

Monday, November 18, 2013

CONVENE 9:00 AM

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

9:00 AM-Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

9:00 AM-Steve Zachmann, Dick Anderson Construction met to present the progress report on the Dispatch/Sheriff Remodel projects.

REPORTS/FLYERS/MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the following reports.

Stevenson Design Field Report #21-November 14, 2013-for the Fallon County Dispatch Addition

Stevenson Design Field Report #3-November 14, 2013-for the Fallon County Sheriff Addition

9:30 AM – Mona Madler, SMART Director met to present updates

New sign-Mona discussed placement of a new sign directing people to this Courthouse; Mona feels it would be beneficial. The Commission agreed; Mona will look into this for the Commission as she is working on a new sign for the SMART building as well.

Port Authority-The Port Authority was approached by George Bailey and others regarding the Bakken Clean Energy Project/Renewable Energy Now or (RENO) and PCS (Brokerage Company). George discussed a project which collects stranded gas for reuse. This could also possibly bring a potential investor with a data center. They would need land for the projects and therefore Mona wondered what the man camp property would be used for. Commissioner Ranum stated the Lessee was told it would go back into the grazing lease. Mona stated they also looked at other property as well.

Plevna School Project-Mona is assisting with the Plevna School Housing project as well.

Other Projects-They are going to view a business in Dickinson, ND and also plan to meet with MDU regarding wind energy.

Port Authority-The Port Authority Board needs two (2) more members.

10:00 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met to present the Road/Shop report.

Kois Plow Truck-The parts finally showed up last Thursday so they will try to get the truck finished by mid-December.

Mower-They have heard no further word on the mower that was ordered.

Sprinter Parts-The Senior bus parts are at Deluxe Motors so they can finish this project also.

Blades-All but one blade are winged up.

Community Service Pickup-Feel they have this pickup repaired now.

Golf Course Pickup-This pickup is running very well.

Sheriff Pickup-When the Sheriff gets a new pickup Alba asked if the old Sheriff pickup would go to the Landfill. Commissioner Ranum feels they should leave the current old pickup at the Landfill.

Road pickups-They would like to replace the little pickups with 6 regular sized pickups and put tow bars on them; the small pickups are wearing out tires when hauling fuel tanks. Commissioner Ranum feels we should purchase used pickups. Alba feels if you get 6 new pickups through the state bid process, they will last forever and the cost will not be prohibitive.

Cold storage lights-The new lights for the cold storage building have been ordered and will be installed soon. This will be the building where the blades are kept.

Road Chipper-This needs to be stored inside so the belt does not get ruined.

Choat Pit-The top of the Choat pit has been reclaimed as well as they can; it will need to be reseeded and finish hauling the scoria out.

MSHA –They received a good report on the pit area from MSHA (Mine Safety Health Agency). There were a few paperwork issues regarding how they reported Administrative and Training dates. They will contact MSHA to get the paperwork cleared up; no fines issued at this time.

Coral Creek Road-They are hauling from the Pinnow Pit on Coral Creek Road.

Landfill Loaders-Alba will come back in this afternoon when Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager meets to discuss the bid specifications for the Landfill loaders.

Bridges-Fried Bridges are finished; Ketchum Bridge is also finished; they will have to seed in the spring. Bridge on Bonnievale Road-Bobby will go look at it its condition.

Day after Thanksgiving-The Road Crew would like Friday after Thanksgiving off, unless it snows. The crew would use vacation hours. The Commission granted permission.

Spillway pad-They found a cracked pad (built for the spillway) at the old Landfill. They would like to use it to set a propane tank (for the skid steer building). Permission granted.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL/HIPAA

Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance met to discuss his new shop. Joe would like to paint the inside of his shop as he feels he can get it finished and start moving in. The Commission granted permission as long as he has permission from the Contractor. Joe will ask permission first.

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to discuss a weed plan. TransCanada referred to the Keystone Pipeline Weed management plan; Dale feels the plan is more than adequate. The Weed Board wanted the TransCanada Weed Management Plan approved by the Commission, as Fallon County is the Landowner. The plan was signed by Bill Lane, Weed Board-Chairman; Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson of the Commission.

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 RECONVENE

1:15 PM Deb Ranum, Chairperson; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Members and **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder.

1:15 PM Ken Brown, Western County Alliance was phoned and placed on speaker phone to discuss various County Government items.

PILT-Full funding has not yet been approved for this FY. Ken stated Counties pay for services on public land and need the continued revenue (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) to provide these services. Budget of Interior offices asked for 3 offsets to fund PILT. Ken stated he gave the following thoughts for all Federal land.

Mineral Royalty funds

Land and Water Conservation funds

Foreign Aid

SRS-There is no forest land in Fallon County

Public Land Transfer-American Lands Council is pursuing Public Land Transfers; it is felt there is approximately 10%BLM land in Fallon County.

Sage Grouse-If sage grouse are added to the endangered species list this will be a challenge. Commissioner Baldwin asked why predator control was not entered into the equation. Ken stated they provide no answers. Commissioner Baldwin also stated they allow people to hunt. Ken stated that has also been brought up. By the year 2015 USFW is supposed to give an official answer as to the listing. It will cut down multiple use, grazing, oil and gas industry items and many other items. Kathleen Clarke will give an overall update on the sage grouse issue (November 22) and the coordination between states of their planning process.

Wild Horse Burro-This was set to move forward and the 10th circuit court received an injunction to stop this from moving forward.

WCA-This organization deals with Land issues and Ken is the Executive Director for WCA. Ken would like Fallon County to be a member of WCA at \$2,000 per year. No decision at this time.

2:00 PM-Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman and **Tom Kachel**, Landfill Manager met to review the bid specifications for the Landfill Loaders.

Loaders-Discussed bidding for a small and a large loader for the Landfill.

Specs- Alba stated the specs are generic and feels we should trade both compact loader and waste handler loader and bid new with regular tires. Tom stated he agreed.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to put compact and waste handler loaders out to bid; bid each loader separately for the Landfill. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Alba and Tom left the meeting.

2:30 PM-COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the November 18, 2013 Commissioner Proceedings as submitted. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

2:35 PM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder was excused for the balance of the day.

2:55 PM - Josie Rieger, Clerk joined to take minutes.

3:00 PM - Roger Meggers, Airport Manager, **John Tronstad**, and **Dennis Twedt**, Airport Board Members met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of putting up an 87' x 135' cold storage hangar.

Discussion-The hangars have been very busy recently with oil companies and other people traveling in the area. This is why they are needing another hangar to accommodate these companies. Roger stated there are others who would like to move their planes to Baker, but there is no hangar space. Another person called today to inquire about bringing three (3) planes to Baker if there was hangar space.

Roger mentioned Bowman, ND is putting in a new airport with all new hangars. Roger stated there may be some competition in the future for hangar space. Also, mentioned if an airplane is licensed in Fallon County there is tax revenue that comes back to the County. Roger says that we are probably not too far off from needing a fuel truck. If the County continues to have jets fly in, they will probably need a truck.

Commissioner Randash moved to allow the Airport to move forward building the cold storage hangar. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

3:45 PM – Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator met with the Commissioners to discuss the earlier meeting with BNSF. Matt Jones is the contact that Chuck has been talking to. It was decided that **Darcy Pankratz**, City Attorney should be involved as well as **Rich Batterman**, County Attorney. Commissioner Ranum inquired about installing a camera at the main crossing for surveillance purposes. Commissioner Baldwin stated he felt a City Ordinance should be put in place and possibly the County could assist the City.

Chuck discussed the possibility of a new crossing located on (Railroad Avenue and 5th Street) as he feels that would hopefully make it so all crossings are not blocked as this location is west of the switch. Commissioner Ranum asked again about the camera. Commissioner Baldwin feels they should check with the City first and if the City has no plans to move forward, the County could at that time decide what to do to assist in this issue. It was decided the county would not move forward with a camera at this time.

3:55 Commissioner Baldwin was excused for the day.

4:00 PM Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary, **Don Buerkle**, **Wanda Pinnow**, **Courtney Dietz**, Fair Board members met with the Commissioners to give an update on the Fair Convention they attended the previous week.

Discussed the Grandstand roof claim; the insurance company totaled the roof due to the hail damage.

Wanda stated the rodeo office roof is leaking and asked what the insurance company found with that building. Not sure, would need to find out that information.

4:45 PM Jason Rittal, Executive Director-EPEDC (Eastern Plains Economic Development Corp.) and **Ryan Rittal** of Stahley Engineering & Associates met with the Commissioners to discuss the grant being applied for the Fallon County Baker Water/Sewer Board. Jason asked if the County Sanitarian has any records of septic issues in the area. The Commissioners told Jason that he would need to contact Mike Rinaldi, Sanitarian to be able to access his files to find out if there have been any issues reported.

Plevna School Housing Project-Stahley is doing about 75% of the design and plan to bid a phase of this project in the spring.

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

s/Josie Rieger, Clerk