

Monday, April 8, 2013

**9:30 AM-CONVENE**

**PRESENT**-Deb Ranum, Chairperson; William L. Randash and Steve Baldwin, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

**ROAD/BRIDGE REPORT**

**10:00 AM -Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met to present the Road/Shop report. **Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman was excused as he took gravel samples to Laurel, MT for testing.

**Mower**-Alba explained the price differences for the new tractor/mower bid, verses the used tractor/mower bid. The reason the used tractor bid was more was due to the fact it did not meet specifications. They would have had to send the tractor off to have it brought up to specs. Alba stated the tractor/mower will not be here before FY2013 year end so we will re-budget for FY2014.

**Colorado-(Extension Pickup)**-Alba felt the issue was a harness that was not fully connected. It has been running okay since they found this. Alba was going to clear all the codes so they could start fresh. Commissioner Baldwin agreed with Alba.

**Ford Range-(Road Pickup)**-Alba stated sometimes it will start and sometimes it will not; it does not throw a code. After further discussion Commissioner Baldwin and Alba felt the cam-position sensor should be changed out; the Road Department will make the repair.

**#161-Sterling**-Alba feels truck #161 will need a new transmission; he will know once he changes the solenoid.

**Plow Truck**-To equip the new snow plow truck with a new style wing, with shear pins, will cost approximately \$60,000 to get it set up. Permission granted to do so.

**FWD**- Decision was to use it until it can be put in the County auction. Alba explained we can no longer get parts for the FWD.

**Crew**-Alba stated the crew is working in the shop and will later send a blade out. All crew members are servicing their vehicles or piece of equipment due to weather conditions.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

**Radon testing**

The Commission discussed the letter received from Radon Busters. The letter stated, after reviewing the radon tests in the Courthouse crawlspace and various other areas of the courthouse, it was felt there was no problem which would deem it necessary to do any further work in the Courthouse. The tests showed no significant radon at all on the main floor.

**Outside Maintenance change order**

Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design was phoned, left a message to have him call back.

**10:45 AM-Appointment rescheduled**

**Due to the weather the following appointment was moved up-**

Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder met to discuss an old retirement plan that can no longer be offered, by Fallon County, to its employees, due to tax changes. Debbie discussed the 457 plan managed by the State of Montana. The State of Montana will come and discuss this with the Commission to see if they are interested in providing it to the County employees. All fees for the 457 plan would be assumed by the employee but the PERS Board manages the money. (This plan is run through Great West Retirement). The plan would be ready for the employee July 1<sup>st</sup> if all paperwork is completed by May; if not by May, the plan would start in January. MPERA is tentatively scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will discuss further and let Debbie know their decision.

**11:30 AM-Nicole Schuler**, Chamber met to introduce herself to the Commission in her new capacity as Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce. Nicole discussed projects she is working on and her plans for the future of/with the Chamber.

**Flamingo Flocking Insurance**-This is a fund raiser with the hopes of having enough money to purchase much needed office furniture/equipment. Nicole asked if the Commission was interested in participating. The Commission stated they were, (Nicole stated this will only be offered to businesses that are members of the Chamber). Nicole is also hoping this will help promote the Chambe

**Fallon County Centennial**-So far a Ranch Rodeo is all that is scheduled; Ashley Stanhope sparked this interest. Nicole will keep the Commission in the loop as they get more information regarding the Celebration.

**Mike Stevenson**, Stevenson Design phoned in and was placed on Speakerphone. The Commission granted permission to expand the Outside Maintenance shop to accommodate all of Outside Maintenance equipment. Mike will have High-Tech price it and get the information to the Commissioner's.

**Gun Range**-Mike was also granted permission to complete the estimate and plans for the Rifle/Trap building. This will assist the Gun Range members in seeking grants for the project.

**Joe Janz**, Outside Maintenance Supervisor met to ask permission to have electricity placed in the temporary shop. Joe had already spoken to the electrician on the job for the Dispatch Expansion project. Permission granted to have that electrician complete the wiring.

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

Noon Recess

#### **1:15 PM-RECONVENED**

**PRESENT**-Commissioner's Ranum, Randash and Baldwin and Clerk and Recorder Wood.

**1:25PM-Tim Barth**, Century met to discuss leasing County property.

**Hot Mix Plant**-Tim stated Century would like to Lease the same area from the County as they have in the past as a staging area for their hot mix plant, etc. They would like a three (3) year lease with an option to extend the lease for an additional 2-3 years. They may have the operators camp there as well since they have to be there 24/7; they would also provide their own water and would have to have portable toilets on site. The group discussed work camp rules and its qualifications.

**Lease Agreement**-Tim will work on an agreement and send it back to the Commission to be sent to the County Attorney for review. Tim left the discussion.

#### **Certificate of Survey**

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Certificate of Survey for Shane Beckers.

#### **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Lynda Herbst**, Custodian met to get permission to purchase a new washing machine for Building Maintenance Department. Permission granted.

**Asbestos**-The group discussed testing for asbestos in the boiler room for the valve replacement project. The decision was made to wait on that for now.

#### **2:30 PM-PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **EASEMENT**

**Dan Buerkle** met to sign the Road Easement for B & B Farms on Leischner Access. Dan stated he also did not have a problem with the roads the Commission would like to abandon at the Road Hearing scheduled today at 3:00 PM.

The Commission signed the Road Easement from B & B Farms for Leischner Access in Section 19-9-58. The Easement was recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office. Dan left the meeting.

#### **3:00 PM-ROAD HEARING-FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE**

**PRESENT**-Marc and Debbie Rieger and William Thielen; Commissioner's Ranum, Randash and Baldwin and Clerk and Recorder Wood.

The balance of the minutes are on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to table the Petitions from this hearing until the May 6<sup>th</sup> Road Hearing. They will discuss them further at that time and make the decision whether to abandon or not. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ranum adjourned the Hearing at 3:55 PM.

#### **LANDFILL MEETING**

The Commission discussed whether or not to have Barry Damschen, Landfill Engineer meet with the Commission the Week of May 6<sup>th</sup> instead of April 29<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, with the Pinnows, purchasing the Pinnow property used now as the Coral Creek Landfill. Will decide later.

#### **CLOSED-PERSONNEL**

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

No one will be attending the Oneok meeting in Williston on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Brenda will contact Oneok and let them know.

Carpet for the Public Health office is at Baker Furniture and will be installed this week.

More research will be completed on training for Department Heads/Supervisors. The Commission would like to bring the trainings to Baker.

School House Roof-Museum Building-Upland agreed to perform the work after an Engineer looks at it and makes a recommendation.

Jody Strand, John Logsdon-Museum and Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance were cleaning and making room for Joe to move into a portion of one of the Museum buildings.

Judge Brown would like to set up a meeting with the Commissioners, Mayor Hornung and herself present regarding her position on an Interlocal Agreement.

#### **MINUTES/FLYERS/REPORTS**

**The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following**

**April, 2013-Seniors in Action-Flyer**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

**April, 2013-ST of MT/DOT-Fuel Tax Allocation-\$4,128.33**

#### **JOURNALS**

**Journal #473**-Treasurer/Assessor-Barbara E. Ketterling and Commissioner Ranum signed granting permission to transfer funds from Baker and Plevna Rural Fire Regular Budgets to Capital Project Budgets and post corrections for various accounts.

**Budget Journal #6**-Commissioner Ranum signed granting permission to transfer budget from Safety professional service account to Safety purchased service account in the amount of \$1,000.

#### **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Randash made the motion to adjourn at 5:05 PM. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN,  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder