

Monday, April 1, 2013

9:00 AM-PRESENT-Deb Ranum, Chairperson; William L. Randash and Steve Baldwin, Commissioners

CONVENE-10:00 AM

Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

ROAD/SHOP REPORT

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met to present the Road Report.

Approaches-Commissioner Ranum asked if the County surfaces approaches off the Highway to various landowner's properties. Bobby stated yes. Commissioner Ranum stated the approach leading to the vet clinic needs surfacing. Bobby will visit with Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering find out the work schedule for the drainage in NBWS area before surfacing is added to the approaches.

Cabin Creek Bridge-Diamond J needs to clean the area around the Cabin Creek Bridge project.

Road mix discussion-Reject bentonite can be used. Sheridan County lays 3" of clay gravel; 3" sandy gravel, then they road grind it and come back with bentonite and calcium chloride to bind the two layers. Rental for a road grinder is \$585 per hour; \$250,000 to purchase a new road grinder. Calcium chloride-\$12,800 per load for 2 miles of road for dust control. This lasts for about one (1) year when sprayed on the roads; it will last about (2) years if ground into the roads. If the Company does the mixing and grinding they will do it for \$20,000 per mile; Fallon County would have to haul the gravel; prepare the road and pack it after that. Maintenance would then be about \$7,700.00 per mile after that. Discussed using (Coral Creek Road as a test road-10 miles); discussed other road mileages are Cabin Creek Road-20 miles; Anticline-26 miles; North Plevna Road-15 miles; North Ismay Road-7 miles.

Bobby stated the process discussed above helps you quit losing gravel; some counties are losing up to 3 inches of gravel per year; other counties will then come in and chip seal on top of this and then you have a 10 year road. Bobby will do more research.

Man power-The group discussed the man power needed for this type project.

Permitting-If the Legislature approves a bill regarding permitting small pits; it would be as easy as filling out one small piece of paper. Discussed waiting to see if this goes through legislation; they are trying to change from the current 5,000 yards to 10,000 yards.

Gravel costs-Discussed paying different values for gravel, based on how road-worthy it is.

Cold mix price-Century is charging \$85.00 per ton for cold mix, which is the same price as last year. This is used for patching purposes only.

Seminar-Bobby would like to take the entire road crew to a gravel road seminar the end of April. Permission granted.

Road specs – Bobby has some road specs coming from various counties. No counties have roads over 24' wide.

Oil for oil burner-Commissioner Ranum stated the Landfill needs some oil for the oil burner.

Pull the shoulders-Commissioner Ranum asked if the Road Crew could pull the shoulders and make three passes. Bobby stated the Road Crew typically makes three passes.

Holidays and blade hands-Discussed cross training the crew. Bobby stated everyone knows how to blade with the exception of the newest employee.

Blades-Bobby plans to take the wings off and put packers on the blades.

Bus Routes-Commissioner Baldwin received a complaint regarding the Plevna bus routes. Bobby stated he checked them and felt they were all drivable with his pickup; then felt the buses should be able to get through. They were trying to leave some of the moisture on the road.

DeGrand house-It was felt it was too muddy to get the home in; they did add their own dirt to the approach for width purposes.

Courthouse Sedans-Discussed the cleanliness of the Courthouse Sedans; when the County Shop changes the oil they usually give them a wash job. Alba wondered what the Commission wanted them to do when they need to be cleaned in between. The Commission agreed to send them to Spiffy's. Alba feels the other assigned vehicles can be cleaned by those Departments. The Commission agreed with that as well.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve and adopt the Fallon County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 4-2-2013 is filed in the Clerk and Records office.

11:00 AM-Elin Westover, County Extension Agent joined the group.

County Department vehicle-Elin discussed continuing issues with the Department vehicle (Chevy Colorado). The pickup was shut off for the evening and will not start again. The pickup has 35,000 miles on it and has been quite unreliable for the past year or so. Commissioner Baldwin will do some research on it and see what we can do.

PAYROLL AND WITHHOLDINGS

The Commission reviewed and approved March, 2013 Timesheets, Payroll and Withholdings in the amount of \$381,232.84 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

DOT-Relocation application was signed by Commissioner Ranum for the Baker Lions Club to relocate a sign on Fallon County land. This application was brought in by Carl Hepperle, Baker Lion Club Member.

Cemetery- Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker informed Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder he would like to advertise for Seasonal help. Permission granted. Debbie will get that in this week's paper.

LANDFILL REPORT

11:30 AM-Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager met to present updates.

Fines-Tom stated the fine in Williston, ND for disposing of filter socks or radiation, etc. in their landfills is \$10,000. The group discussed fines for the Coral Creek Landfill. Rich Batterman, County Attorney was placed on speaker phone. Rich stated it would have to be done by Resolution and have a few readings; the County would need to establish the rule then the penalty. The Sheriff is usually the enforcing agency.

Oil-Tom will get together with Mitch, Shop Laborer tomorrow to pick up oil for the Landfill oil burners.

Building-Start prepping the site for Richard Griffith, Griffith Steel so he can start the building project in approximately two (2) weeks. Tom feels they can use the Landfill scraper to prep the site but does not know how much gravel (furnished by the County) will be needed.

The Commission began to review and approve the March, 2013 claims.

11:55 AM-Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering and Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present updates.

BRIDGES

TransCanada Bridges-Bridges on Division and Sunny Bank Roads will be replaced this year. Jon has the bridges very close to being ready to go out to bid, both will be double box culverts; Division road will be slightly smaller than Sunny Bank. Jon and Bobby will do a road check first, to check the size of culverts, detours, etc. to build into the plans. TransCanada bridges are almost ready to go as well (6) bridges. Need to set up a meeting with TransCanada regarding the plan for the (6) bridges; (TC will pay for the bridges), but probably not the cost of engineering. One (1) bridge is pipe; the rest are box culverts; the bridge requiring a cattle pass would probably have to be a triple box.

Surfacing-Jon stated it sounded like TransCanada would get gravel from Forsyth for the "haul roads".

GOLF COURSE

Tests-Jon is waiting to do the perc tests; which will probably be the beginning of next week.

LAGOON CELL

Location-Still working on issues with the location of the lagoon cell.

Clay-Will no longer need the clay from the upper Baker Lake because the City has to use a GeoLiner in the new cell.

RUNNINGS STORE

Hold up on this is the cost for the water line from the tap to their project site.

SURVEY OF MAN CAMP AREA

It was felt that TransCanada surveyed it already; the Commission will ask Greg Cade when he comes in tomorrow.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NOON RECESS

RECONVENE 1:00 PM

Commissioners Ranum, Randash and Baldwin reconvened at 1:00 PM.

FINISH CLAIMS APPROVALS

The Commission completed reviewing and approving the March, 2013 end of month claims in the amount of \$265,479.49 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

1:45 PM-Jim Suttle, Hiland Crude-Mr. Suttle dropped off some items for the Commission to review before the 4:00 PM meeting.

OUTSIDE MAINTENANCE

2:00 PM Joe Janz-Outside Building Maintenance met to discuss the Dispatch remodel project, to include a new shop for Joe. Joe wondered if it would be better use of space and funds to use his proposed new area as office space and move him near the Ambulance Garage. The group will discuss the remodel project with Mike Stevenson, Architect for the project.

Removal of old Outside Maintenance Shop-Richard Griffith, Griffith Steel will remove the existing Outside Maintenance Building to the County Shop; then someone will be contacted to pour a cement foundation and floor for the storage building.

Temporary Shop-Joe discussed placing rental container from Griffith's near the Museum to store Museum Artifacts; Joe's equipment will then be stored in that area until the remodel project is completed. Will first visit with Jody Strand, Museum Curator and if necessary to rent a storage unit, permission granted to proceed.

Motion-Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to make arrangements for cement to be poured for the old Outside Building Maintenance building to be relocated at the County Shop. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pylons-Permission granted to have the pylons removed from the area protecting the propane tank.

Boiler training-The boiler training Joe plans to attend will take place April 14th-18th in Billings; permission was previously granted by the Commission to attend.

Filters-Joe stated he has discussed changing filters every day or twice a day during the construction period. Joe will get a heavy duty filter to place outside and a finer filter to be placed on the inside.

SNOW DAY

3:00 PM-Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder met to discuss various time sheets regarding the possible "snow day" March 4th. The Commission will make a decision and inform Debbie.

STORAGE BUILDING-Road Department

3:20 PM-Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss the location of the old Outside Building Maintenance building to be moved to the County Shop.

Concrete Pad-Discussed placement of the above building and using the building for storage of tires and possibly the skid steer.

Tractor/mower bids-Discussed bidders submitting a supplemental bid for a used tractor in addition to the new tractor.

3:45 PM-"Snow Day" decision-After much discussion the Commission made the following decision about March 4th "Snow Day": Employees that came to work March 4th and left early will be allowed "2

hours compensation” for vacation hours used. Employees that did not come to work are allowed “no compensation” for vacation hours used.

4:00 PM-Jim Suttle-Hiland Crude Oil met to give a presentation on the Hiland Crude Pipeline.

The Commission and the Clerk and Recorder convened in the Library Basement for the presentation.

PRESENT-Commissioner’s Ranum, Randash and Baldwin; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman; Desiree’ Thielen, Planner; Kevin Dukart, City Clerk; Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder and Kevin Braun, Public Member.

Jim showed the group a Power Point Presentation.

The Hiland Crude Pipeline is also known as the Double H Pipeline. They will try to stay close to other pipelines to avoid new issues; they have moved the pipeline further west rather than east due to the Sagegrouse.

Installation-Slick bores, below the barrow ditches.

Tank Farm-Commissioner Randash asked if they would blend the oil at the Tank Farm. Feels the Baker oil will be blended and batched with oil from here and up north; most will be light sweet, low sulphur.

People-Commissioner Baldwin asked how many people would be here at one time. Jim felt during construction 60-70 but would probably hire 10-15 employees.

Housing-Desiree’ asked what they would do for housing; the Contractor will look for housing and outsource if more housing is needed. They will utilize camp ground areas as available.

Landowners-Commissioner Baldwin asked about Landowners; they will go to each Landowner individually and get their input and resolve any issues; if they are unable to resolve the issue they may have to re-route.

Start Date-Desiree’ asked if they had a start date; No, but they have a projected finish date of the 4th Quarter of 2014. This will be completed in 6 spreads.

Permits-Kevin asked if they had any of the permits; they have completed and EA, 310 permit, Archeological Study, impact to animals, flowers, sage grouse and wet lands permit. Desiree’ stated they will be required to get a local wet-lands permit through Planning. Jim stated they have an agent that will handle all of that.

Gulf Coast-Desiree’ asked if they will market to the Gulf Coast; no, we will supply to the Gulf Coast.

Pricing-Kevin asked if they raise the prices when they get to Cushing, OK; Jim stated they are regulated by FERC and the producers are the ones that get the price increases.

Pipe yards-Commissioner Randash asked if they have places for pipe yards or if they have haul route agreements in place; Jim stated not yet, Steve Higgins is the Construction Manager and is working on this.

Emergency Response Plans-Desiree’ asked if they had their Emergency Response Plans in place. Jim stated there are numerous response plans for pipelines to follow. The EPA regulates through the DEQ, they will work with the local Fire Departments and are regulated by the NRCS and FERC as well.

Clean-up-Kevin asked if they had money set aside for clean-ups. Jim stated no, they do not set aside money for clean-ups; Harold Hamm is responsible and has the resources needed.

Pipeline-Jim explained they locate the pipeline 40’-50’ below the rivers; Kevin asked if they case under the wetlands. Jim stated they do not. The pipelines are 5’ deep with 4’ of cover.

Roads-Bobby stated he will need to be involved when they get the haul routes decided. Kevin asked if it was required to case the pipe when crossing county roads. They use an X60 schedule pipe with 375 wall.

Housing-Housing was further discussed. Kevin felt the Oneok workers would be leaving; this should free up some areas.

Jim stated they will stay in touch with the Commission and notify of further updates.

RECESS

5:00 PM-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

9:00 AM-RECONVENED

PRESENT Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Steve Baldwin, Commissioners and **Brenda J. Wood,** Clerk and Recorder.

FURTHER ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES

9:30 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to further discuss extra costs associated with mining the "Fish Pit". Bobby will get more detailed cost estimates for the Commission.

9:45 AM-Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman met to discuss the **Outside Maintenance** shop that will be moved to the Road Department. Alba stated he would need 16' sidewalls and change the front door to compensate for the sidewalls, thus allowing the skid steer to be parked inside. Alba further discussed building a large pad; add a lean-to for storage of pipe and cutting edges to keep them out of the snow. Permission granted to pour pad and get the building ready to go.

LEASE RENEWAL

10:00 AM-Greg Cade, Universal Field Service-Representing TransCanada Keystone XL met to discuss renewing the lease for the Contractor Camp. This renewal will carry through to December, 2014. Greg discussed security at the camp will consist of a 24 hour Guard and a 24 hour Roamer on-site; will consist of 600 beds and 300 trailer hookups; will have a Chef staffed at the Camp; it will be a wet (alcohol) allowed (on CAMP only) and will have a Camp Physician. There will be zero tolerance for poor behavior; work days will be 10 hour days and that does not include travel time. Target Logistics will be the Camp Contractor. Greg feels the Camp in Fallon County is the only camp located on County land; all others are located on private land.

Lease-Commissioner Ranum signed the Lease Agreement between Fallon County and TransCanada to lease County property in Section 15 Township 7N Range 59E for the purpose of housing a Contractor Camp. A check was written to Fallon County in the amount of \$11,731.50 for this lease.

DISPATCH REMODEL

10:45 AM- Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design was phoned and placed on speaker phone to discuss the possible changes for the new Outside Maintenance workshop. Mike will work on this and get in touch with the Commission after further review.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

11:00 AM-Angie Rabbitt, Recreation Director met to present the Recreation Department report.

Dance Classes-Angie has three (3) dance classes because more children have become involved.

After School Program-The After School program is also busy.

Air Show-Roger Meggers asked Angie if she would help with the Air Show during Fallon County Days.

Entertainment-Angie is working on pricing for other entertainment such as Pippi the Clown (\$850 for four hours; \$200.00 per hour additional thereafter, plus accommodations); discussed a Magician in Billings that also has inflatable's for \$2500 or only inflatable's for \$1500 which includes four (4) blow-ups for four (4) hours, plus mileage. Angie is in hopes she can keep the crowd there until the 3:00 PM Air Show (Wing Walking) the Night Air Show will start at 9:00 PM which will take them to the Fire Works Show.

100 year Celebration-Angie did not want to interfere with what is being planned for the Fallon County 100 Year Celebration. Commission asked Angie to work with Mona and the Chamber of Commerce regarding the 100 year Celebration planned for the 5th and 6th of July.

Angie will work on her normal activities and try to schedule some of the other events discussed above. The Commission granted permission to choose the events she would like and Fallon County will assist with funding. Angie will also work with Mona regarding the 100 year celebration.

Concessions-Angie has been trying to get concessions for the 4th, with no luck. Commissioner Randash suggested contacting the Fair Grounds to find out if there are any groups they may know of looking for a project to make money by selling concessions.

Advertising-Commissioner Ranum discussed running an ad two weeks before the 4th, with an agenda and a story.

RECESS

Commissioner Randash made a motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

RECONVENE 1:00 PM

Commissioners Ranum, Randash and Baldwin reconvened at 1:00 PM.

1:15 PM CLOSED-PERSONNEL

1:30 PM-Brenda Wood excused to attend a funeral, **Debbie Wyrick**, Deputy Clerk and Recorder taking minutes in her absence.

2:00 PM-Bid Opening –Tractor with Mower for the Road Department; Alba Higgins, Road Shop Foreman in attendance.

Bids received from Normont Equipment Co. –(2) bids submitted

JD 6330 (under 300 hours) \$102,186 with trade allowance of \$22,000

JD 6105M- New \$98,468 with trade allowance of \$22,000

Alba needs to do more research on the two items; Commissioner Ranum asked to have the final decision placed on the agenda for April 8, 2013.

Training-There will be a Cummins Seminar in Billings June 26th. Alba would like to attend. Commission granted permission.

DES DEPARTMENT

Chuck Lee, DES/911Coordinator provided a Policy and Procedures manual specifically for DES that needed to be signed, Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson of the Board.

Clerk and Recorder returned to take minutes.

3:00 PM-Albert R. Batterman, County Attorney met to discuss County Business.

Fines at Landfill-An Ordinance has to be passed by the body; read twice. Limitations of the fines are defined by Montana Code as \$500.00 or imprisonment of 6 months. Rich stated the County could also possibly impose remediation costs. Rich will work with Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager on this.

Park Hour Ordinance-An Ordinance regulating the hours the park will remain open was discussed. The group discussed the hours of 7:00 AM-12:00 Midnight.

Lake Use Ordinance-An Ordinance regulating the use of the Baker Lake, such as NO bon-fires or open flames on the Baker Lake.

County Roads Ordinance-An Ordinance regulating the Speed on ALL County Roads was discussed. Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman would like the Speed Limit to be 45 MPH.

Fair Board Resolution-Rich stated after reviewing the most current Fair Board Resolution it does show the Fair Board does have the authority to instill rules at the Fairgrounds.

Open Meeting Laws-Discussed Training for Boards and their Secretary's regarding open meeting laws, etc. Rich stated he would be willing to do the training if the Commission would like.

Sheriff/Dispatch-Rich will review the contract for the Dispatch remodel and report back to the Commission if he finds any issues.

Elevator Contract-Discussed the Courthouse Elevator Contract with ThyssenKrupp. Rich stated most of the changes he had requested were made. Rich feels the contract is now able to be signed by the Commission as reworked and reviewed.

Declaratory Judgment –Rich stated he is working with the Darcy Pankratz, City Attorney and waiting on a date that will work for her; as soon as he gets that date he will get back to the Commission.

Change orders-Discussed project change orders.

CITY OF BAKER-MONTHLY REPORT

4:10 PM-Clayton Hornung, Mayor-City of Baker met to present the monthly report.

Report on County Money-Clayton will get a report on the \$1,000,000, given to the City by the County, for the Sewer Project.

Lagoon cell-New cell is still a work in progress. Commission stated Desiree' Thielen, Planner had reported to them the new cell would be located in the Flood Plain. Clayton will visit with Desiree' about this.

Letter of support-Commissioner Randash asked if the City would like to write a letter of support regarding the TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline. TransCanada has given the okay to release specifics relating to what the pipeline has done for the City/County. Clayton will have Kevin work on a draft.

Runnings-Clayton stated they have not heard anything from the Company lately.

Golf Course Irrigation-The group discussed the benefits to all regarding this use of the filtered lagoon water for the Golf Course. Brosz Engineering is still working on this for the City and the County.

Public Works Director-Clayton stated they are offering this position in-house first and then will go out to the public after that.

Baker Lake -The County is first working on the upper dam and channel between the upper and lower Baker Lake. After completion of those items they hope to reapply for permits to work on the channel through the City of Baker. If the County completes the upper dam project and the channel between the upper dam and the Baker Lake the NRCS will help send letters of support on behalf of the County in hopes of completing other much needed projects.

Ordinances-The Commission discussed the ordinance for lake and the park. Clayton felt the City Police would be willing to lock the gates at night if the ordinance is passed. Clayton will discuss this with the Chief of Police.

Streets and alleys-The City will be working on both this spring.

Declaratory Judgment-Clayton felt they were going to try to set the meeting for Mid April.

GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Application for Baker Airport Project 17 was signed by Commissioner Ranum as Board Chair and Clayton Hornung as Mayor-City of Baker. This project will entail adding grooving to the newly paved runway. The grant request was in the amount of \$284,778.84 of which \$256,300.00 will be Federal funds and \$28,478.84 will be County funding.

EARMARKED ALCOHOL TAX MONIES

The Commission signed the Service Provider Designation Form thus designating the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center to receive earmarked alcohol tax monies for the provision of chemical dependency treatment and prevention services in the county per 53-24-206, M.C.A.

Letter of Support

The Commission signed a letter of support asking Senator Moore to support HB218 in an effort to provide a valuable resource addressing some of the increased infrastructure and public safety issues residents in Eastern Montana are facing.

RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess at 5:12 PM. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

9:00 AM-RECONVENED

PRESENT Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Commissioners and **Brenda J. Wood**, Clerk and Recorder. Steve Baldwin, Commissioner will be in later this morning.

9:00 AM Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design met regarding the Dispatch/Sheriff remodel project.

Outside Maintenance Shop-The group discussed moving Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance Supervisor to a different location and what they could do with the new shop designed for Joe.

Dispatch addition-HVAC was discussed and definitely needs to be brought more up to code.

New Signage-The group discussed this and will discuss it further with the other Departments involved in the project.

Commissioner Baldwin joined the meeting.

Decision on Outside Maintenance Shop-The decision was made to try to add on to the new Outside Maintenance shop, allowing more room to store his equipment.

Sheriff Addition-Stevenson Design will prepare the addition drawings to allow them to be sent to High Tech, Project Contractor.

10:00 AM-Family Service Lease-The Commission made the decision to rent the Family Service office space for \$13.00 per square foot for FY2013-FY2015. This information will be submitted to the State of Montana for approval.

11:00 AM-Desiree' Thielen, Planner met to present her Monthly Report.

Budget process-Brenda explained she will be presenting the Departments with a budget worksheet and then appointments will be scheduled with the Commission by the Departments to review their budget.

Survey results-Desiree' plans to present a better report regarding the survey results from the public. The number one items listed seems to be lighting, benches, etc.

CTEP Funding-There is \$100,000 including funds from the City. Discussed other areas where this funding can be used with the survey results that have been received: Landscaping; Pedestrian and Bike Paths; Resurfacing Smart Building; Rework old, historical buildings; Skate Park; parks for the smaller children and older children as we have parks that cater to the middle age children.

PLATS's/COS's

The Commission reviewed and approved, upon recommendation of Planner, Desiree' Thielen the following COS's/PLATS:

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson of the Commission-Heimbuch Plat; Lawlar/Griffith COS and Bohle/Wiedmer COS-All will be placed of record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to update the Commission on extra costs to mine the Fish Gravel. By adding the cost of drying, crushing, hauling, permits, etc. the extra amount over what we would pay Mr. Fish per yard would cost approximately \$3.00 per yard. Bobby is still waiting on some other figures before a final decision will be made.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to pass and adopt Resolution 4-3-2013 declaring delinquent personal property taxes uncollectible and the Treasurer is directed to cancel said taxes. That Resolution is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Noon recess

RECONVENE 1:00 PM

Commissioners Ranum, Randash and Baldwin reconvened at 1:00 PM.

1:00 PM-Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance Supervisor met to discuss the decision made regarding the Outside Maintenance Shop.

1:15 PM-Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor met to update the Commission on Park items.

Compliance issues-Playground surfacing-Waiting on solid prices for materials; Scott felt he would discuss this with the schools, etc. and possibly they could cost share.

Baseball season-Baseball will start soon on the fields.

Job-Scott applied for Don Hinman's position as Public Works Director after the announcement Don was retiring. Scott wanted to inform the Commission.

Lighting- Scott stated Barth Electric is working on the electrical around the lake; plan to flag it tomorrow.

Walk path-Discussed using remaining funds at the bank to complete the walk path around the lake. Commissioner Ranum wondered if it would work better to wrap the walk path around through Iron Horse Park and back to the existing sidewalk rather than extending the walk path on private property.

Ordinances-Commissioners told Scott they are working on Ordinances that will enforce the time the Parks will be open and burning bans on the Baker Lake.

YANA REPORT

2:00 PM-YANA REPORT-Sandy Kinsey and Nikki Slagter met to discuss the YANA program. Nikki explained she is on the Board but the Board has no power over YANA; they are an Advisory Board only. YANA was set up in 2011 and were trying to mentor them to be self-supportive. Nikki further explained they were hoping to gain non-profit status and filed for 501(c)3 but have not received their paperwork yet.

Financials-The Board has tried but has been unsuccessful in obtaining the financials from Glendive.

Last Day-Sandy reported April 25th is her last day. Sandy stated they are funded through grants but the Glendive Office has told them they do not have funds for them. Sandy inquired about an agreement between Fallon County and Glendive for the office space, etc. The Commission stated there was no signed agreement only minutes regarding permission to use the office space they are currently in with CNADA paying for new carpet, furniture and office equipment for the staff.

Tax papers-Sandy discussed the tax papers that keep coming to them (YANA) in (CNADA's) name which was the Title of the first program. Sandy asked permission to keep the current office until they find out what will happen after the 25th. Permission granted.

Legal Advice-The Commission suggested staying in touch with Maxine Rost and contact Rich Batterman, County Attorney regarding the issues being discussed.

Nikki left the discussion.

2:35 PM-MENTAL HEALTH BOARD REPORT

Sandy presented information from the Mental Health Board meeting she attended recently.

New personnel-They have some new personnel at the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center.

Legislation-Sandy discussed some Legislative items brought to the Boards attention. A bill discussed anyone who is cited for DUI has consequences of all vehicles owned by this person would have plates issued with DUI on them.

Claim-Commissioner's discussed a claim the County just paid for a prisoner in the amount of \$20,000+ for Mental Health reasons. The Commission wondered if they could turn this claim in to the Mental Health office for reimbursement. Sandy did not know if the County would be reimbursed but felt the claims should be turned in to find out.

Mental Health/Drug and Alcohol-Sandy reported the Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health expenses for last month were \$5,000.00 and \$6,000 this month.

Comprehensive School Treatment Program-This program provides Counselors and Therapist for the schools. Sandy will talk to Don Schillinger about this program.

17 Eastern County Program-Custer, Dawson, McCone, Richland, Daniels, Powder River, Carter, Prairie, Valley, Rosebud, Garfield, Sheridan, Phillips, Fallon, Roosevelt, Treasure and Wibaux are the Counties served by the EMCMHC.

Population influx-Sandy stated they are seeing social issues with the influx of people; both tribal and non-tribal.

2:50 PM-Donald MacKay, County Lessee joined the discussion.

2:50 PM-Jim Neary, County Taxpayer joined the discussion.

Sandy left the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission asked Jim to present his issue first. Jim presented a Petition, with signatures from Landowners living in his area, to the Commission regarding Speed Limit control on Sunset Trail. Jim wants to know if there is anything else he needs to do for speed control. The Commission stated they are working on this issue with the County Attorney; they will further check with the County Attorney and Montana statutes.

Donald Mackay-Donald discussed his lease with Fallon County.

Fence-Donald stated the perimeter fence was placed by himself.

Crops-Donald stated this is a grass lease; if the pipelines tear it up they (pipelines) have to reseed it.

Liability-Donald asked if a hunter is on the leased ground and causes damage, who is liable? If they (hunters, etc.) hit a cow, who is liable?

Weed Management-The Lessee is responsible for weed management on the leased property. When hunters, etc. park their vehicles on this property and bring in weeds, who is liable?

Camping-What can he do when hunters camp overnight, without permission?

The Commission will work with the County Attorney for answers.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

3:30 PM Jody Strand, Museum Curator and **JC Stanhope**, Museum Board Member met to discuss various items.

New Employee-John Logsdon will be leaving the end of April, Jody would like to have someone hired so John has time to train the new person on the Computer Program. Jody can train on the balance of the work to be completed.

School house-The group discussed repairs for the old school house. Jody stated Joe Janz has a plan to keep the roof from sagging further.

Duffield house-Commissioner Ranum wondered if they should place siding on the Duffield House. Commissioner Ranum asked Jody to check on maintenance free siding that will not affect the historical aspect of the building.

Outside Maintenance-Jody discussed making room for Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance Supervisor during the remodel and addition of his new shop. Jody did not know what she would do with her items while Joe uses her metal building. After some discussion about storage of Museum and Historical Society items, Commissioner Baldwin stated he would contact Ken Griffith about Historical Society items and would go from there.

4:00 PM-Mike Kirschten-Mike met to discuss the new Gun Range building. Jason Rittal, Executive Director-EPEDC has not found anyone to write a grant for the new indoor gun range building. Mike wondered what would happen if Jason would not be able to look for grants. Commission stated Jason has been quite busy and working on Legislation for funding for Economic Development and other grants he was already working on. We will have to wait until that time comes.

Mike stated the Gun Range has been very conservative with its budget and wanted to know why they should wait on grants when the County has what it has. Commissioner Ranum stated she did not understand that either. The Commission discussed that when you have to look for grants, etc. it gives the group ownership.

Petition-The group discussed the names on the petition (they were asked to get last year) covered a broad spectrum of people showing there is an interest amongst the public.

Taxpayers-Commissioner Baldwin discussed justifying this to the taxpayers.

Compromise-Commissioner Ranum discussed possibly visiting with Richard Griffith, Griffith Steel to see what type of cost estimate he could give and then possibly they could cut down the size of the building or do something else.

Certification-Mike discussed trained individuals would have to be on hand for liability purposes during live fire shootings.

Memberships-Fees will be assessed to use the building; separate from the key you pay for the gate.

Usage-Commissioner Baldwin would like to see numbers of people that would use the facility, etc.

Budget-The entire building has been budgeted; Brenda explained the reason for this is some of the grants are reimbursable grants. This meaning the County would pay upfront and be paid back after

paperwork is submitted. That being said the Commission agreed to allow them to proceed with the Architectural services, gather cost estimates in preparation for grant seeking.

RECESS

5:30 PM-Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner's Randash and Ranum left for the evening. Commissioner Baldwin continued to visit with Mike.

Recess

Thursday, April 4, 2013

9:00 AM-RECONVENED

PRESENT Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Steve Baldwin, Commissioners and **Brenda J. Wood,** Clerk and Recorder.

9:45 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman reported back per Commissioner's request.

Fish Gravel-Bobby explained 20% of the number four (4) pile would be taken out, 5% clay added.

Crusher-Century will be coming here and has a crusher. They estimate another \$1.00 per yard to set up the screen and pug mill.

Other costs-Total cost to dry material, haul it and mix it would \$1.95 over and above. Bobby estimates it would take Mark Sieler nearly 50 days to uncover the gravel which is \$200.00 per hour to hire it done. If there is over 50,000 yards of material there is a permit that would be needed.

Decision-The Commission made the decision the cost would be prohibitive. Commissioner Randash will let Tom Fish know the decision.

Prospecting-They will do more prospecting at Wang's and others.

Road Grinder-Bobby stated he checked on the road grinder and it is booked for the entire year.

Used tractor-The reason the used tractor bid was more than the new tractor was because it did not meet specifications and would have to go back to the factory to be brought to specs.

BID ACCEPTANCE-Commissioner Randash made the motion to award the bid to Normont Equipment for the New JD 6105M – \$98,468, less trade in of \$22,000. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Clerk and Recorder will notify Normont of the decision made.

Speed Limits-Discussed ordinances for speed limits on County Roads. 45 MPH speed limits on most County Roads—35 MPH for paved County Roads.

Training April 22nd and 23rd-Bobby stated if they can blade, they will not send the entire crew to the training.

Choat Pit-Bobby stated the County either needs to crush it or clean it up because of the permit. Discussed how dangerous the pit is for the crew; Commissioner Ranum asked Bobby to take Rich Batterman, County Attorney to the pit first and they will make a decision after that. Bobby will notify the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch the County is working on this.

Fried Pit-They are reclaiming the Fried pit.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve Resolution 4-4-2013 calling for a public Road Hearing. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 4-4-2013 is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

10:15 AM-David Espeland, CEO-Fallon Medical Complex and **Selena Nelson,** CFO-Fallon Medical Complex met to present the FMC monthly report.

Grants –Grants were discussed.

New Board Member-Doug Varner is their new board member and is also on the Foundation Board. Kevin Junso will be moving so they will need to look for another member when he is finished.

New PA-C-Steven Coxe will start work on April 15th.

Contracts-Providers contracts were discussed.

Contract Nurses-They have less contract nurses than they have had; they are one staff person away from full and have used \$56,000 less than budgeted for contract nursing.

CNA's – are very short; they are using a lot of Contract CNA's.

Projects-The basement project is nearly complete; they are taping and texturing the Physical Therapy suite and will soon be painting.

Long Term Care- HVAC was discussed.

Mill Levy Funding-Will use the mill levy funding to repair purchasing floor and security for the building.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve minutes for March 25th with the following corrections: Library Licensure was for: was left blank; Commission discussed with Vera Abrams, Librarian who stated this was for “the Optical Character Recognition for the Montana Memory Project”. Also during the Library report Vera asked about what she should do with her “payroll records”; this was corrected to say “performance evaluations”. Various sentences stated Commissioner Ranum wondered “wondered” was corrected to say “asked”. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Noon Recess

RECONVENE 1:10 PM

Commissioners Randash and Baldwin reconvened at 1:10 PM. **Commissioner Ranum** was still at the Chamber meeting.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Commission composed and signed a letter of support for TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline and send to the US Department of State in Washington, DC.

1:15 PM-Amber Lawlar met to discuss the sewer issues she is continuing to have and wondered if there was anything the County could do. Amber wanted the Commission to be aware her sewer is sitting on County property.

1:25 PM-Desiree' Thielen, Planner joined the discussion. The group discussed the Lawlar's being annexed in the City and then taken back out of the City (decision made by the City). Lawlar's are currently hooked to Amber's parent's water line which does not allow adequate water pressure, etc.

Commissioner Baldwin will go visit with the City to see what the plan is.

1:35 PM-Commissioner Ranum joined the group.

The group further discussed the annexation process. Amber stated the water and sewer lines are run to their property line.

2:00 PM-Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary; **Wanda Pinnow, Courtney Dietz and Don Selle**, Fair Board members; **Kirk and Rochelle Conroy; Nikki Slagter; Karen Beyers**, Stallers.

Populous-Wait to decide a date to meet.

RMAF-District Meeting-Invited the Commission to attend.

Leadership Training-April 16th in Miles City.

Bird netting-Commissioner Baldwin will work with Don Buerkle, Fair Board Member regarding the holes in the netting and re-hanging of the netting.

Sound issues-There is no sound at the chutes, dead space in grandstands and north of the grandstands. (Ole did the original sound system); it was designed to be run from under the grandstands but that portion was changed.

2:10 PM-Gary Zumbun joined the discussion.

Barb stated she would check with Ole on the sound.

Ranch Rodeo-Ashley Stanhope discussed setting up a Ranch Rodeo on the 6th of July for the 100 year Celebration with Concessions and a Beer Booth. Barb stated there will be a Wedding Reception that day as well but the Ranch Rodeo should be over by the time the reception starts.

Horse Stalls-Courtney discussion on the turnouts; the Fair board rescinded the April 1st deadline of doing away with the turnouts. They came up with some suggestions and the stallers were also asked to submit their suggestions in writing to Barb; they will then hear the suggestions at the April 9th meeting.

Poles and Awnings-Commissioner Ranum feels it is up to Fallon County to wrap the poles.

Rain gutters-Wanda explained the Fair Board was told by a previous Commission they could not put rain gutters up.

Stall cleaning-The group discussed cleaning stalls.

Arena-Commissioner Ranum asked if the rate increased for those using the arena. No.

Discussion-Commissioner Ranum asked if there was concern that the Board may be out pricing the facility for people to be able to use. Kirk stated he cannot agree to stall for that price; Rochelle stated they have four (4) horses at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Ranum stated she cannot agree to where they are going with this. Commissioner Ranum wondered if they were to get rid of the horses, what Barb would then do. Barb stated she would get ready for the Fair and do the other things she normally does. Commissioner Baldwin is also concerned about regulating the people out of facilities.

Turnouts-Rochelle stated they have always paid \$10.00 for turnouts and if the rain gutters could be done a little at a time that would be great.

Maintenance-Commissioner Ranum stated the poles should have been replaced with metal poles, rather than wood. Courtney discussed proper drainage and dressing up the area. Nikki stated if some improvements are made they would not be opposed to paying more but feels the cost of turnouts being moved from 10.00 to 30.00 is a lot. Commissioner Ranum feels \$30.00 is too much to charge. Courtney stated they can come up with more reasonable rates. Discussed purchasing more planking to replace those boards that are rotten or broken.

Communication-Discussed better communication and working with the Barn Manager. Discussed the last meeting being very chaotic because too many people were talking; felt when they had a committee it worked better. Nikki stated the agenda was unclear.

Grazing-Horses can graze as long as the owners are present "on the grounds" and the horses are gated.

Turn out fee-There seemed to be a discrepancy on turn out fees; Rochelle and Nikki stated they are charged turn out fees; Karen stated she has never been charged a turn out fee.

Rates and Turnouts-These were discussed in great detail.

Fair Board Meeting-Discuss this further at the Fair Board meeting and bring a decision back to the Commission for approval.

Night Show Tickets-The tickets went up \$5.00 per night show.

Rodeo Tickets-General admission for the Rodeo-\$15.00 for 17 and up; 7-16-\$10.00 6 and under free; the tickets went up about \$3.00. After much discussion leave the tickets as stated. Commissioner Ranum stated she is concerned about over-pricing tickets and not filling up the grandstands.

Gwen Sabastian Tickets-Will be \$10.00

Tickets-The tickets will go on sale in July.

Fair 2012 Income and Expense Report-The report defined expenses and revenues for the 2012 Fair with total loss recorded as-\$137,734.60.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering discussed the Cabin Creek Box Culvert. Diamond J needs to finish his reclamation on this as well.

New Cell-City Lagoon-Jon stated the new cell at the City Lagoon is in the floodway not the floodplain; needs to have local approval but now has Corp approval that it is not in the flood plain.

3:50 PM-Rochelle Conroy joined the group.

The Commission discussed the **Tom Fish gravel** with Jon and stated they made the decision to turn the gravel down. Jon left the discussion-3:55 PM.

Back to Rochelle; Rochelle discussed the \$300,000 liability that they have to carry. Rochelle stated there are three (3) people that do not have to pay for this. Rochelle and Kirk have to pay for turn outs and others do not. Commissioner Ranum suggested being billed so that it can be broke out for everyone to see the charges. Rochelle did not find the Resolution setting up the Fair Board; the Commission has the final say. Rochelle was given a copy of the Fair Budget.

GRAVEL LEASE

The Commission signed the Gravel Lease agreement with Yervalinda Ranch.

EASEMENT

The Commission signed the Road Easement for John S. and Ruth E. Vassar in Section 8-5-61. The Easement is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Continental Resources-March, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,914.10
Denbury Resources-January-February, 2013 Oil and gas Royalties-\$4,153.60
Conoco Phillips-January-February, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-44,399.58

REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS

The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following reports:

March, 2013-Baker Rural Fire District Report-Warrants paid in the amount of \$3,621.39
April, 2013-Fallon-Carter County 4H Newsletter
Spring, 2013-Fallon-Carter Extension Newsletter
April 3, 2013-Plat Status Report-19 Certificate of Surveys/Plats in various stages of progress
April 2, 2013-Planner Report for the Month of March

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Rental Agreement for Parkview Apt #110.

MEETING

Commissioner Ranum was excused at 4:30 PM to attend the Hospital Mill Levy meeting held at the Baker Senior Center.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to Adjourn at 5:00 PM. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder