

Monday, June 9, 2014

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

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

**9:00 AM CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting was cancelled.

**9:05 AM Lance Wedemeyer**, Public Works Director met to update on previously discussed projects.

**Drainage**-By Lyle Neary and County property was discussed. Lance stated the City has plans to pave the street by Neary and Owens; with this would also place curb and gutters. The Landowners have agreed to pay for the curb and gutter by each of their properties. Lance would like to cost share the paving.

**Baker Lake**-Lance asked how long the Commission plans to keep the chemical in the lake because the Upper Lake is getting full. The Commission would like to keep it in the lake as long as possible.

**Interlocal Agreement**-Lance would like an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County to assist with various maintenance items.

**Code Enforcement Officer**-The City is discussing hiring a Code Enforcement Officer to assist with the City's new ordinances and hope it will help alleviate all the extra work in the Planning Department.

**9:20 AM Debbie Wyrick**, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

FY15 Salary Schedule continued work:

**Planner**-Add \$2.00 extra for those in the Planning Department to get Certified. No other individuals will be added to the Planning Department. The Commission would like to hire a Sanitarian for more hours to assist them.

**Sanitarian**-No decision on an amount.

**Shooting Range Positions**-No full time employees; this will be membership managed.

**Human Resource**-Discussed further but no decision.

**9:45 AM PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared for Public Comment.

**10:00 AM LeRoy Tronstad**, Landowner; **Randy Wolenetz, Richard Malcom, Steve Gonsioroski**, Weed Board Members; **Dale Butori**, Weed Supervisor; **Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman

**Tronstad Pit**-Discussed the pros and cons of opening this gravel pit. The Weed Board will make a decision at their meeting tonight. Will discuss at their meeting and let the Commission know. Richard will bring the Weed Board recommendation to the Commission.

Commissioner Randash would like to attend the Weed Board Meeting tonight.

Everyone left the meeting with the exception of Bobby and Alba.

**10:30 AM Bobby and Alba's Reports**

**Pickup**-Road Foreman new pickup is here; will only need to remove the radio from the old pickup and it will be ready for the Ambulance Director.

**Bridge on Steffes'**-The cost to replace the bridge with a triple 14 x 14 low water crossing was discussed as cost prohibitive. The cost to build a road the other direction would be considerably less. That road has already had a new box culvert placed in it; the County also has an easement on the South Plevna Road. Discussed closing the road if the bridge by the Highway is not replaced. Bobby will figure how much time it will take to build up the road for the ½ mile needed.

**Cattle guards**-Albert Paul cattle guard was discussed. The Commission all agreed they will not pay Albert Paul back for the cattle guard he paid for as it was not a cattle guard the County was required to pay for. Mike Gunderson's cattle guard would be placed to eliminate fencing, which goes against County policy so Commission would not allow.

**Culvert**-Will replace a culvert on Johny Creek Trail with a 60' culvert. Should not need to provide an alternate route as Bobby feels they could get the project completed in one day. There will be two track hoes from Griffith Excavating placing the culvert.

**Road Issues**-Karen Leibee called in and stated the trucks hauling pipe on the road past their residence have gone through the road material (gravel). Bobby will review the road as soon as possible. Mrs. Geving stated the road by her residence is also in poor shape. Bobby stated they are pulling the shoulders on the North Plevna Road.

**Vehicle Maintenance**-Alba stated the tires are in for the Acadia; Malibu-Tires are bad, A/C is not working and transaxle seal is bad; Deputy Sheriff Pickup needs tires; old Road Foreman's pickup is to go to Ambulance Department; the Impala from the Health Department will be going to the County Auction.

**Landfill Equipment**-County Shop crew is maintaining some of the Landfill equipment.

**Packer**-The packer has been repaired.

**Blade**-Have the windshield for one of the blades, so will get it installed.

**Mower**-The mower is finally here, it appears to be in good condition so we can release their bond.

**11:05 AM David Espeland**, CEO and **Selena Nelson**, CFO – Fallon Medical Complex; **Debbie Wyrick** and **Alba Higgins**, Health Insurance Committee.

**Health Insurance**-EBMS (Health Insurance Carrier) discussed various items before completion of the new plan document is sent to the printer. Alba and Debbie left the discussion.

**PVCI-Roofing Project**-Released by Surety as the project is complete.

**Drainage Project**-This project is on hold; David stated they would like to complete renovation of rooms damaged by previous water damage. Apartment 3 is almost finished; Upland did a good job. Rod Kilsdonk is almost finished with the flooring. Barth will repair the fan in restroom of Apartment 3 and downstairs light as well. Still working on repairs in the other damaged Apartment.

**Remaining work**-Wait on most of the carpet until the drainage is complete. Discussed asking Upland to update other Apartments. Selena suggested updating after the tenants move out. David will visit with Upland to see if he would have time or be interested.

**Basement-Old Purchasing Area**-David stated the decision is to bid this project in the fall rather than now due to how busy everyone is. It is felt we may receive better pricing in the Fall; also discussed carrying over Mill Levy Funds.

**Laundry Room**-Plan to move the laundry area so will need to reroute the sewer for this project. They found one broken pipe in the Hallway but the sewer lines are intact.

**Electronic Medical Records**-Training and converting to update their software to the new system. This comes with extra costs, etc.

**Financials**-May numbers were down so it was another tough month.

**Ambulance Director**-Selena feels they need to discuss a price increase for the Ambulance. Selena will contact the Ambulance Board.

## RECESS

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

Noon Recess

## 1:00 PM RECONVENE

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

**1:10 PM Tom Kachel**, Landfill Manager

**New Building**-Discussed draining the water from the building into a large tank; the water can be used for everything with the exception of drinking water.

**E & P Pit**-Quote for New Pit-Hufford Construction-\$23,000; Wyrick Construction-\$25,000; Griffith Excavating-No Quote received. Commission agreed to accept the quote received from Hufford Construction.

**Hay**-Not available now.

**Riverside**-They ordered a fuel cap from Riverside Marine and Cycle but it was never received. Tom refused to pay the bill as it was never received but they continue to bill the County. Tom purchased a cap from NAPA instead. Lani DeBuhr, AP Clerk is taking care of the billing issues.

**AVCO**-This is the company that will be in charge of the garbage for the man camp; they set up an account for garbage, etc.

**Fuel Tank**-Moved the fuel tank to the new shop. Tom would like to get a large fiberglass trough to place the fuel tank in.

**Electricians**-Waiting on them to finish.

**Container Site**-Commissioner Ranum asked if they felt there was a safety issues at the Landfill /Container Site when they are by themselves. Tom stated they all have a cell phones.

**Seasonal Help**-A J will be working with the tire grinder.

**Brush pile**-They are working on the brush pile.

**Road work**-Needs more scoria and the culvert still has not been placed.

**Delinquent Accounts**-Still working on the delinquent accounts list. The Commission asked Tom to notify the Commission anytime anyone hits the 60 day mark.

**Cattle guard**-The Road Department repaired the cattle guard. Tom left at 1:45 PM

#### **1:45 PM-Marilyn Michel, Action for Eastern Montana**

Marilyn met to discuss the **Preliminary Budgets for the Aging Department** (Congregate and Home Delivered Meals, Skilled Nursing, etc.). The Preliminary budgets shows where they plan to place funding. There was a decrease in State and Federal funds but Fallon County is still receiving a good amount of funds. Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson; Marilyn explained they have to be signed so we can receive the funds even if the funding changes.

#### **2:00 PM Clayton Hornung, Mayor-City of Baker**

**SID 34 & 35**-Discussed various ways to fund these such as InterCap Loans, etc. Clayton felt it would be helpful if the County could pay their portion upfront. The Commission agreed the County would do so. Clayton felt that figure was approximately \$200,000, which is based on the square footage.

**Wages**-Scott Anderson and Brandon Schmidt are working on job descriptions, etc. for the City.

**Justice Court**-Discussed the request for staff changes and cosmetic changes to her office.

**Street Maintenance**-1/2 street by Lyle Neary was discussed. The County, Neary and other Landowner agreed to pay for the curb and gutter and asked if the City would pay for the asphalt. Clayton will discuss this with Lance and the City Council.

**Interlocal Agreement**-The group discussed the Planning Interlocal Agreement. There is still no solid numbers submitted by anyone (County or City). Clayton stated they have discussed setting up their own Zoning Commission. The County will look at it further and get back to Clayton.

#### **3:08 PM Roger Meggers, Airport Manager**

#### **3:12 PM Penny Zimmerman, Senator Tester's Representative**

Penny met to get updated on various topics.

**Baker Lake**-This is gone absolutely nowhere; the Commission was still working with Interstate Engineering.

**Upper Dam**-Discussed working on Upper Dam maintenance as a starting point to hopefully gain ground with the issues of the Baker Lake. Penny would like the Commission to get their questions together so she can schedule a meeting (via phone conference).

**MOA**-Roger discussed his concerns regarding the expansion of the Air Force Operating Airspace. Penny explained the Senator does not want the Military to move in and expand their exercises. South Dakota wants to make Ellsworth look good so it stays open.

Steve Daines changed his thought process after speaking to Roger.

David Turch is interested in being a Lobbyist for this very purpose. David will be coming to Baker on Friday to meet with various individuals. Roger stated there are still so many people that do not know about this and how it will impact expanded areas as far as Health, Safety and Economically.

The group discussed there is no way to respond electronically, *unless* you are in Wyoming.

**3:40 PM Kathy Newell, Elections Clerk met to help conduct the Canvass of Elections with the Commission.**

The Commission completed the Canvass of Election and found there to be no errors.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4:45 PM Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to accept the April 3, 2014 Minutes as submitted. **Commissioner Randash** seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Change Order**-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson a Change Order for the Dispatch/Sheriff Addition. The amount of the Changer Order was \$100,000 to add to the contingency for the Sheriff's Office Addition.

**Construction Minutes**-Commission received the minutes of the June 4, 2014 Dispatch Construction Meeting.

**Information**-The Commission received notification from the US Department of State of the availability of the Errata Sheet for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Keystone XL Project and where interested parties may locate the Errata Sheet.

#### **REPORT**

**Ambulance Report**-May, 2014-10 Runs-Total Charges-\$8,585.00; Payments-\$8,212.06; Adjustments \$545.12.

#### **RECESS**

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to recess until June 13, 2014 at 4:00 PM. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

RECESS

Friday, June 13, 2014

#### **4:00 PM FALLON COUNTY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM**

#### **4:25 PM CONVENED**

**PRESENT Deb Ranum**, Chairperson and **Steve Baldwin**, Member

**Others Present-Roger Meggers**, Airport Manager; **Vera M. Abrams**, Airport Secretary (Recording Secretary), **Clayton Hornung**, Mayor-City of Baker; **Luther Waterland**, Carter County Commissioner; **David Turch**, DT and Associates.

The group discussed the expansion of the Air Force Military Operation Airspace in great detail. **David Turch**, David Turch and Associates presented his credentials and discussed how he feels he can help by Lobbying against this expansion.

ADJOURNED,  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder