

Monday, July 29, 2013

9:00 AM-CONVENE

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

CLOSED PERSONNEL

10:00 AM-LeRoy Tronstad, Landowner wondered if the County had some paperwork they needed him to sign. Commissioner Baldwin checked with the County Attorney regarding this; the Lease Agreement is not complete as of this time.

10:00 AM-Dave Hall, Acting Road Foreman met to present the Road Report. **Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman was excused for vacation.

Road Crew-Trucks are hauling gravel to the Anticline.

Landfill-Tomorrow they will need some more Scoria for the Landfill.

Blades-They are blading roads since there was moisture.

Damage-A blade parked at Hidden Water turn received a broken window. It was noted someone was spinning brodies and must have thrown a rock. The cost is \$312.00 plus postage and installation.

10:25 AM-Jasen Wyrick, Wyrick Construction discussed gravel he will have for sale as a finished product. The Commission felt they would have to bid this out but will check with the County Attorney as to how they would handle this and let Jasen know. Jasen discussed a dust control product he has been using (green product) and the cost would be approximately \$15,000.00 per mile. The Company that sells this product would give the County enough to complete 1 mile of road at no charge. Jasen would also apply the product for no charge.

10:35 AM-Dave Hall, Acting Road Foreman re-joined the discussion.

Gravel purchase-County Attorney, Batterman phoned back and stated the purchase of gravel would have to go to bid, even though the County would be purchasing the finished product.

Dust Control-Dave stated at Convention they were told the County's should be wary of claims from individuals claiming their product is the best dust control product on the market. They claim if there is not enough water Counties should not think about this because it is not worth the time and money. Commissioner Ranum asked if the Commission wanted to try dust control on 5 miles of road. Commissioner Randash stated he would like to try the mile at no cost to the County first. Dave felt if they did try it, it may be best to try it on a freshly graveled road (Monarch Hill). The group all agreed to try this on one mile of County road.

Shell Oil Road-Bobby told Dave he had already taken care of notifying everyone, by way of Radio, "Shell Oil Road will be closed until further notice for culvert replacement".

Rip Rap-Jasen Wyrick has Rip/Rap for sale to be used on the bridge by the Vassar property.

11:00 AM-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to Adopt Salaries for Elected Officials by way of Resolution 7-29-2013. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried Unanimously. Resolution 7-29-2013 is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

11:30 AM-Lance Wedemeyer, Public Works Director-City of Baker met to review his report with the Commission. The Commission thanked Lance for the nice report he provided the Commission.

New tank-Lance stated the new water tank is not going to help the water pressure issues at the Fairgrounds; but this will help the East Side of Town and Stanhope Addition. Will get the telemetry on the new tank next week so he knows where the level is.

Fairgrounds-Lance discussed the water pressure at the Fairgrounds has 32 lbs. at the pit. Lance feels the back flow preventer is killing the pressure. Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering is looking for a better BFP and Lance continues to work with the Fairgrounds on the problem.

Tractor and sickle-Lance stated they picked up the tractor and sickle Bill Randash sold to them.

Heavy Equipment-The City is going to go to a 5 year plan for their heavy equipment. Lance may be in later to ask for help in purchasing some equipment but will first approach his Council Members.

Tank Hill-The City crew is in the process of cleaning up Tank Hill.

Well 6-Lance stated well 6 is pumping down on them; the City may approach the County about that in the future as well.

NOON RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Noon Recess

RECONVENE 1:00 PM

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

1:15 PM-Rich Batterman, County Attorney met to update on county business.

Rich feels the Commission needs to review exempt/non-exempt statuses of Fallon County employees every two years.

Rich wanted to notify the Commission he is leaving for vacation Wednesday.

1:15 PM-Reinhard Barth and **Ken Griffith**, Museum Board Members met to discuss the structural condition of the Museum building.

Land Purchase-Ken discussed possibly purchasing some property from adjacent landowners to build a new Museum. Ken feels it would be very costly to move the existing Museum and pour a new foundation as it is usually less costly to build new. Discussed using the old Museum as long as they can, then if land was purchased they could move to the new building across the alley allowing more room to expand the Courthouse. Permission granted to pursue possible land purchase.

Everyone is in favor of repairing the Lambert School and the Duffield House. Wait to side the Lambert House until it is moved across the street.

2:00 PM Sharon Schwartz, 4H Aide-Sharon met to ask if the Commission would be interested in judging livestock for the Herdsman Award. The award is a family award and is based on care giving, cleanliness of the animal, cleanliness of the stall, how they have labeled the animal, etc. The individual is recognized at an award ceremony on Sunday of the Fair. All Commissioner's agreed to be judges.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the June 10th minutes as submitted. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the June 17th minutes with correction regarding the statement pertaining to the dam Mr. Rusley built; should state it is located on BLM property, NOT county Property. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motions carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

3:00 PM Tim Barkley, Sheriff met to discuss the Law Enforcement Remodel Project. Tim asked if the Commission felt it would be feasible to pour a cement pad for the prisoner exercise area. The Commission granted permission to get a quote.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

Commissioner Ranum signed Encroachment Permit #573 for MDU to cross the Pennel Road between Sections 2 and 11-Township 7 North-Range 59 East. Fee of \$150.00 was paid.

4:25 PM-Desiree' Thielen, Planner met to review the Sieler Ranch Plat with the Commission. After review, the Commission recommended approval of the plat. Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson of the Board.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adopt the Fallon County Growth Policy. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

The Commission signed Resolution 7-29-2013(1) which is on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

4:30 PM CLOSED-PERSONNEL

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Military Funerals-Needs to be more documentation; make notification to families after benefits are paid to the Funeral Home.

Fair Kitchen-Fair Board does not want any dishes purchased for the Exhibit Hall Kitchen for functions.

Parking-They need to better clarify the parking at the Fairgrounds.

MISCELLANEOUS

FAA Grant Agreement-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson of the Board the Grant Agreement for approved project 3-30-0004-017-2013 for grooving and marking; maintenance of taxi lanes and aprons; install Miscellaneous NAVAIDS (segmented circle and lighted wind cone). Maximum obligation of the United States payable under this offer is \$231,800.00.

Incident Report-The Commission reviewed the Incident Report, with pictures, submitted by David Hall regarding damage to a County motor patrol. When they went to get the blade, it was noted a window was shattered. It was also noted tire tracks, near freshly placed road material on an approach on Hidden Water Trail, indicated someone was spinning brodies in the gravel.

Quote-The Commission approved lighting work to be completed in the Sheriff's Garage, per estimated cost of \$3,358.17.

Notification-The Commission received a letter from Denbury Resources, Inc. regarding the CO2 Pipeline Project on the Cedar Creek Anticline. The letter informed the Commission the Pipeline has been delayed and will keep the Commission informed of a time frame in which the project will resume.

Thank you-The Commission received a thank you note from Mona Madler, SMART Director thanking the Commission for their support of the Fallon County Centennial both financially and physically. Mona further stated she was honored to have been chosen, along with SMART, to spearhead this important Community event.

Quote-Commission approved the quote from Mechanical Technology Inc. to remove and replace a defective thermostat expansion valve on Air Conditioning Unit #2 in the amount of \$620.00.

EMPG GRANT-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the budget extension modification for the FY2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant. This will add an additional quarter of funding in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Board Resignation-Chuck Lee tendered his resignation as member of the Baker TV and Plevna TV Boards, effective July 24, 2013.

Upper Dam Gate-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson an order in the amount of \$32,420.00 to Whipp, Inc. for purchase of a Gate and supplies to repair the Upper Dam.

Speed Study Request-The Commissioner received a letter from the MT DOT stating the Commission's earlier request, to have a Speed Study conducted on Highway 7 South, was forwarded to the Helena, Montana office.

Signage-The Commission received a letter from MT DOT stating the Commission's earlier request for "Compression Break Mufflers Required" signage placement on Highway 7 South will be honored. MT DOT will place the sign as soon as it is fabricated.

JOURNAL VOUCHER APPROVALS

Journal Entry #645-Adjusting entries for FY12-13 Coral Creek Landfill Trust Account.

Journal Entry #647-Correcting Journal #645-Per County Auditor-(Jim Wosepka) the portion posted as a loss was moved to fees to correct Treasurer's cash.

SALARY SCHEDULE

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adopt the FY2013-2014 Salary Schedule. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously. Salary Schedule is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Continental Resources-June, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$7,693.24

TransCanada-Land Lease-\$21,330.00

Bureau of Land Management-National Grasslands/Bank Head Jones Annual Payment-\$255,846.69

ADJOURN

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder