

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

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

**9:00 AM-BELLE FOURCHE PIPELINE MEETING**

**Debra Bell** and **Ken Dockweiler**, Belle Fourche Pipeline Representatives and **Jeff Hadley**, Fallon County Landowner joined.

**9:10 AM-Rich Batterman, County Attorney joined.**

Ken discussed a letter of credit with Rich.

Jeff stated he was representing the Landowners because Tom Sparks could not make it today.

Ken explained there was a disconnect between the Attorney's and further stated they have continued to build on their existing right of way (Butte Pipeline R-O-W) in order to keep their crews working.

Jeff would ask the Commission please not sign the County's papers until the group settles.

Everyone from both groups need to get together with both Attorneys present.

Debra explained there are two (2) offers on the table; Belle Fourche and Butte (which is on the old easement). The old easement was a 50' easement; Debra has proof and has provided that information.

Commissioner Ranum stated 50 years ago the landowner did not realize the easements were forever. This pipeline has caused a lot of issues amongst the Commission and the Landowners and wants this resolved, as good neighbors. Ken stated that was why they wanted to work with the Landowners with the new easement and agrees they want to continue to work together. Commissioner Ranum wants to get the pipeline in the ground and treat the Landowners with respect and be done with it.

**9:55 AM- Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman joined for their 10:00 AM Meeting.

Jeff felt they had things worked out, with the exception of the compensation. Ken stated the offer is still on the table as far as he knows. If the Landowners want other compensation, there needs to be justification provided.

Jeff asked if they would keep the old right of way and also buy new easement so they would then have both. Yes, there is approximately a two (2) year window on the new easement. Commissioner Baldwin does not like the dilemma of poor information to the Landowners and is not sure who is to blame. Commissioner Ranum stated some of the Landowners, whether part of the group or not, have had no information relayed to them. Jeff stated he would relay today's information to Tom Sparks to relay to the group.

Rich will make the changes to the Road Haul Agreement and get it back to Deb and Ken. All individuals left the meeting with the exception of Bobby and Alba.

**10:25 AM-Bobby and Alba** met to present the Road/Shop report.

**Senior Citizen Bus**-The bus is showing mechanical codes, they will be getting parts from Deluxe Motors. Commissioner Baldwin is checking on the codes.

**Crusher**-New belts were again placed on the crusher.

**Landfill Loaders**-Brittanie, Road Secretary emailed the loader specifications to Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager to be reviewed.

**Landfill Wastehandler**-The County has been told not to pay for the new waste handler until the override reversing fan is installed. Someone from the factory will be coming to install the fan; the waste handler would probably have to be taken to Bismarck for the installation process.

**Road Truck**-A County truck has seals going out and they will be working on that this week.

**Road Work**-Hidden Water Trail is finished but after adding the scoria over the gravel, it is now rough. The reason is because the road is frozen in the areas where the scoria and gravel did not get blended. Bobby stated they will wait on the West Willard road until next spring due to the frozen ground. They are laying gravel on the Coral Creek Road now.

**Tool Carrier**-Worked on the back up alarm for the tool carrier to quiet the alarm; some complaints were received when removing snow by the Hospital and Retirement Complexes early in the morning.

**Pits**-Almost finished hauling from the Pinnow Pit; should finish using that on Coral Creek Road. The Johnson Pit and Pinnow Pit will be reseeded next spring. Mark Carlstrom has the information he needs for the other pits he is working on.

**Road Foreman**-Bobby stated he would be out of town Tuesday and Thursday.

**Sign**-There is a sign in the County's Right of Way which needs to be removed. A private landowner placed the sign and has been asked to remove the sign but has not. Bobby will try to get this completed this week. Discussed where the County would place the sign expressing this is a "Dead End" road; this would be placed so trucks do not enter the landowner's private property.

**Approach**-They are getting ready to complete the approach on Latigo Trail.

**11:00 AM-Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor met to present updates for the County.

**Camera's**-Scott would like to continue to pursue installation of security cameras at the Gazebo and Softball fields. Commissioner Baldwin would like to have Scott contact a salesman to see if they would give a discount if the County and City were to go together and get cameras. Scott stated the City never gave much comment regarding purchase of security systems.

**Assistant**-Scott stated the City did not give much comment regarding an assistant but the discussion was favorable.

**Iron Horse**-The motion light was not working for the restrooms but now is repaired.

**11:17 AM-Joe Janz**, Outside Maintenance discussed purchasing winter clothing rather than safety boots. The cost would be \$100.00 he would still have \$50.00 left for safety equipment. The Commission granted permission.

**11:30 AM-Desiree' Thielen**, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator met to update the Commission regarding the meeting she and Secretary, **Mary Grube** attended in Helena. They did not get much accomplished as the EPA was not there, they were under restricted travel.

Rich will forward the cattail map to Attorney, **Monica Heindel**. Desiree' will contact Monica today to try to get some dialog going toward some progress.

Federal, State and Local Regulations were discussed, all regulations vary; they feel everyone needs to come together to work on the regulations.

#### RECESS

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

NOON RECESS

#### 1:15 PM-RECONVENE

**PRESENT Deb Ranum**, Chairperson; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Members

#### FOLDER ITEMS-BUSINESS

The Commission was informed of two (2) apartment heating problems in Parkview II. The Head Custodian contacted the repairman to get the issues taken care of. Portable heaters were offered to the residents.

The Commission sent the Cooperative Agreement between MT DPHHS and the Fallon County Board of Health for calendar year 2014 to the County Attorney for review. The County Attorney stated he felt there should be a mediator if there was a dispute rather than DPHHS making the decision on the dispute. The Sanitarian should be brought into this as well. This information will be relayed to DPHHS.

The Commission received an extended Order of Quarantine due to the diagnosis of a rabid cat on November 7, 2013. The quarantine was extended for an additional 60 days.

**1:50 PM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**1:50 PM-Don Austin**, Wells Fargo Bank President met to discuss the Wells Fargo credit card.

**Sierra**, Wells Fargo Bank joined by speakerphone.

Sierra asked what brought Wells Fargo in the loop. Commissioner Baldwin explained employees are using their personal cards and it puts a burden on their finances.

Sierra explained, a Wells Fargo credit card can be shut off at any time and new cards can be ordered. They can increase credit amounts temporarily or however is desired. The County can also shut down accesses to various services, i.e. Veterinary services.

Sierra will send the information to Don and he will get it to the County.

#### COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to approve August 26<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Proceedings with grammar and spelling errors. Commission Randash seconds the motions. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to approve the October 21<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Proceedings with spelling and grammar errors and the following correction:

**Road quotes**-It was stated Tom brought copies of quotes to **build** the new road at the Landfill. This was corrected to state Tom brought copies of quotes to **surface** the road to the new Shop at the Landfill. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

## NON-PUBLIC-EARLY CLOSING

The Commission granted permission to close all County Offices at Noon on Christmas Eve.

## CANVASS OF ELECTIONS

**Kathy Newell**, Election Clerk met to assist in the Canvass process.

**Commissioner Ranum** read the tabulated results and **Commissioner's Randash** and **Baldwin** recorded the results from the Town of Plevna and the City of Baker. The results were the same as the unofficial results.

**ELECTION JUDGES** were **Melissa Ploeger**, **Carla Brown** and **Jessica Dinardi**

## CLOSED-PERSONNEL

### Ambulance Meeting

**Lisa Mitchell**, Ambulance Director; **Dale Butori**, **Bridgette Schwartz**, **Rod** and **Lindsay Chaska** and **Mary Lou Ryden**, Ambulance Members met to discuss various items of business.

Lisa told Brenda there was an error in the minutes recently in the paper. Lisa would call after the meeting and explain the error so it can be corrected.

**Laurie Pankratz**, **Steve Stanhope** and **Steve Schweigert**, Ambulance members also joined.

**On Call Pay**-Lisa stated it is going well and is appreciated.

**Association**-Discussed dissolving the Association and forming a Board in great detail.

**4:05-Susan Smith** member of the public joined.

**Board/Director**-Commissioner Randash stated the Commission is interested in setting up a Board and hiring a Director; feel it would be best to have a 5 member board. Discussed some of the volunteers being on the board but Lisa feels it could be a conflict of interest. The Commission feels the Director would need to be a Paramedic or an EMT. Lindsay asked if the Director would take call as most of the Directors she has talked to, do so. Commissioner Randash feels they would. Discussed the job description for a Director; the Commission received a job description from Lisa and another from another agency that will need to be reviewed and redefined.

**Jobs**-Discussed the delegation of duties and training in great detail. Commissioner Randash does not want the Director to delegate everything out and have nothing to do.

**Training**-Lisa feels this area would be a good area for a training hub.

**MOTION-Commissioner Randash** made the motion to form an Ambulance Board. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

## REPORTS/FLYERS/MINUTES

The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following:

**Baker Rural Fire Minutes**-October, 2013-Warrants paid-\$17,579.15

**Plevna Rural Fire Minutes**-October, 2013-Warrants paid-\$602.29

## MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

**Bowers**-Oil and Gas Royalties-September, 2013-.32 cents

## RECESS

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to recess until 6:00 PM tonight in the Library Basement. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

## RECESS

**6:00 PM RECONVENE** Library Basement public meeting. The following were present at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Meeting-**Rick VanWey**, BNSF Safety Supervisor; **Chuck Lee**, DES/911 Coordinator; **Deb Ranum**, Commission-Chair; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Commission Members; **Albert R. Batterman**, County Attorney; **Brandon Schmidt**-Baker City Council Representative; **Devon Banister**, KFLN/KJMM Representative; **Lance Wedemeyer**, City of Baker-Public Works Director; **Lori Kesinger**-Fallon County Times; **Brenda J. Wood**, Clerk and Recorder; **Desiree' Thielen**, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator; **Tom Roberts**, MT DOT; **Jason Dulin**, MT HWY Patrol; **Lisa Dulin**, Fallon County Dispatch; **Brenda Hoeger**, Fallon County Dispatch Supervisor; **Lisa Mitchell**, Fallon County Ambulance Director; **Dale Butori**, Weed Supervisor-Ambulance and Baker Rural Fire Member; **Randy Hoenke**, Baker Rural Fire Chief; **Dan LaGasse** and **Tom Bruha**, Baker Rural Fire Members; **Mary Lou Ryden**-Ambulance Member; **Kenneth Griffith**, Landowner; **Jason Rittal**-Executive Director-EPEDC; **Mona Madler**-SMART Director; **Mickey & Julie Parent & Daughter (Chassie Skelton)**; **John and Sandra Lizer**; **Kay Wiman**-Public Members **Steven Schweigert**-Ambulance; **Herbert O'Donnell**, **Nick Helgoth** and **Allison Wyrick**, Public Members; **Justin LaCroix**, City of Baker Police Officer.

**6:00 PM-INTRODUCTION-Chuck Lee**, DES/911 Coordinator brought the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Chuck stated this was an informational, fact-finding meeting and hopefully there could be a Resolution to the issues faced by everyone who owns property and/or lives North of Baker.

Chuck also provided very nice, laminated aerial photos for all to view. Chuck discussed a ruling in which a train would always stay east of the Main Street crossing. Chuck is in hopes this meeting would eliminate any further incidents such as the fire in September.

Chuck introduced Rick Van Wey, BNSF Representative and opened the floor up for questions or comments.

Full minutes from this meeting are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

There being no further questions or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to recess until Tuesday, November 13, 2013. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Tuesday, November 13, 2013

**RECONVENE 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT Deb Ranum**, Chairperson; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin** Members.

**9:15 AM**-The Commission and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder left to review a sign on Johnny Creek Trail felt to be located in the County's right of way.

**11:45 AM**-The Commission and Clerk and Recorder returned to the Courthouse. The Commission discussed the private landowner's sign; will ask the landowner again to remove the sign and will place a County sign with appropriate verbiage.

**RECESS**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

Noon Recess

**1:15 PM RECONVENED**

**2:00 PM Debbie Wyrick**, Deputy Clerk and Recorder met to review more of the County's hail damage claim with the Commission.

**5:00 PM ADJOURNED**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Randash** seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjourned,  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder