

## FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS

Monday, March 24, 2014

### 9:00 AM CONVENE

**PRESENT** William L. Randash and Steve Baldwin, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

**9:00 AM Arnold Pinnow** met to discuss the Pinnow Pit.

Reclaim the pit as soon as they are finished with it and fill the low area.

Commissioner Baldwin stated it was a priority to get out and reclaim the pit.

Arnold feels he has approximately 20,000 yards of gravel left if the County would be interested in purchasing it.

**9:02 AM Commissioner Ranum** joined

It was explained to Commissioner Ranum, Arnold felt there was approximately 20,000 yards of gravel left. Arnold stated he would like to receive \$2.00 per yard for the remaining material. They may have to go through Craig and Wanda's to get to that gravel so the County may have to do some road work to get to it (culvert and place cattle guard). The Commissioner's will discuss this with Bobby.

Arnold asked if the County has to seed what is recommended. Commissioner Ranum felt they do.

Arnold wondered if he could pay for Alfalfa and the County could then seed that. If that is not allowed, Arnold will have to seed it. The Commission will find out and let Arnold know.

**9:30 AM Angie Rabbitt**, Recreation Director and **Jana Wagner** (Assistant)

**Introduction**-Angie introduced Jana Wagner as her new Assistant.

**Spring Training**-They finished Spring Training last week.

**Community Bus**-Angie stated the Community Bus was used to pick up the after school program children one day when it was extremely cold. They were thankful for the rides for everyone.

**Adult Ed classes** – Scott Anderson will hold a class this Saturday.

**Basketball Jam**-41 teams for basketball jam this year; 4 divisions each day and they are guaranteed 3 games. Angie needs enough people for referees, gates, concessions, clocks, etc.

**Baseball**-Sign-ups for baseball will be next Wednesday. There should be a Babe Ruth team this year. Angie stated she has to hire coaches as she cannot get volunteers anymore.

**Preschool dance**-Will be going for 2 weeks; has enough for a 3<sup>rd</sup> session. The older girls will start the 7<sup>th</sup> and the recital will be the end of the month.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**-Alvin Madler approached her about having remote control planes; Tom Bruha discussed a car show; Roger looked into an air show-\$12,000; Inflatables-checking with the business from Bismarck; street dance or a band at the Amphitheatre; Shakespeare in the Park, possibly look into the Missoula Children's Community Theatre.

**Movie Night**-Angie would like to try to have a movie one Friday night a month at the Longfellow. These would be box office movies (before they come out on DVD); this would be sponsorship provided. May charge and use it as a fund raiser for the after school program.

**Amphitheatre**-Angie would like to try to have a Band on Sunday's at Amphitheatre.

**10:10 AM-Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman; **Jon Brosz** and **Shannon Hewson**, Brosz Engineering

**Alba's Report**-The MACK with the new transmission has an injector problem. Alba is going to try to get it in to Glendive.

**Sterling Truck #196**-Lost the Heater Core.

**Mandatory Training**-The Road Department has Mandatory Training on Wednesday, Alba plans to keep the crew in to do oil changes, etc and work on the shop blade, after the training is over.

**TWE Generator Issue**-Have to manually transfer the power; they feel it is a circuit board. Alba stated they need to have an indicator in Dispatch that shows when the power is switching over from MDU to generator.

**Culvert**-Patched a culvert that was under-washing.

**Software update**-They received the updates for the JPRO Software.

**Tools**-Will be purchasing some new tools for the oil change room.

**10:25 PM Jon Brosz** and **Shannon Hewson**, Brosz Engineering joined the group to present updates.

**Sunnybank and Division Structures**-Commissioner Ranum signed the necessary paperwork for the projects.

**Cemetery Project**-The group discussed the drainage project at Bonnievale Cemetery. The decision was to have Iven attend a Commissioner meeting to further explain the project.

**North Baker Drainage**-The group discussed moving forward with the Shell Oil Road portion of the drainage project. Jon stated it could be tied in with the Cemetery project.

**Upper Baker Lake**-They sent approval for the plans; waiting on one of the State Agencies. They will get the permit and will then be ready to go to bid. This will be a Fall Project.

**Cabin Creek Culvert**-Jon has not checked on the issue with the underground springs; Jon stated they may need to lay a coconut mat but will need to wait for Bobby on that matter.

**Bridges**-The group discussed how many bridges the Commission would like to repair in FY15. The Commission would like to ask the Road Foreman first. Jon stated they (Brosz Engineering) will get the landowner signatures and permits so they can be ready to go to bid.

**Feed Mill Bridge**-Jon stated they are putting a rush on the Feed Mill bridge and will bring a list of other County bridges in next Monday.

**Channel behind NAPA**-The Commission requested information from the Abstract office regarding ownerships along the creek channel. Jon stated they have been observing the wall behind the west side of Reynolds Shopping Center (behind NAPA) whenever in the area.

**Fencing/Seeding**-Jon explained they will not include the fencing and seeding with the box culverts because it is cleaner and better for the locals to bid it per year as an RFQ-Request for Quote. The Commission agreed.

**11:00 AM-Jason Rittal**, Executive Director-EMEDC – Project updates.

**Survey**-Discussed conducting a Needs Assessment Survey to be completed for Fallon County jointly with the City of Baker, Town of Plevna and the Sewer and Water Districts to see what the needs are for all entities.

**Capital Improvement Plan**-Jason discussed the County's Capital Improvement Plan for Roads, Bridges and Infrastructure.

**Impound Lot**-The Commission stated the City of Baker, as well as the Sheriff's Department has discussed the need for a secured impound lot.

**Fallon County Water/Sewer**-(Known to most as Stanhope Sewer/Water) will need to run lines to the existing septic systems and stub to the other lots. Those that have more than one connecting lot get one service, any extra services, they have to pay for.

**Ken Griffith Subdivision**-Discussed SID and repayment to the County (if the County was able to loan funds toward the project). Jason would recommend only if those in the Subdivision show the County the mechanism of repayment for the land that is not Fallon County Land. The Commission would like Iron Horse to be included in the project therefore this would be in the County's best interest to assist if possible.

## RECESS

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to recess. **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; **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder.

**Jason Rittal**, Executive Director-EPEDC and **Jean Rost**, Fallon County Water/Sewer Secretary met to discuss the Fallon County Water and Sewer District Project.

**Project funding**-Have applied for \$625,000 in grants, to date. The total projected cost is expected to be \$1,581,420.65. If Fallon County could assist the District with \$950,000 to make the project whole that would be so appreciated, otherwise the project will be put off further. Expected Construction date will be 2016.

**District payments**-The District could pay back \$40,000 per year; of those funds \$10,000 would go to EPEDC as payment for Jason's work on the project funding, etc. The balance of the funds would be set aside in a separate fund for the District's future projects.

**Additional information**-Jason stated the Commission could ask the District to place a 3% user rate increase per year; a portion could possibly go toward Jason's organization. Jason has not approached the District on this yet.

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to provide up to \$1,000,000, based on the Opinion of Probable cost, to go toward the Fallon County Water Sewer District (Stanhope Addition) project. This amount is contingent upon receipt of grant funds. In addition the District will maintain, at minimum, the 2014 MT DEPT OF COMMERCE rate and add 3% additional per year to user rates. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**2:00 PM-Baker Municipal Airport Cold Storage Hangar** bid opening.

**Present-Roger Meggers**, Airport Manager

**Bid**-Commissioner Ranum read aloud the bid received for the Hangar:

**Griffith Steel**-\$448,000-For materials and labor for the building, concrete, electrical, doors and specified apron work.

Cost per yard for Concrete Work \$500.00

Cost-completed sq. yd. for Apron Work \$70.00

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to accept the bid received from Griffith Steel in the amount of \$448,000 which includes materials and labor for the building, concrete, electrical, doors and specified apron work for the Airport Cold Storage Hangar. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

**Roger Meggers** and **Jon Brosz**, Brosz Engineering discussed the proposed expansion of the Powder River Training Airspace in detail. Jon will take information to the Bowman Airport Board.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**2:45 PM Joe Janz**

**Brock Collins**, Baker Fire Department Member spoke first.

**Confined space training** -Brock explained various members of the Baker Rural Fire Department trained in Confined Space. The equipment they would need to allow them to rescue in confined spaces would cost approximately \$13,000. They also plan to take other trainings related to Search and Rescue.

**Equipment**-Darold will meet with them next week to see what current Search and Rescue equipment could be brought over to the Fire Hall. Search and Rescue will donate the repelling items to 4H. The Clerk and Recorder discussed using the existing Search and Rescue budget to purchase updated equipment. The Commission felt if there was enough budget that would be okay to use.

They may put some of the items in the enclosed trailer, currently used for the 4 wheeler, and purchase a bumper trailer for the 4 wheeler and drags.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Joe Janz**-South Sandstone projects.

Joe explained the following projects planned for the South Sandstone area:

▪**Expansion of the Boat Dock**

▪**Handicap accessible fishing ramp**

▪**Erosion Management**

Joe brought pictures of the erosion and Cordell Perkins, FWP is writing up a proposal for the rip/rap. FWP is hoping to get the County to help pay for the rock.

**Dingle Johnson Act**-Joe brought information on the Act. The Act was designed to create revenues for the States though sales of fishing licenses. This funding goes to the States' FWP Departments to distribute to various fishing facilities in the State of Montana.

## **3:30 PM COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDING APPROVAL**

The Commission reviewed and approved the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Commissioner Proceedings with spelling and grammar corrections.

**3:35 PM Don Buerkle**, Fair Board Member met to get permission to purchase a new sound system for the Rodeo Arena-Quoted cost of approximately \$17,150.00-Permission granted to move forward.

**3:45 PM Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor met to update the Commission on Skate Park, Splash Park and Bike Park. The Dimensions of the Splash Park will be approximately 3500 sq. ft.

**4:15 PM Barry Damschen**, Damschen Consulting-Landfill Engineer and **Tom Kachel**, Landfill Manager met to discuss the life expectancy of the existing Landfill. Barry brought the numbers he had researched for the Commission to review. Discussed moving to the County side which should give the County more years for approximately the same cost. Discussed moving the pipelines so the County can build in the permitted area.

**Contract Amendment #10**-Commissioner Ranum signed the Contract Amendment for Barry for Professional services from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

**State of Montana**-Reimbursement for election travel and use of County Car-\$252.00

**Encroachment Permits**-Denbury-\$150.00; Gunderson Farms-\$150.00

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

**Landfill Report**-February, 2014-Fees collected-Solid Waste Fund-\$30,454.30

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

The Commission and Election Administrator wrote a letter to the Willard Farmers Club regarding the Willard Hall. The decision was made to move the Polling place to the Exhibit Hall for the Election process due to the condition of the Willard Hall. A copy of the letter will also be mailed to each registered voter in that precinct.

The Commission was informed by Travis with ABC Windows of Bismarck, ND, they are unable to complete the Courthouse window project.

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Mileage Certification Form for Fallon County's Gas Tax Funding. The county added (1) mile to bring the total Road miles in Fallon County to 755.827.

The Commission wrote a letter to the Department of the US Air Force in opposition to the Air Force's proposal to expand the training airspace for Ellsworth and Minot Air Force bases.

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the annual Little Beaver Soil Conservation District Mill Levy Verification.

The Commission was notified the Baker Airport will be transferring their FY2014 Non Primary Entitlement Funds to other airports. Should there be any remaining funds, the Baker Airport intends to use those funds on a future project.

The Commission received a Thank You from the Fallon County 4H for helping to make their 4H fruit sale a success and for supporting the 4H program.

#### **ENCROACHMENT PERMIT**

**Permit #587**-Commissioner Ranum signed Permit #587 for Denbury to bore under the Anticline Road in Section 6-Township 10 North-Range 58 East for an oil pipeline. \$150.00 Fee was paid.

**Permit #589**-Commissioner Randash signed Permit #589 for Hiland Crude, LLC to bore under County Road 318 in Sections 25 & 26-Township 7 North-Range 57 East for a Pipeline. \$150.00 Fee was paid.

**Permit #590**-Commissioner Randash signed Permit #590 for Hiland Crude, LLC to bore under County Road 302 in Sections 26 & 35-Township 7 North-Range 57 East for a Pipeline. \$150.00 Fee was paid.

**Permit #591**-Commissioner Randash signed Permit #591 for Hiland Crude, LLC to bore under Little Pine Trail in Section 5-Township 6 North-Range 57 East for a Pipeline. \$150.00 Fee was paid.

**Permit #592**-Commissioner Randash signed Permit #592 for Hiland Crude, LLC to bore under County Road-Plevna Road in Section 18-Township 7 North-Range 58 East for a Pipeline. \$150.00 Fee was paid.

**AGREEMENT**

The Commission signed an agreement with Josie Rieger, Contractor to assist Fallon County with the 2014 Annual Financial Report/Fixed Assets/Budget on an as needed basis. The Contract is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

**JOURNALS**

**The Commission reviewed and approved the following Journals:**

**Journal 408**-Move various claims from the Hospital Fund to the Retirement Fund

**Journal 409**-Move a claim from the FCWSD "Stanhope Addn" Capital Outlay to Purchased services.

**Journal 410**-Move claims from Bridge to Capital Projects-North Baker Drainage Project.

**ADJOURN**

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

Adjourn,  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder