

Monday, September 16, 2013

9:00 AM CONVENED

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

9:30 AM WEED REPORT

Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to discuss fall work schedule.

10:00 AM ROAD/SHOP REPORT

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman met to present the Road/Shop Report.

Choat Pit-The only work left to complete on the Choat Pit is to finish hauling scoria and reseed it.

Johnson Pit-The only work left to complete on the Johnson Pit is to reseed it.

Gravel Permits-Permission granted to ask Mark Carlstrom to write future permits for the County.

Bridges-TransCanada wants to start on the bridges that will be used for the pipeline route. The bridge North of Westmore Road is the one they are the most concerned about.

Pine Creek Bridge-The State of Montana sent notification to the County to post the Pine Creek Bridge. Bobby will check on this.

Highland Pipeline-A representative for Highland Pipeline stated this Pipeline is ready to go.

Road Closed-Discussed the Hadley's "road closed signs" and why they are still up. Commissioner Ranum is checking on this. Fallon County has declared the road but we have no easement on this road; the Oilfield has an easement on the road.

Boat Dock-Commissioner Ranum discussed getting a sign for the boat dock at the Lake. Will discuss this with Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor. Apparently there was an issue with someone parking on the boat dock.

CLOSED-HIPAA

MID-MONTH CLAIMS

The Commission reviewed and approved the September, 2013 mid-month claims in the amount of \$147,890.32 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

RECESS

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

NOON RECESS

1:00 PM RECONVENE

PRESENT Deb Ranum, Chairperson and William L. Randash, Member.

1:30 PM-Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

PLANNER/FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER REPORT

1:30 PM-Desiree' Thielen met to present updates.

PARK REPORT

1:35 PM-Scott Rabbit, Park Supervisor

Aerators-The aerators have been removed from the Lake.

Sign-Discussed placing a sign at the boat docks "Do Not block the boat dock".

Road-Commissioner Randash questioned the scoria road built to the Lake Park playground. Scott stated it was needed to get the equipment to the playground for the Tile Project.

Cement Work-The cement work is completed at the Plevna and Lake Parks.

PLANNER/FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER REPORT

1:45 PM-Desiree' Thielen met to present updates

CTEP-Plevna-Desiree' is waiting on a quote for fencing the Playground in Plevna and also will try to place a light on Main Street near the School for safety purposes.

Baker-\$48,000 for 22 lights on Main Street.

MTDOT-Would there be an interest by the County in placement of a four-way stop light in Baker. Commissioner Ranum feels everyone likes the 4-way stop as is.

Bypass-Discussed the possibility of having a feasibility study completed for the bypass if the City and/or the County would fund it; may also cause the study to be bumped up in priority. Shane Mintz,

MT-DOT District Supervisor indicated the study would cost \$200,000.00. Desiree' stated her one concern is this would take people out of the area rather than having people drive through town; Desiree' expressed this concern to Shane as well.

Baker East Project (Griffith property)-Traffic study was approved by MT DOT for motel and gas station. The Developer would also like to place an 80 unit RV Park in this area.

Running's-Desiree' stated the Landowner can petition to the City to annex in without being contiguous. Not sure what they will do at this time.

2:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for the scheduled public comment.

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

The Commission reviewed and approved the July 1-July 3, 2013 Commissioner Proceedings with spelling and grammar corrections.

2:30 PM-PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Sparks, Landowner met to present a few updates regarding the Belle Fourche Pipeline.

Tom brought a copy of the old Belle Fourche pipeline easement, from 1955, for the Commission to review.

Grazing Association Meeting

They went to meet with Debra Bell in Gillette and felt they had a good understanding after the meeting. Tom explained the version sent to the County Attorney, after the meeting in Gillette was forwarded to everyone. Tom feels Debra Bell's version of the easement removed the liability agreement that had been agreed upon for the Hiland, TransCanada, Oneok Pipelines which limits the liability for the landowner/renter so they do not lose their land. Tom wanted to bring this to the Commissioners attention before the meeting Tuesday night.

Next landowner meeting with Debra Bell will be on the 24th, they will then meet with the Commission on the 30th.

3:00 HOME OF HOPE REQUEST

Mike Zangara met to discuss the Home of Hope with the Commission. Mike gave an overview for the Commission to have an understanding of the project. This would be a home, built by the Community for Tom and Deb Barth. The thought was started by Steve and Sue Sieler to build a new home for the Barth's which would be paid for by the Community. The Church has raised (no tithe money). The home would be used to raise Foster children. There will be 4 bedrooms dedicated to foster children of the 6 bedroom home. The Community paid some expenses for the Barth's; Griffith Excavating hauled the old house away at no charge. Mike stated they would like to know if the County would forgive all or part of the tipping fee. The Commission would like to discuss this with Commissioner Baldwin when he returns before a decision is made. The Barth's have agreed to sell the Gathering Place and put 75-80 percent of that funding back into the budget.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

4:00 PM-Wanda Pinnow, Pat Ehret, Courtney Dietz and Don Selle, Fair Board Members and **Barb Lechler**, Fair Manager met to present updates.

New Building Discussion

Old Building sizes-Wood Building is approximately 52' x 96'; metal building is approximately 30' x 80'

4:05 PM Don Buerkle, Fair Board Member joined the meeting.

New building—100' x 150' was the original building size; 18' sidewalls. Feel it could be used as a multi-purpose building for sports overflows, fall festival, housing vendors during the Fair, expo/trade shows, use for inclement weather, concerts, car show. Commissioner Ranum would like to be able to use a pre-engineered building. Commissioner Randash would like to have the new building connect to the existing Exhibit Hall. Both Commissioner's would like to see the building be placed where the existing buildings are now and take into consideration the water flow.

Courtney explained he feels by not having an engineer, the building will end up as a pole barn type building. Wanda stated it is hard for the Fair Board to oversee projects. Don feels the Fair Board needs to have the Fair Board meeting first and bring back more of their thoughts to the Commission. All agreed.

Big barn- Commissioner Ranum would like the big barn to be internally insulated and sheeted.

Concerts-Discussed not going over \$75,000 for the Saturday Night (Fair) concerts. All Agreed.

Sound system-Research completed by Walt's sound guy (JZ SOUND-Justin Zich), Bismarck, ND and Don Buerkle; found it would cost about \$20,000 to upgrade the system. They will discuss this at Fair Board tonight. Don B. has a few alternatives he would like to discuss and improve on. They feel it would improve the sound by about 80%.

Don Selle presented the original building quote from Griffith Steel and sizes of the wood and metal buildings.

Financial Report-Barb presented the financial report from the Fair. Rodeos saw a loss of \$22,420.00; Motor Mania saw a profit of \$5,573.00; Trailer show saw a loss of \$1,056.00; Premiums paid \$12,464.00; Night show loss of \$48,503.00; Carnival loss \$18,100.00. The overall loss for this year's Fair was \$185,225.13. The group left the discussion at 5:10 PM.

MISCELLANEOUS

Report-The Commission received the NESHAP (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants) Inspection report for the Sheriff remodel project. This report is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Dispatch Remodel-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson a change order for the Dispatch remodel project. This consists of: Widen the Mechanical room to accommodate data conduits; County portion to add Helical Pier foundation stabilization; add floor sink to the kitchen; add data conduits to basement and under floor to Dispatch consoles; add sewer service to Lincoln Ave; add 18 x 20 parking slab next to shop in boulevard. The total costs of the change order is \$29,949.00.

Encroachment Permits-The Commission reviewed and approved Encroachment Permit #577 for Mid-Rivers to place cable within County right of way along Yellowstone Road in Sections 29 & 30-9-56. This will provide service to the home of a private individual. Also reviewed and approved Encroachment Permit #578 for Mid-Rivers to place cable within County right of way along Airport and Bracket Butte Roads in Sections 24, 35, 30, 31, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 17, 21-7 & 6-59 & 60. This is to upgrade facilities SE of Baker.

REPORTS/FLYERS/MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the following:

July, 2013-Ambulance Financial Report-8 Runs; Charges-\$6,695.00; Payments-9,345.31; Bad debts, adjustments and write-offs-\$2072.45.

August, 2013-Ambulance Financial Report-9 Runs; Charges-\$15,305.00; Payments-9,331.49; Bad debts, Medicare/Medicaid, adjustments and write offs-\$3,606.95.

Fall, 2013-Extension Flyer

Landfill Inspection Report-August 27, 2013-The DEQ Coral Creek Landfill on-site inspection report was very favorable in comparison to prior reports received.

Airport Project Status Memo-The reimbursement for 2012 paving has been requested and received. Runway grooving will be completed September 27-30. The flight check crew indicated the communication tower at the Courthouse was an obstruction. KLJ double checked the tower and determined the tower is not an obstruction. The Helena ADO has been asked to review and provide guidance. KLJ is recommending the Airport Influence Area and Zoning Ordinance for the Baker Airport be reviewed and updated to provide for stricter height limitations on tower and objects in the vicinity of the airport.

REVENUES

Bowers Oil and Gas-July, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$2.79

State of Montana-September, 2013-Gas Tax Reimbursement-\$4,135.39

ADJOURN

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

ADJOURN.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder