

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

PRESENT 9:00 AM-Deb Ranum, Chairperson; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Members convened in regular session.

9:40 AM-Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

9:40 AM-Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor met to discuss erosion damage on an outlet at the lake due to all the moisture received. The Commission will contact Rich Batterman, County Attorney to have a letter written to the Corps of Engineers regarding repairs to the damages. Scott is worried about the continued damage and the safety issue leaving this as it is.

10:00 AM-Alba Higgins and Don Dilworth, Computer Tech met to discuss the new software needed for the Road Department to track all work completed on all County Roads. **Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman also joined the discussion. Don stated there will be a lot of manual keying but recommends the Road Department get the software and the new computer. Don also recommends they use the newest computer for Fuel Master. Cost of the software and new computer would be less than \$8,500.00 Alba would like to purchase them from this year's budget so they can be ready to go into effect July 1st. Permission granted. Don left the discussion.

Anticline Road-Rebuilding the Anticline Road was discussed. Commissioner Ranum discussed contracting this out to bid.

Rock-Discussed contacting someone to acquire rock for the damage to the lake shore outlet and the Vassar Bridge. Discussed who to contact about hauling rock.

Road Work-The Road Crew is hauling scoria to various roads as they cannot get to the Pinnow Pit. West Willard Road is slick due to the gravel used; it was found the Pinnow gravel works better on heavy traffic roads.

Road Material-Discussed purchasing road material from contractors until we can get some pits prospected and permitted.

Permitting-Discussed individuals interested in permitting for us. Permission granted to have each contractor permit a pit to see who can get a permit completed first.

Packer-A seal is out of the rubber wheeled packer; contacted Titan about the packer. Titan will not know what parts they will need for it until they get into it; they would rather have the entire packer at their site. Alba stated they could take the machine to Titan or he could put it back together and leave it as is. They will need the packer for chip/sealing but Titan does not know when they can get to it. Discussed possibly renting one while this one is down; permission granted to put it together, take it to Titan and get a rental lined up.

New Mower-John Deere factory will not have time to build the tractor before mowing season because the factory is backed up.

11:00 AM-Nikki Slagter, YANA Board Member met to present updates on the program. They are still trying to get 501(c)3 status; Nikki reported it looks as though they are being targeted by the IRS. They have not been assigned to anyone and nothing has happened to the paperwork as of this time. They were also looking into other options regarding borrowing a 501(c)3.

Nikki stated they plan to go ahead, on their own and hire someone as they had previously. The individual they would like to hire wants to think about it for a while. Nikki stated they want this individual to help lay the groundwork for YANA.

Nikki has gotten information on how to set up the employees; they are trying to get volunteers set up to assist individuals in being safe. The Commission has agreed to continue to pay for the phone and internet for the office currently housing YANA. They would be using funds from fund raisers to pay for employee wages.

11:05 AM-Rochelle Conroy joined.

11:10 AM-Brenda Hoeger, Dispatch Supervisor joined for her scheduled meeting.

11:15 AM-Nikki left the discussion.

DISPATCH BUDGET

11:15 AM-Brenda Hoeger met to discuss the Dispatch Budget. There are various items covered in the remodel project such as 15 to 20 new monitors. Software was discussed; Brenda stated new computers will come from her budget.

Remodeling-Brenda stated the remodel project has been going well; they are clean, pretty quiet and Steve Zachmann always checks on them and keeps them updated.

Open Position-Brenda stated she still has not had much interest in the open position; she also briefly placed it with Job Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

11:20 AM-Rochelle-Met to ask for a copy of the Commissioner's By-Laws. The Commissioner's do not have any that anyone knows of; Montana Codes regulate the County Commissioner meetings.

EMERGENCY REPORT

Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Reorder stated Selena Nelson, CFO-FMC and Co-Manager of the Parkview Retirement Complexes reported PVI had major water damage. The FMC Maintenance Department is working on the carpets and trying to get things dried up. Debbie will report to the Insurance Company and Selena will send pictures of the damages.

12:00 PM-RECESS

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

Noon Recess

1:00 PM-RECONVENED

The Commission reconvened at 1:00 PM with Commissioner's Ranum, Randash and Baldwin present. Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

1:15 PM-Elin Westover, County Extension Agent met to discuss the upcoming budget year.

Pickup-Elin stated the pickup works now but the Planner also felt it would work well for them. Elin stated it would be nice to have a larger pickup.

Wages-Elin stated the State froze their wages again. Commission discussed trying to work on a remedy to the problem.

Postage-Elin increased her postage budget slightly.

Advertising-Elin would like a separate budget for advertising.

Supplies-Elin stated they would like to budget for two extra computer monitors for the office.

Grants -Elin presented the Commission with a list of grants she has gotten for various program items.

4H/Fair-Elin feels things were worked out with the Fair Board and the list of items questioned earlier.

AIRPORT INSURANCE

Dale Boggs, D & J Insurance met to acquire a signature for the Airport Liability Policy.

Parkview I-Dale was asked if he was aware of the water damage at Parkview. Dale was not but will go view it.

1:35 PM-Nicole Brown-Justice of Peace met to discuss her budget.

Workshop-Nicole discussed a possible pilot program (Cognitive Principles) she would like to get started in our area.

Training-Nicole will be leaving for Reno, Nevada this week for 2 weeks.

Office supplies-Would like to budget to purchase a printer/copier for the Court Room. This would be a 50/50 split with the City of Baker. Permission granted.

Operating supplies-Would like to add snacks for jury trials in this line item but would ask for no increase.

Purchased services-Misdemeanor Probation-Budget for Court appointed Guardian Ad Litem translators and interpreters; will increase to allow for this.

Postage-Feels her postage budget is okay

Publications, subscriptions, dues-Bumped this portion up a little as well.

Travel-Plans to leave it the same.

Training-Slight increase to training.

Scram bracelets and drug patches were discussed. Nicole would like to start a reward program for those that are doing so well in these programs. Discussed the cost of the bracelets and patches.

Indigent program-Discussed a program for indigents that cannot afford these items. The individual could pay the County back through the Community Service Program; Scram would reduce some of the fees and the County would pay the balance. Individuals are only allowed to be on the program-60-90 days total and the County could make requirements. No decision at this time.

TEMPORARY EASEMENTS

The Commission signed the following Temporary Easements for bridge replacement purposes:

Roberta Rene Wilman-Section 10-8-57 for the Sandstone Tributary

U Bar C-Section 13-3-61 for Soda Creek on Webster Road

MISCELLANEOUS

The Commission sent a letter to the BLM to request an extension on the RMP (Range Management Plan)-EIS Comment Schedule. The letter was mailed to Mary Bloom at the Miles City Field Office.

2:00 PM-RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess to attend the MT DOT Open House in Glendive, MT. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

Wednesday, May 29, 2013

8:30 AM-RECONVENE

The Commission reconvened with **Deb Ranum**, Chairperson; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Members present.

9:30 AM-Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

9:30 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present the Road Report.

Bridges-Discussed the bridge in Carter County on the South Plevna Road. Carter County Commission felt they could save money by having Mackin bid on a bridge replacement; Fallon County feels a box culvert would be the best way to go. The Commission will visit with the Carter County Commission first. Bobby's opinion is a box culvert would be best for maintenance reasons.

Permitting Gravel Pits- Permission granted to move forward using Terra Tech to complete a permit.

9:45 AM-Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design, Inc. met to review the Construction progress regarding the Dispatch/Sheriff remodel project.

Jail-Will work on temperature control in the jail; Mike feels they have two choices they could chose to insulate the walls inside with Styrofoam insulation and covering with steel OR insulate the walls outside with dryvit finish. Mike stated that would change the outside look of the jail and further stated if a dark color is chosen they usually fade more quickly. Mike feels insulating outside would be the best because it is ½ the cost, no interruption of the services in the jail.

2nd portion-Need to add new low returns for better air mix, refurbish current air handler supplying that area; install a larger motor on the fan because they cannot make the vents larger due to space constraints. Discussed installation of roof top units for the Jail and Sheriff areas. Mike stated this would divorce it from the air handler downstairs. If this does not work the last thing they can do is to set up zones.

Mike suggests they start with first two steps to see if this helps (insulate, install low returns and commercial roof top A/C).

Dispatch Kitchen-They had to do a change order to add a floor sink in the kitchen.

Water heater-Had to complete a change order to add the water heater forgotten by the engineer.

The group went to view the project site.

11:30 AM-BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to appoint, reappoint and accept resignations from the following:

Planning Board-Reappointed Mary Lee Dietz; Appointed Gene Kringstad. Resignation was accepted from Tom Bechtold.

Council on Aging-Resignation was accepted from Jeannette Dye.

The Commission would like to extend their gratitude to all the members that have accepted appointments and reappointments. They further extend their gratitude to those who have resigned for your years of service to the Boards.

Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

11:45 AM-PUBLIC COMMENT

Devon Bannister, KFLN Representative met to inquire about the drainage issues in the North Baker Water Sewer District.

Since the completion of the sewer and water project all the water lays on top of the ground and they have a hard time maintaining their equipment; it is hard to get to the equipment.

Commissioner Ranum explained the Commission is working on the drainage issues with Brosz Engineering and have been waiting for permits from the MT DOT.

Devon stated the lift station pumps cannot keep up with runoff and Newell Broadcasting keeps getting flooded. They are not informed when the lift station is not running and then they have to go out and shut the valve; when that happens they then have no water or sewer. Devon stated he was told the man holes were placed too low. The Commission will contact Jon Brosz.

Commissioner Randash asked if they had spoken to the NBWS Board. They spoke to Wayne Sander who contacted Mike Menger, plumber; also spoke to Bruce Moore and he stated the man holes are too low and need to be raised. Mike Menger stated he would approach the board about the clean outs that were supposed to have been installed.

11:55 AM-PUBLIC COMMENT

Wanda Pinnow met to state she and Craig had signed the road easement; there was still no road sign up for the Brackett Butte Road or Coral Creek Spur.

Pinnow Pit-They would like some weed management in the Pinnow Pit.

May 6th Minutes-Wanda stated in the minutes it stated Gary Irgens was in to discuss rabbits and poultry. Wanda stated apparently a meeting had taken place before hand, without Elin Westover, County Extension Agent and others present. Wanda stated she made the comment; decisions cannot be made by one board member, it would need to be taken before the entire Fair Board. Wanda stated Gary's statements were off base and inaccurate and further stated she is on the Fair Board representing 4H.

Noon Recess

1:00 PM-RECONVENED

The Commission reconvened at 1:00 PM with Commissioner's Ranum, Randash and Baldwin present. Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

PLAT

The Commission reviewed the Shane Becker plat; Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson of the Board.

1:00 PM-PARKS BIDS

Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor was granted permission to bid the cement and tile placement in the Triangle Park (County); Two City of Baker Parks and Town of Plevna Park. Fallon County Commission also made the decision to pay for the cost of placement in all parks.

1:05 PM-SCHEDULE COUNTY PARK HEARINGS

The decision was made to hold Park Hearings to pass a County ordinance setting the hours Triangle Park and Iron Horse Park will be open to the Public. The first hearing will be held June 24th 2:00 PM. The second hearing will be held July 2nd at 2:00 PM.

1:30 PM-SCHEDULE COUNTY ROAD HEARINGS

1:30 PM-The meeting was held to make a decision when to hold Public hearings to set County Road Speed Limits on various roads within the County.

PRESENT-Don and Alison Wyrick and Wanda Pinnow

Discussion-Don and Alison discussed Cabin Creek Road. They are in favor of a speed limit of 45-50 MPH; Alison feels this needs to be completed for safety reasons due to the width of the roads. Wanda also stated when the County pulls the shoulders of the roads; they cannot get their hay hauler down the road. Commission suggested they bring their comments to the Hearing when the roads are addressed.

1:40 PM-Marilyn Askin joined the discussion.

Wanda asked why the County was placing a speed limit on the County Roads. Commissioner Ranum stated if the speed limits are added it would add 3 years of life to the roads. Discussed how often the County maintains the roads. Commissioner Ranum stated it depends on the road. Wanda stated the road past their house has only had gravel two times since they have lived there. Discussed the man hours to blade the roads. Wanda stated she would like the Commission to visit with those that drive the County Roads; the school bus children will be on buses longer; Wanda would also like to see the dollars this would save the County. Alison discussed stopping (distance testing) she completed on her own. Marilyn stated she felt you adjust your speed to accommodate the road and conditions. Further discussed stopping distances on County roads. Wanda would like to see all estimates for labor, materials, speed, dust and throwing gravel off the roads.

A letter was received from **Roy and Sharon Ferrel and Joyce Straub** regarding the speed limit on the Bonnievale Road. They were in favor of a 25 MPH Speed Limit and feel a 3-way stop would even be better.

The decision was made to hold the County Road Speed Limit Hearings to pass a County ordinance setting speed limits on various County Roads. The first hearing will be held June 24th at 3:00 PM. The second hearing will be held July 2nd at 3:00 PM.

All present expressed concerns and will bring their concerns to the Public Hearings. Those present felt the hearings would be affecting more County Roads than those listed. Commissioner Ranum stated that hearing will take place at a later date. Right now they are working on the paved portions of various County roads.

Don- Stated he did not feel the County should be maintaining the road to the old Red Keirle place. This is known as Battleship Butte Road and goes through his property.

PLANNER REPORT

2:05 PM-Desiree' Thielen, Planner met to review various items of business.

Plat-Desiree' was informed the Commission signed the plat for Shane Becker Minor Subdivision.

Subdivision Regulations-Discussed reviewing and updating the Subdivision Regulations on 4th and 5th of June. Desiree' stated Fallon County's rates are far below the average.

K L J-Planning assistance with Subdivisions; Desiree' stated John How is very busy. They are going to try to get others in the firm to see what time they would have to offer Fallon County.

Territorial Land Works-Desiree' will also contact TLW of Fairview and Billings to put their offers on the table.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson a 45 day waiver for WBI Energy Transmission to perform work on WBI's well located on Fallon County Property. By signing the waiver the Commission has agreed to allow WBI to perform the work without a 45 day waiting period.

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson an Agreement for Professional Services for the Baker Municipal Airport AIP 017 (Runway Grooving) project.

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Maternal Child Health Task Order between MT Department of Public Health and Human Services and Fallon County Health Department allowing Public Health to provide health related services required by the task order.

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson Modification #01 to the Area I Agency on Aging showing increases to the Federal/State share-\$1,081.00 and Local matching share-\$255.00 for the Council on Aging program.

REVENUES

May, 2012-Baker Air Service-County portion of Aviation Fuel-\$768.88

April, 2012-Continental Resources –Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,737.40

5:20 PM-ADJOURN

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

ADJOURN

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder