertise as necessary.

The Commission made the decision to advertise again for another Fair Board member and North Baker Water Sewer Board Member.

CLOSED PERSONNEL/LEGAL

Kit Anderson, Planner met regarding the Brucellosis letter she wrote on behalf of the County. Kit would like Commissioner input on this as they are trying to draw up a plan and she wondered if the Commission would want to extend the deadline. The Commission will review her letter before she sends it off and make that decision at that time.

CLOSED-LEGAL

The Commission was out of the office for most of the day so they could attend the Montana Petroleum Association meeting held in Miles City, MT.

Recessed until 3:45 PM

Reconvened with Deb Ranum, Dennis Afrank, Donald Rieger and Brenda Wood.

Dan, State Boiler Inspector and Lynda Herbst, Custodian met to discuss his inspection of the new boiler project. Dan stated they need a new expansion tank. Our new boiler is a 50 PSI which will not accommodate the old expansion tank. Commissioner Ranum asked why did Jeff from Coneer miss that. Dan stated it happened at the hospital also. Dan stated you need to make sure you check your PH but as long as the glycol make up system is on, it should be fine. Dan stated we need to take pictures when we get that fixed.

Kit Anderson, Planner returned with the Brucellosis Action Plan Draft addressed to the Montana Department of Livestock for the Commission to review in it's final state and sign. The Commission did in fact sign the letter dated October 7, 2008 and is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The following road easements were signed by the Commission:

- Joan T. and Scott J. Foster-Sunny Bank Road and Farmstead in Section 33-7-58.
- Melvin Wolenez & Sons, Inc.-Farmstead in Section 26-4-59.
- Michelle M. Moser-Farmstead and Valley View Trail in Section 3-7-59.

Recess

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Reconvened at 10:15 AM with Deb Ranum, Dennis Afrank and Brenda Wood.

Brenda Flint, Sheriff Clerk came to make sure that Mechanical Technical Assistance had permission to go through the ceiling tiles in her office to work on the ductwork as this is the only access they have. Tim Barkley, Sheriff granted permission and the Commission was also aware of this matter; they may proceed with this project.

Roger Meggers, Airport Manager met to discuss the airport hangars and the value of the hangars that were tore down. Commissioner Afrank asked, why do you think the hangar owners should be paid more than the depreciated value. Roger stated Alan Wang's hangar had a complete concrete floor, Everett had some concrete, Roger had some down the middle, and Rod had quite a bit of concrete for a floor. Commissioner

Rieger feels maybe we should rent them. Roger feels they could get \$100.00 to \$125.00 per month for the hangars. Roger stated as far as Clyde Burns hangar, Roger stated his hangar was negotiated as he wanted no new hangar. The tin was coming off, there was no door, no electricity; he accepted the offer. Roger stated if you rent you will not get the money back; if we purchase, then the building gets put on the tax rolls so you can get your money back. Roger will run it by the people interested in purchasing the new hangars and report back to the Commission.

The Commission went to view the airport hangars.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:15 PM.

CLOSED-LEGAL

Commissioner Ranum excused for the balance of the week.

Commissioner Afrank and Rieger went to look at bridge on the Barkley property.

Western Plains Machinery Co., Troy Combs and Brett Jumps, Construction Equipment Company met to present the equipment consignment contract for the old mower the County was trading for the new mower. Troy stated they have already sold the mower.

The Commission re-reviewed budgets before adopting the final budget. Commissioner Rieger moved to adopt the budget as presented, Commissioner Afrank seconded the motion. All in favor. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Resolution 10-8-2008 is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Mike Kirschten, Gun Range Board met to discuss shooting range updates. The Greenhorn Target Shooters are hosting a qualifiers high power shoot October 18, 2008 at 9:00 AM. Mike brought in a little over \$250.00, including key money, to the Treasurer's office. Mike is going to pick up the forms from Brian Hickey's to prepare to pour the tables. Mike discussed shoots they had and will have. Mike discussed a grant they are trying to get for a canopy at the shooting range. They may also need another storage building for all of their supplies; they are trying to get an NRA grant for the 12 x 20 building, pad, equipment for targets close to the amount of \$16,000.00. Discussion regarding targets, target faces and the best place to purchase this equipment. Cost would be approximately \$150.00 per target with the stand and target head. Commissioner Afrank discussed alternatives such as a steel pipe; put the pipe in the ground so the targets could be put in the ground. Mike stated he thought about that but was not sure that would work. Mike stated they will get the grant first and then get quotes for the building.

Town of Plevna, Kalyn Bohle-Mayor and Willie Benner and Shawn Sander-Council Members met to discuss chip sealing the streets of Plevna before the 4th of July celebration next year. Could we work the same deal with the County; the Fallon County crew will do the work and the Town of Plevna will pay the wages and will purchase their own chips and oil. The last time Fallon County stored the chips and Drinkwalter brought their truck with oil. They would like to complete the streets at 18' width rather than the 12' width because they are getting holes along the edges. Check with Bob Weidmer, Road Foreman on the width of our machinery. They would like to borrow the small Ford truck to haul mix over to patch their streets. The Commission stated Alba or Ross, Road employees could drive the truck; they will need to talk to Bob about that. They will need to coordinate the next year project with Bob also. Discussion regarding the \$5,000.00 they received for Wind Energy. The Town of Plevna would like to use the money to put sidewalks around the school. Commissioners Rieger and Afrank feel they should check with the schools about those sidewalks. Willie stated he thinks Penny Benner got a grant and got more money than they needed for the schools so would like to use if for more sidewalks around the town. Commissioner's Afrank and Rieger do not feel they should use the Wind Energy money yet because there may be more wind projects in the near

future. The Town of Plevna Mayor and Council agreed if there was still a possibility of Wind Energy, they would not use those funds at this time.

CLOSED-HIPPA

Recess

Thursday, October 9, 2008

Reconvened at 10:15 AM with Dennis Afrank and Donald Rieger and Brenda Wood.

Bob Weidmer, Road Foreman met to further discuss the decision on the Barkley Bridge. The decision was made to install two 8' culverts 30' apart and would meet the 50 year flood plan. They will build the road up over the culverts. Discussion on the bridge on Starks; no final decision at this time, may possibly use culverts as it was felt a low water crossing would not work. The group discussed the cost of a grapple for the tool carrier; estimated cost approximately \$2,200.00.

David Espeland, CEO and Selena Nelson, CFO-Fallon Medical Complex met for their monthly meeting. David explained they have a new propane tank coming and they did give their old propane tank and generator to the Baker Rural Fire Department for their new building. Weatherization for Parkview 1: David stated MDU does not do this any longer so Mike Stevens recommended S & L Weatherization Consultants from Miles City. Mike will also check on the boiler issues. Commissioner Afrank felt Jeff Gruizenga made mention we needed to replace the boilers in PVI. Permission granted to have S & L Weatherization Consultants do an energy assessment of Parkview 1. Commissioner's Rieger and Afrank questioned their reputation. Mike told David he uses them all the time. Discussion regarding moving the propane tank to a new location; David feels they could do it cheaper than by tearing up the parking lot. New Boilers: The back flow preventor was replaced; the 2" water pipe that was missed and the expansion tank total \$7,251.00 in change orders for the Hospital Boiler Project. The cast pipe removal will be another cost on top of that. They plan to do the elevator replacement next month. Remodeling basement; David will continue to do the bid process. The new digital radiology system will be going in soon.

Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder joined the group to discuss insurance issues for Parkview 1 and Parkview 2. After some discussion, Debbie left the conversation. Snow removal equipment and actual removal was discussed. Commissioner Afrank suggests composing a letter to the Parkview 1 tenants regarding the weatherization person that will be coming to assess the building. Selena presented the financial report. Selena stated the audit went really well; first time with no adjusting entries.

Noon Recess

Reconvened at 1:15 PM with Dennis Afrank, Donald Rieger and Brenda Wood.

Vera Abrams, Safety Director met to present her quarterly report. There was no basis for a report so she made up her own report. Discussion regarding a Supervisor signing employees in to safety meetings but the person was not present. Commissioner Afrank stated if they were sick, this would be an excused absence. Vera stated there were departments that did not report mileage. Commission stated we need to send a reminder notice to those departments not reporting. Vera discussed the plans for the quarter, self inspections and the mandatory training will take place the first week in December. Vera stated the ATV's are a detriment to us; we need an alternative. Commissioner Rieger stated we need more training. Vera also addressed a dress code for summer hire. The Commission agrees with that matter. Vera reported 1 incident with a Contractor; 1 first aid; 2 vehicle/property damage incidents; 1 non-recordable; 2 recordable; no loss time accidents. Attendance for the Safety Team meetings: 74%; Attendance for the Monthly Safety meetings: 52%; Miles Driven Safely (0) due to recent ATV incident. Vera asked about Holiday Closure regarding Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Commission

agreed they will close at 3 PM on Christmas Eve only. They will need to stay open all day on New Year's Eve.

Vera asked for Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Afrank stated this was a good report. Commissioner Rieger stated she should try to gradually get the attendance up; don't think you'll get 100% right away. Vera stated the November safety meeting will be held on the 13th and will be on Winter Driving and Winter Survival. As of October 29th there will be 1 year of no recordable accidents. The May or June safety meeting will be about fire safety.

Public Comment, budget reviews or business as or if needed:

REVENUES:

Baker Air Service brought in the quarterly hangar rental monies-\$517.75

Royalty checks: Sands Oil-\$456.44; Conoco-Phillips-\$216.14

State of Montana-Subdivision reimbursement for Meadows Subdivision-2nd filing-\$1,170.00.

Fair Income reported from the Fair-\$52,863.25-Expenses-\$106,625.00

JOURNAL ENTRIES:

593-Adjust June, 2008 Ambulance report which came in very late.

594-Recording of road and bridge inventory.

CLOSED-HIPPA

Darlene Hornung, Fallon County Times Editor came to take a picture of Commissioner Afrank swearing in Nicole Brown as Justice of Peace and Trent Harbaugh as Deputy County Coroner.

Penny Benner met to state she has applied for a Safe Routes to School grant and it was in the amount of \$50,000.00. This was for putting sidewalk around the playground to get the kids off the hill by Panasuk's. Engineering fees will cost about \$12,000.00-\$13,000.00. Penny was wondering if there is CTEP funds available. The Commission stated we are using our CTEP funds available now for the new Highway 7 project. Penney wondered if there would be any future funds available. Commissioner Rieger stated she could come in next year and check with them. Penney stated they want to do this so they can be in compliance with the ADA and they do not have enough money for the whole project. Commissioner Rieger asked if there was another grant available. Not that Penney knows of; they have tried to get grants but their low to moderate income level is too high in Plevna. Commissioner Afrank suggested utilizing the Public Library grant station. Commissioner Rieger stated PP&L may also have grant funding. Fred Houszvicka, Plevna School Board member joined the discussion. Jule Walker-Plevna Superintendent of Schools joined the discussion. The CTEP funds were explained to Fred and Jule. The Commission explained the Town of Plevna may be eligible for CTEP funds of their own; they need to find that out also. Commission suggested checking with WBI for grant funding also.

Starla Gundlach, Nicole Zimmerman and Fred Housvicka, LBSCD met to discuss two Grants going to NRCS they will have no match for these.

1. Water quality program to test streams once per year-This grant is for \$15,000.00 for 3 years. They are asking for the correct amount of mills allowed to the District. This will also go toward new equipment.
2. Grant to help pay for Ann to put on a conference in Billings. This would help keep the fees lower so more people could attend the conference.

The Commission asked where are you spending the money. This will be to help get the supervisors to town and for donating their time. Tree planting: following the drill around and helping producers getting it set up. Range and Agronomy work shop-that is also something the money will go toward. Fred stated our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month; you are all welcome to attend the board meetings.

The Commission reviewed and approved minutes for September 29, 2008.

Adjourned.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson
s/Dennis Afrank, Vice-Chair

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