

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

9:00 AM CONVENE

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

10:00 AM-Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

10:00 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman presented the Road Report

Culverts-All of the culverts have been placed on the road near DeGrand's. Steve Stanhope will get hold of the contractor and take care of Fidelity's portion.

Mowing-The crew continues to mow the road ditches.

Choat Pit-Working on the Choat Pit, it should be completed by the end of the week. Can use the scoria on (2) driveways the County has easement on, (use on roads that are not well-traveled, due to the amount of flint rock contained in this scoria).

Johnson Pit-The Johnson Pit has to be seeded and then it will be closed.

11:10 AM-Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor updated the Commission on projects at the Parks.

11:15 AM-The Commission reviewed and approved August time sheets. Payroll and Withholding Registers in the amount of \$493,003.91 are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

RECESS

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

Noon Recess

1:15 PM RECONVENE

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Commission reviewed and approved the August end of month claims in the amount of \$616,549.73 and they are as filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

2:00 PM-Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

2:00 PM -Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design met to discuss Dispatch Remodel.

Soil Compaction-The group discussed this in detail.

Cracked flooring-Mike explained over-excavation could have been a partial result of this issue. The Commission made the decision they would like to see the total costs and know who will pay for what costs before final determinations are made.

3:00 PM-CLOSED-PERSONNEL

3:15 PM-Barb Lechler, Fair Secretary met to let the Commission know, at this time she does not have solid numbers to give them from the Fair events.

Rain gutters-Concerns regarding the Grandstand rain gutters were discussed.

Fair Convention-Commissioner Randash plans to attend; Commissioners Ranum and Baldwin do not plan to attend, unless something comes up.

New Building-The group discussed a possible new building to replace one or two of the older buildings. Discussed size, water runoff, showers, concession area, restrooms-family restroom, wall height tall enough for sports, connect to existing exhibit hall (need to check on the ability to do so).

Lower barns-Need more dirt work completed on the lower barns even after the new gutters were placed.

4:00 PM-Clayton Hornung, Mayor-City of Baker presented monthly updates.

Well #6-The City is having problems with well #6.

Detour-Discussed signage for the detour due to the culvert replacement on Pennel Road. The Detour will be located on Bonnevale Road.

Animal Shelter-Clayton stated they are still looking at different areas to place an Animal Shelter/Vehicle Impound area.

TransCanada Man-Camp-TransCanada will not start camp construction until March, 2014 unless the presidential permit gets signed. TransCanada asked for use of all of the land leased.

FEMA-They have had no word from FEMA regarding progress on the new lagoon cell.

Funds-Commissioner Ranum asked if the City of Baker is setting aside money for emergencies. Clayton stated they have increased their fees in hopes of getting grants; not sure where it will lead them.

RECESS

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

Recess

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

9:00 AM RECONVENE

PRESENT Deb Ranum, Chairperson; **William L. Randash**, Member and **Brenda J. Wood**, Clerk and Recorder. Steve Baldwin, Member excused for the day.

10:00 AM-Commissioner Randash made the motion to adopt Resolution 9-4-2013 calling for a public Road Abandonment Hearing October 7, 2013. Commissioner Ranum stepped down from the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 9-4-2013 is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

11:00 AM-Angie Rabbitt, Recreation Director met to present her monthly report.

After School Program-Angie went to the school to ask about having the after school program 5 days per week; they were very supportive. Angie was then asked to contact the church schools, etc. regarding this. Angie stated she did so and they also told her to go for it. Angie explained she needs 12 children to cover the overhead cost to pay for extra help; this program is for K-6 grades. Angie has several employees that come back each year to assist with the program. They will start 5 days per week on a trial basis, until December 1st. Angie will let parents know of this as well.

Fall Activities-Angie stated she has fall activities starting; Preschool activities starting tomorrow; Soccer sign-ups and will be Co-oping with Miles City; and will also have flag football which starts Monday for K-6.

New Program-Angie was asked to take over the Punt, Pass and Kick Program; Angie is working with Jim Leischner on the liability insurance for that program.

Fall Festival-Angie does not have to help with Fall Festival, she gets to enjoy it with her family.

Assistant-No word regarding hiring an assistant, City budgets are not approved yet.

11:45 AM-David Espeland, CEO-Fallon Medical Complex and Manager of the Parkview Retirement Complexes phoned in regarding the Parkview I roof project. Discussed getting someone other than Val Dyba to complete this project.

David explained the Contractor is only opening up a portion of the roof they are able to repair and cover in one day.

David feels there would be a lot of finger pointing if another contractor were to be brought in to remove the old roof and the other contractor place the new.

Drain Pipe-Working on repairs of the drain pipe which runs to the City Park. This was the pipe that had separated, causing water to run back into the clinic.

RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for lunch. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Noon Recess

RECONVENED 1:15 PM

PRESENT Deb Ranum, Chairperson and **William L. Randash**, Member and **Brenda J. Wood**, Clerk and Recorder.

1:15 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment.

1:20 PM-CLOSED-LEGAL

1:55 PM-Harvey Reetz met to give public comment. Harvey told the Commission he feels it is not right that the public cannot get salvage from the Container Site. The Commission explained they cannot allow this due to the liability it places on the County. Harvey stated it is a shame; it is such a waste and further explained all of the items he has removed from the containers and repaired are now useable items. Commissioners Ranum and Randash will discuss when Commissioner Baldwin gets back; they will see if there is anything they can do. Harvey stated he donates bikes and computers back to the communities in the area and makes money on other items he refurbishes as useable items.

2:00 PM-BUDGET HEARING

No one appeared for public comment. Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the Final Budget as submitted and adopt Resolution 9-4-2013(1). Commissioner Ranum stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carried. Resolution 9-4-2013(1) is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

2:40 PM-Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to discuss the placement of chemical in Baker Lake. Dale discussed the process and procedure of the chemical used and placed in Baker Lake with Mike Bacus, FWP. Mike was comfortable with how the County handled the chemical placement. Mike felt it may have played a very small part in the fish kill.

The Commission stated Solar Bee is working on a plan to upgrade and add more solar bees.

Baker Air Service surveyed the temperature in the Baker Lake and found the average temperature to be 78 degrees. Dale felt the temperature, shallow water, as well as there being no fresh water running into it the lake were also contributing factors.

RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess. Commissioner Ranum stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Recess

Thursday, September 5, 2013

9:00 AM-RECONVENE

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

9:00 AM-CLOSED SESSION-PERSONNEL

9:15 AM-Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager met to present updates.

New Shop-Tom reported on the progress of the new shop.

Old Dozer-The old dozer will go to auction.

New rules-New Landfill rules went out with last month's bills.

Inspection-This year's inspection went very well; there were no write-ups. Tom stated the 15 write-ups from last year have all been corrected.

10:00 AM-Mike Stevenson and Brandon, Stevenson Design discussed the Dispatch remodel issues.

Soils report – Analyst stated ½ of the issue was the soils. Move forward with this change order for \$18,000.00

Floor drain-Joe Janz, feels the drain in his new shop sets higher than the rest of the floor.

Parkview-Mike also discussed the drainage issues at the Parkview's as well. Discussed the roof repair for Parkview I; the Commission agreed to approve the change order submitted for this project.

10:20-AM-David Espeland, CEO and **Selena Nelson,** CFO-Fallon Medical Complex met to present the monthly report.

Parkview 1-Discussed north entry sidewalks; they will also look into placing steps and taking a shorter route.

Air Conditioner-Discussed replacing the air conditioner (for Parkview's) in the courtyard; during the drainage construction it will have to be moved. It was felt they would wait to purchase a new air conditioner, if necessary, after the drainage project is complete.

Apartment-Discussed an apartment that always gets hit with water issues. The only apartment available for this tenant is in Parkview II. It was decided to move the tenant to the available apartment. The Insurance Company feels this is not an insurance claim that can be paid by them.

Helmsley Funds-With a service provided for in a portion, by Helmsley Funds, a Physician or Nurse could press a button and get assistance from another Physician on the other end. David will send the email to the Commission to review and they will get back to David on their thoughts.

Helicopter-Discussed a possible liability issue; David explained as infrequently as they probably will land here, they should not need a special pad or designated area and the City Police will foot the traffic issues.

Financial Report-Selena reviewed the FY2013 year Financial Report with Commission.

12:05 AM 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

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

FUNERAL-Commissioner's Ranum and Randash attended a funeral and returned at 2:15 PM.

Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

1:15 PM-Jody Strand, Museum Curator met for Museum updates.

Schoolhouse-There is a plan to resolve the issue with the schoolhouse roof.

Lambert House-The contractor would be willing to complete it this fall. No decision at this time.

Museum-Preservation of the Museum and the cost to do so was discussed in detail. Commissioner Ranum told Jody to ask her board if they are interested in preserving the buildings (Museum/Lambert House). Commissioner Baldwin would also like the feelings of the Museum Board. Jody would like to preserve the buildings; Commissioners Ranum supports the preservation. It was noted one of the Board Members would like to purchase some land on the Highway and build a new Museum, with parking off the Highway.

2:25 PM-Darold Brown and Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance joined the discussion. Joe and Darold feel it would work to jack-up the existing Museum and take necessary precautions to make the building secure (sturdy).

Metal building-Jody suggested adding a lean-to on the metal building for tractors, etc.

Commissioner Baldwin will contact the Museum Board members to get a consensus.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Emergency Management Performance Grant totaling \$38,592.50 in federal funding for the DES Department.

BUDGETS

Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder re-reviewed the approved budgets with the Commission.

5:00 PM-RECESS

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

RECESS

Friday, September 6, 2013

9:00 AM-RECONVENE

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

10:00 AM-Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder discussed the letter dated 8-20-2013 and written by the County Attorney regarding County Policy for Nepotism.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

County Auction-Landfill Dozer and 91 Mack will definitely go to auction.

Desiree' Thielen, County Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator met to review the CTEP application.

Training-Desiree' and Mary Grube, Planner Secretary will be attending training Monday through Wednesday next week.

CTEP application-Desiree' stated the CTEP application will be turned in next week while Desiree' and Mary are in Helena.

County Road Standards-The group discussed compiling County Road Standards.

Contract Attorney-Discussed the contract for the Attorney that will assist the Planning Department with Subdivision questions.

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

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

1:15 PM-Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering and **Desiree' Thielen**, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator

Mitigation-The group discussed locating another area to mitigate for the Baker Lake issue.

Upper Dam-Discussed the letter received from DNRC for the engineering of the Upper Dam.

Conference Call- to DNRC and NRCS with **Steve Becker** and **Mark Yerger**, NRCS and **Troy Benn**, DNRC.

Upper Dam Project-Commissioner Ranum asked what Fallon County needs to do to complete the project. It was explained that Fallon County is facing two reviews DNRC (the ones that constructed the dam and fully paid for the dam) and NRCS (for safety and operations of the dam).

Design-Discussed the design proposed by Brosz Engineering in detail.

DNRC is reviewing the plan and feel they just want the County to work with NRCS on the final plan. They will move forward with the construction permit after issues are resolved.

Outlet-Concrete Pipe and upstream side of discharge outlet and erosion issues were discussed with a plan of how to correct the issue.

The NRCS and DNRC left the conversation.

NBWS Drainage-A State Representative will come down Thursday to meet with Desiree' and Jon about funding the NBWS drainage project (via a Homeland Security Grant). Permit applications with MT DOT will have to be filled out due to changes that will need to be made. They will also have to do a traffic study.

Bonnevale Road-Jon is also working on Bonnevale Road and working with Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker regarding the drainage issues.

Box Culverts-Sandstone box culvert will not be there until the 19th; Ketchum box culvert should be ready to start this next week.

MISCELLANEOUS

Aerators- Commission agreed to have Solar Bee upgrade the existing aerators at a cost of \$18,000 per aerator.

Rental Agreement-Commissioner Ranum signed, as Chairperson, a Retirement Complex Rental Agreement for Apartment #219.

Detour Agreement-The Fallon County Commission signed the Detour Agreement between the MT Department of Transportation and Fallon County for utilization of Bonnevale Road as a detour route during the replacement of the culvert on Secondary 493 Pennel Road.

REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS

The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following:

Fair Board Minutes-July 29 and August 26, 2013

Custodial Incident Report-Hot water leak-Boiler Room-9-4-2013

Planner's Plat Status Report-August 20, 2013-12 COS's/Plats in various stages of progress

Detention Center Report-August, 2013-8 prisoners held for 124 days-(13 County, 80 City of Baker and 30 Carter County); Income reported of \$2,325.00 from Carter County

Stevenson Design Field Report-Dispatch Addition-August 29, 2013

City of Baker-Public Works Director Report-August, 2013 Report

Treasurer's Cash Receipt balance reports-July, 2013

REVENUES

Goldenwest Electric Cooperative, Inc.-Capital Credits-Credits this year-\$51.96; Total to date-\$590.68

Continental Resources-Oil and Gas Royalties-July, 2013-\$12,025.21

Denbury Resources-Oil and Gas Royalties-June/July, 2013-\$10,886.95

ADJOURN

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn until Monday, September 9, 2013.

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