

## FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

### 9:00 AM CONVENE

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

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

**9:00 AM Desiree' Thielen**, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator met for final review of the Latigo Trail Minor Subdivision.

Desiree' found a minor error on the plat and is waiting to hear from Adam Thompson, Surveyor.

Since all conditions were not met this Subdivision will be reviewed again after the balance of the conditions are met.

Julie Post, Developer was asked to join. Julie was asked if they (Doug and Julie-Developers) could blade a path, (for the remainder of the road), to the back lot, (stated in condition 6), this portion of the road does not need to be surfaced. Commissioner Baldwin asked if Doug had a blade or disc so he could do this. Julie felt they could get it done. Desiree' will wait to hear from Adam on condition #3.

### 9:45 AM WELLNESS COMMITTEE

**Barbara Ketterling, Kathy Newell, Debbie Wyrick, Alba Higgins** and **Bobby Wiedmer**, Wellness Committee met to update the Commission on various items.

**Wellness Meeting**-They had a Wellness meeting last week and discussed a walking program, with trivia. They would like to ask for wellness funds, to be split between FMC and Fallon County Employees for prizes. The Commission granted permission to allow \$500.00 per month for the wellness programs.

**Snack machine**-Barb stated they would also like to purchase a snack machine for healthy snacks and get rid of the candy machine. Fallon County receives no revenue from the machine and does not believe the vendor is taxed for it. The cost of the machine is \$2500.00, including shipping. Permission granted to purchase the healthy snack machine and have the candy machines removed.

**Wyoming Summit**-They would like to go to the Summit in Wyoming this year and would like permission to do so; felt there may be some travel expenses. The Commission granted permission to go to the Summit (if the weather is good) and will pay for the expenses with Wellness funds.

### ROAD/SHOP REPORT

**10:15 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman**

**Old Buildings**-Commissioner Ranum asked about contacting a contractor to remove the old building from the Huft property. Bobby stated everything has been disconnected.

**New John Deere Loader**-Load Rite is training on the new load system. Permission granted to release the bond. They will work with Alba and Brittanie Larson, Secretary on the program.

**Lighting**-Barth Electric finished the lighting in both buildings, they turned the sensitivity down; appears to be much better. They may still have to do some small adjusting.

**Fuel island**-Barth Electric also repaired the lights over the fuel island.

**Fuel Master**-Finished the new fuel system.

**Underground storage tanks**-Aged tanks will probably be discussed during the next legislature. Once a tank reaches a certain age they want to mandate they be physically checked inside. Alba feels the County may want to look at a tank monitoring system before it is mandated. The Commission suggested we wait to see what the legislature mandates. Tanks also have to be state certified as operators; so far Alba and Roger Meggers, Airport Manager are certified, should add Mitch and Bobby later.

**Fuel system**-Discussed having the rings placed on County vehicles such as fleet vehicles because it also monitors the vehicles that need serviced.

**Old Loader**-This loader was traded to John Deere; the County shop is installing a new window before it leaves the shop.

**Compact Landfill loader**-John Deere is installing the guarding for this loader.

**Sheriff pickup**-They are installing new brakes on the Sheriff's pickup.

**Small pickups**-They are repairing the small pickups for the road crew.

**Senior Citizen bus**-They repaired the old Senior Citizen bus; it is up and going.

**Road Maintenance**-They are hauling gravel on various County roads. Coral Creek Road is finished. Currently working on the Anticline Road.

**Cabin Creek Wash**-They have the washed area in Cabin Creek finished (near Dan Thielen's).

**Bridge**-They will need to haul a few more loads to the bridge by Vassar's.

**T800 Kenworth**-Drove the truck to Rocky Mountain Cummins in Billings rather than hauling it; RM Cummins feels it is a sensor issue.

**Software**-Alba would like to get the software upgrades, this would allow the shop to diagnose computer issues on County vehicles/trucks. Permission granted. Alba will check on costs and where they can get the program.

**Training**-Call before you dig training will be held February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Bobby would like to send the entire crew to this. The Commission granted permission.

**Road sign**-Further discussed the issue with David and Anna Crawford's road sign.

**11:15 AM-Lisa Mitchell**, Ambulance Director met to discuss various items of business.

#### **COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made a motion to approve the minutes from November 25, 2013 as submitted. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no one to appear for Public Comment the Commission discussed various items of business.

#### **COMMISSIONER BUSINESS**

**Gun Range** Commissioner Randash is not sure how much Grant funding would be available for an Indoor Shooting Range. Commissioner Randash explained Jason Rittal, Executive Director-EPEDC found out the Rangemaster has to be a paid position. Grant funding will not be available until the County breaks ground, etc. Commissioner Randash feels we should fund the building and get what grants are available. The group discussed the fact the funding has been budgeted for several years. Commissioner Ranum asked if there should be a public survey completed. Commissioner Randash does not feel that will change his mind but would like letters of support. The group also discussed having more than one Rangemaster.

#### **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.

#### **MID MONTH-JANUARY, 2013 CLAIMS APPROVALS**

The Commission reviewed and approved the following mid-month claims in the amount of \$519,675.02 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

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

**2:00 PM Jon Brosz**, Brosz Engineering; **Lance Wedemeyer**, Public Works Director; **Desiree' Thielen**, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator and **Clayton Hornung**, Mayor-City of Baker.

**Creek Channel through Baker**-Clayton explained the City applied for a permit a few years ago, after the County tried to get the cement placed in the creek channel. The City was told not to touch the creek channel until the Baker Lake issue was resolved.

Discussed finding the pins because Brosz Engineering shot the hydrology already.

Fallon County is owner of the creek channel but the maintenance was turned over to the City.

**Plan**-Meet with DEQ and DNRC; follow the master plan and phase it in. Discussed making sure to contact the Agencies before the City/County submit the actual permit.

**Mitigation Dam**-Finding an area to mitigate due to the Baker Lake issue was discussed. Discussed answering the 42 items the CORP wants addressed from the Interstate Engineering Restoration plan. The items were found in the Lake File. Desiree' is going to contact the agencies to see if they will all come here to discuss the issues at hand and the emergency issue pertaining to washing of the creek channel.

**New box culverts**-Jon stated he feels the County needs to contact Fish Wildlife and Parks because they are forcing Brosz to bury the new box culverts due to the fish. This is causing extra costs to the County because we have to purchase larger culverts, etc.

**Meeting/Conference Call**-Contact all the people and try to get a conference call/meeting scheduled with everyone that would be involved for the creek channel issues.

**Lagoon Cell**-Jon stated Sloane Weidmann, FEMA has accepted the lagoon cell model; they should get a letter from her accepting this.

**Jon Tester**-Clayton stated he is going to talk to Tester about these issues again.

**3:00 PM-Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor and **Luke Hauke**, City of Baker-Police Officer/Community member.

**Quotes**-Luke has sparked an interest in the Community for cross country skiing. Luke discussed grooming the lake and purchasing grooming equipment. Luke brought quotes for a groomer and snowmobile and explained the area would have to be maintained daily because of the other snowmobile use. They could section off a portion of the lake for the track. Could possibly get someone to donate the track setting if they did not want to purchase the snowmobile. Will look into it further.

**Comprehensive Plan**-Scott brought the park comprehensive plan for the Commission to view.

**Walk path**-Scott would also like to extend the walk path; would need to get easements first.

**3:30 PM** Commission went to view the progress of the Sheriff/Dispatch remodel project.

**3:50 PM Mike Kirschten**, Shooting Range Board Chair

**Indoor Shooting Range Discussion**-Commissioner Randash spoke to Jason Rittal, Executive Director-EPEDC about grants; not sure what is available until ground breaking.

**Rangemaster**-Jason stated he was told the Rangemaster had to be a paid position. Discussed getting further history of the shoots, how many attend, etc., etc. Mike and Mona Madler brought in letters of support to pass along. Mike stated they would be able to hold Archery, Small Bore, Turkey Shoots, Pistol Shoots, etc.; this would be set up to handle small caliber but does not advocate to large bore.

**Scheduling**-Discussed how they would schedule the range to be open. Mike stated the Board Members are certified Rangemasters with the NRA; they have insurance through the NRA. Commissioner Randash suggested they get everyone together to discuss how a schedule would work.

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to proceed with the Indoor Shooting Range project. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion if it is amended to state they will try to keep it to a \$1.1 million project; use proposals and scheduled management solutions. **Commissioner Ranum** called for those in favor of the motion, with amendments. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Gun Range Board**-They will meet January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Library Basement, if the Commission would like to attend.

**4:30 PM Ambulance Board Appointments**

**Lisa Mitchell** and **Bridgette Schwartz**, Ambulance Members

One person pulled their letter of interest this morning. The following individuals submitted letters of interest: **Steve Stanhope, James Lunde, Edwina "Teddy" Stoddard, Mike Reddick and Peggy Bagley-Smith.**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to appoint the 5 stated to the Fallon County Ambulance Board. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk and Recorder will get letters to those individuals. The Commission stated the next step will be for the new Board to prepare a job description and get the ad for the position in the paper.

#### **COMMISSIONER MISCELLANEOUS**

**Local Government Study Commission**-The Commission agreed 1 Mill, or approximately \$33,253.00 would be the amount budgeted for the Local Government Study Commission budget if so passed by the public.

**Snow**-Discussed issues when dumping snow at the Fairgrounds.

**Elections**-The Clerk and Recorder would like the old JP office for Elections. Commission stated Sheriff Barkley is using this office at least until the remodel is finished.

#### **REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS**

**Container site log**-January 18, 2014-31 loads hauled to the Container Site

**4:45 PM-Commissioner Baldwin** was excused.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to appoint Randy Wolenez to the Weed Board. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to adjourn until Monday, January 26, 2014. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:  
s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder