

Monday, May 19, 2014

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

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

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

**10:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman and **Chad Follmer** met to discuss County Roads.

Chad brought a map and pictures of the roads in question. The road near the Doug and Randy Wenz property needs to be smoothed and the culverts need to be maintained.

Chad stated Malcom Access is a mess; it keeps washing and the culvert fills up with snow and freezes.

Chad stated he met with the Commission on November 6, 2009 about this road and the Commission at that time agreed to allow two cattle guards and the County would maintain the road. This road is now impassible. Road closed signs were placed four years ago.

East of Doug and Randy Wenz property on Sage Trail; this is a Seasonal Road but for 2 miles the road is lower than the ditches.

**10:05 AM Jon Brosz**, Brosz Engineering joined.

Back to Chad Follmer-Other roads the culverts are sitting higher than the road base. Chad explained he has to drive 2 to 3 miles out of the way to get to where he needs to go. There is only 5 months out of the year he does not travel the road; (all roads discussed are seasonal roads). The Commission will have to review the minutes from 2009 and go from there. Chad stated names of the Landowners that use these roads frequently (Fred Hoff, Doug and Randy Wenz, Bryant Steen, Dean Wang, Frank Bondell, etc.). Chad added he would give dirt to build up the road as he had stated in 2009.

Chad asked why the County has easements on the road if the road is Seasonal. Bobby stated it is because the landowners do not want the roads closed. Chad asked what constitutes a Seasonal road. Bobby explained Seasonal roads receive minimal maintenance and are not surfaced roads which is what makes them a seasonal road. The minutes will be reviewed and the Commission would like to view the roads as well. Chad felt the Road Department would need to haul dirt on either side of the culverts due to how soft it has made the roads. Chad left the discussion.

**Jon Brosz met to discuss bids from May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grass seeding/Fencing**-Jon stated the numbers were good with the exception of the hydro-seeding. The Fencing includes mobilization and this would be for a one (1) year contract. The Commission will try to remember next year to bid the quote with mileage.

**MOTION**-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept the Rieger Seeding/Fencing quote, without hydro-seeding. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Upper Dam**-Jon recommended the Commission Table the Upper Dam bid from May 7<sup>th</sup> for another week due to the cost of slip-lining. The NRCS is looking at another alternative.

**MOTION**-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to table the upper dam bid until the 27<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Road/Bridge/Shop Report**

**Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman joined the discussion.

**Choat Pit**-Will be empty this week so the Road Department can start to reclaim.

**Blades**-The blades are all running; 2 blades are in Ollie; District 3 blades usually run together on certain roads but are split up today.

**Road Surfacing**-Both the Ismay Road and Cabin Creek Road need gravel. They could possibly get material from the Medearis Pit but that gravel is quite sandy.

**Culverts/Cattle guards**-An operator and backhoe are cleaning and maintaining cattle guards and culverts

**Dust Control**-KFLN has asked for some dust control due to issues with their electronics.

**Shop Report**

**Sprinter**-Waiting on parts for the Senior Citizen Sprinter

**Sheriff Pickups**-A few pickups need new tires and taken in to be realigned.

**Packer**-The packer needs a new oil pan.

**Chip Sealing**-There are no plans for chip sealing this year, just patching.

**Patching**-Need to patch the cart paths; check on the County Parking lots as well;

**Possible Purchase**-They would like permission to purchase a Vibrating Drum; this would be to pull behind the blades. They do not have a cost for this yet but as soon as they do will get it to the Commission for approval.

**10:50 AM Tim Barkley, Sheriff**

**Jail**-The Commission explained the Carter County Commission have offered to help out with costs for the jail since they house their prisoners. Right now Tim feels he does not need extra funding unless things would change, such as extra staffing.

**11:15 AM-Angie Rabbitt-Recreation Director**

**Track**-82 children signed up; is held at the High School on Wednesdays

**After School Program**-The 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the After School Program for this School Year.

**Touch a Truck**-Not having much luck sparking the interest in this; held the same day as the Car Show.

**Dustin Rudolph Presentation**-There will be a Presentation-(Health) held by Dustin Rudolph

**Baseball Teams**-2 Teams of Minors with 23 Youths; coached by Josh Stieg and Jerry Wyrwas

Major Team has 11 Youths coached by Brock Collins

Babe Ruth has 14 Youths; coached by Bo Lingle

**Cheer Camp**-Will be held in June and taught by Dickinson Cheer Leaders

**Basketball Camp**-3 Week Camp-Mr. Schumacher

**Gymnastics**-August 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Rodeo**-August-Had approximately 25 youth last year but it will be held the same time as the Rhame Youth Rodeo so Angie will see what they can do with the scheduling next year.

**TBall**-Usually 5-7 Year olds but now they include 4-5 year olds; they try to transition the youth to pitch the ball before going to the minors.

**Women's Basketball**-Thursday nights-Have had no one show up so they will try it one more week and then will no longer have it if they get no responses.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July**-Discussed entertainment contracts-Angie has 5 rooms reserved at the Red River Inn; Inflatables will be here from Sioux Falls, SD; Band scheduled to play until 10:00 or until the fireworks start. Would like to try using a trailer for Vaughn rather than the Amphitheatre. Commission granted permission to try a trailer.

**Movie nights**-Would like to try having movie nights for families; will try after the Longfellow gym floor gets a makeover.

**11:45 AM Rich Batterman, County Attorney**

Discussed the Daines meeting, Rich explained it was a good meeting.

**Baker Lake** – The issues with the Baker Lake were discussed.

**MOA**-(Military Operations Airspace)-Daines does not like what the Military is proposing for our state. Suggestions were made to have the Ambulance Director and/or their Board write a letter on the affect this will have on their emergency operations.

**Special Improvement District #34-#35**-The County will assist with funding its portion of the project and if the City is unable to get other funding would also be willing to assist with the rest of the funding and asked how they could proceed. The County is willing to loan the city funding. Rich feels the City could break the costs down by square foot; this would also allow the City to bill everyone accordingly, seek bonding or pursue the SID. Rich would do further research if the Commission would like.

**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 and **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder

**1:15 PM Bid Opening for Road Department-Back Hoe/Loader**

**PRESENT Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman; **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman; **Kevin Sedgwick**, Tractor and Equipment and **Mark Feland**, RDO

**Commissioner Ranum read the bids aloud.**

**RDO**-Bid Bond in place-K Series 2014 AWD 710K-John Deere Backhoe/Loader-\$172,500 with trade of \$40,000 for 2005 CAT445 bringing the total to \$132,500. 3 Year Buyback-\$105,000; 4 Year Buyback-\$97,000; 5 year Buyback-\$89,000.

**Tractor & Equipment**-Bid Bond in place-450 F CAT Backhoe/Loader-\$171,570 with trade of \$50,000 for 2005 CAT455 bringing the total to \$121,570. 3 Year Buyback-\$96,000; 4 Year Buyback-\$83,000; 5 Year Buyback-\$70,000.

The Commission brought each salesman in separately and told them they would discuss and get back to each of them.

**2:00 PM**-After much discussion, **Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to accept the Bid from RDO for a K Series 2014 AWD 710K-John Deere Backhoe/loader with a bid of \$172,500 with trade of \$40,000 for the County's 2005 CAT 445 bringing the total to \$132,500. The total amount paid will be more upfront but the buyback values are better with RDO than with T & E. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously. All bidders will be notified.

**New Pickup**-The group discussed purchasing a new vehicle for the Road Foreman and placing that vehicle with the Ambulance Director. All Commissioner's agreed to proceed.

**2:30 PM** **Joe Janz**, Outside Building Maintenance; **Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman; **Desiree' Thielen**, Flood Plain Coordinator; **Jason Senn** and **Cordell Perkins**, Fish, Wildlife and Parks met to discuss the South Sandstone project.

The group discussed much needed maintenance to the shorelines at South Sandstone. FWP will place a new boat ramp. Fallon County will remove and dispose of the old ramp. Bobby stated there are ties that need to be removed for road work. The group discussed what assistance the County could provide; the priority is rip/rap. Fishing Pier on West Side would be provided by FWP. All of the dirt work will be provided by the County. FWP will provide all items that go with the fishing pier.

FWP will manage the project. A Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted by FWP for review by the County Attorney and signing by the Commission. Permits are 30-60 days out so will put the bid out for another 30-60 days. FWP funding is already secured.

Discussed saving money on mobilization if both East and West side receive rip/rap. Road work will also be a priority due to installation of the fishing pier.

Commissioner Ranum is okay to proceed with the project because the longer we wait the worse the conditions will be and the more costly. Commissioner Randash would agree to repair both sides of the shoreline. They will proceed. Bobby left the meeting.

**3:20 PM** **Vera Abrams**, Librarian joined

Jason and Cordell discussed the bid procedure and feel it is best if FWP bids their portion of the project and the County would bid their portion of the project. Jason, Cordell and Joe left the discussion.

**3:50 PM** Desiree' stayed to discuss a few items.

**Light Industrial Zoning**-The group will work to try to Repeal the Light Industrial Zoning in Fallon County.

**Work Force Housing**-The group discussed adopting regulations for Work Force Housing and getting these regulations in place soon. Desiree' left the discussion.

**4:00 PM Board Appointments**

**Present-Vera Abrams**

**Airport and Airport Zoning Commission**-John Tronstad was reappointed to a 3 year term

**Baker TV Board**-Judy Gunderson was reappointed to a 3 year term

**Cemetery Board**-Judy Gunderson was reappointed to a 3 year term

**Council on Aging**-Nikki Verke, Alice Rose Straub and Arnold Duneman were each reappointed to 3 year terms

**Fallon County Shooting Range Board**-No letters of interest received.

**Lake Advisory Board**-Gene Kringstad was newly appointed to fill a 3 year term.

**Library Board**-No Letters of Interest were received and Carole Bettenhausen resigned. Vera has some names of individuals that may want to be on the Board; Clerk and Recorder will contact them. At

this time that leaves one vacant position. The Commission would like to thank Carole for her many years of dedicated service to the Library Board. Her volunteerism did not go unnoticed.

**Mental Health Board Representative**-Sandy Kinsey was reappointed this year as the County's Representative.

**Museum Board**-J C Stanhope was reappointed to a 3 year term. Reinhard Barth resigned from the board. The Commission would like to thank Reinhard for his many years of dedicated service to the Museum Board. His volunteerism did not go unnoticed.

**Planning Board/Airport Board of Adjustment**-Pat Hanley and Gene Kringstad were each reappointed to 2 year terms.

**Plevna TV Board**-No one submitted a letter of interest.

**Salary Commission**-Peggy Hagadone was reappointed to another 3 year term.

**Tax Appeal Board**-No one submitted a letter of interest.

**Weed Board**-Richard Malcom and Doug Bruha were each reappointed to 3 year terms.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to reappoint those named above, appoint new members and accept resignations from those individuals named above. Will also advertise again for vacant positions on various boards. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**4:20 PM Rich Batterman**, County Attorney phoned in regarding the assistance for Special Improvement District #34 & #35. Rich stated the County could be involved in the loan portion but would not be able to assist with the SID as there is not a multijurisdictional SID.

**South Sandstone**-The Commission discussed assisting with a project at South Sandstone. At this time Fallon County will contribute approximately \$130,000 and FWP will contribute \$70,000.00.

#### **4:30 PM MID-MONTH CLAIMS APPROVALS**

The Commission finalized reviewing and approving for the May, Mid-Month Claims in the amount of \$224,736.09. The claims are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

#### **FOLDER REVIEW**

**Contract**-Commissioner Ranum signed the Modification of Contract between Fallon County and Action for Eastern Montana for Federal/State/County funding increases for Council on Aging Programs.

**Temporary Easement**-Commission signed a Grant of Temporary Construction Easement between Rod Cooper and the County.

**Sheetrock Abatement**-The Commission approved the quote to remove dry wall from the Law Enforcement area of the Courthouse due to remodeling process. The quote was received from Ingraham Environmental in the amount of \$6,700.

**Concert**-Commission approved the payment for July 4<sup>th</sup> concert in the Amount of \$5,000.00.

**Airport Project Status Report**-The Commission was informed the runway grooving project had been completed and the final closeout report prepared.

**Contractor Man Camp**-The Commission received notification that TransCanada will be exercising their right to amend the current lease with Fallon County and enlarging the premises for the Baker Contractor Camp. This would increase the existing leased area from 80 acres to 105.52 acres. This would be the amount the lease would decrease for the County's Lessee.

**Medical Equipment Quote**-The Commission received a quote from the Public Health Nurse to purchase a Non-Invasive Hemocue for the Public Health Office. The quote was received from Masimo in the amount of \$1,305.00. This includes the device as well as several sensors. The Commission approved the purchase.

**Golf Course Irrigation Line**-The Commission signed the Letter of Understanding to move the Irrigation line that crosses the leased area which will be used for TransCanada's Man Camp.

#### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

**MOA-Powder River Training Complex**-Discussed hiring a lobbyist to help with the MOA. Commissioner Ranum would like to meet him first. The Lobbyist is willing to fly to Baker, at his cost, to meet with the Commission and would bring a contract with him to be viewed.

#### **RECESS**

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

RECESS

Friday, May 23, 2014

**3:45 PM RECONVENE**

**PRESENT Deb Ranum**, Chairperson; **Steve Baldwin**, Member; **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder; **Desiree' Thielen**, Planner; **Jon Brosz**, Brosz Engineering and **Pam and Mike Nelson**, Landowners.

North Baker Water Sewer Drainage Project-This is pertaining to the property owned by the Nelson's, near the Radio Station and Denbury property. Jon explained the County will be replacing the culverts from Bear Paw to Highway 7 and the drainage needs to be moved. The ditch will be seeded to grass and is proposed to be 3' deep with a 10' bottom (width) with a 4 to 1 slope.

Mike and Pam do not want to drain the water into the only grass they have.

Jon explained this will be designed to meet the 25 year flood event also discussed the water quality and all of the alkali. They need to change the slop for drainage purposes; will plant grass and re-fence; placement of a liner and matting was also discussed.

Mike stated they were informed that MDU plans to place a new power line which may affect the project also.

Brosz Engineering will meet with the Nelson's to address all concerns.

**4:30 PM ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to ADJOURN. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder