

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Deb Ranum, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

GUEST: Dave Havens, Member of the Public

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00am- Dennis Scott joined the meeting.

Dennis Scott came in to talk to the Commission about recovering the Commission's desk. He said he will put a quote together for the labor and laminate and give it to them.

9:00AM COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION

MINUTES APPROVAL-

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the December 7-11, 2015 Commission Minutes with corrections and changes. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the December 14-18, 2015 Commission Minutes with corrections. Being there was no second, Commissioner Randash stepped down from being Chair and seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Abstain. 0 Nays.

FORMS-

Immunization Program Task Order- The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Task Order 16-07-4-31-113-0 Unified Government Master Contract between Fallon County and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) for the Immunization Program.

QUOTES-

Rifle Range Quote- The Commission received three quotes for the sidewalk and driveway project at the Rifle Range. Larry's Construction: \$29,385 with rebar included but all fill base to be provided by owner; Upland Home Maintenance: \$28,000 with rebar included; Gamut Construction: \$46,500 with fill base and rebar included. The Commission called and left a message for Upland Home Maintenance to inquire if the base fill is included in their quote as it was not specified in the quote. The Commission will wait to hear back from Upland before making a decision on who they will award the job to.

Fair Grounds Big Barn Quote- Barb Lechler, Fairgrounds Manager, gave the Commission quotes for four big fans to be installed in the Big Barn to combat condensation. The quote to install four fans from Straub Heating and Cooling is \$21,836.19 excluding electrical work and the quote for the electrical work from Direct Electric is \$6,525.42. The Commission approved the work to be done.

CORRESPONDENCE-

Parks/County Snow Removal- The Commission received an email from Scott Rabbitt, Parks Director, stating he has decided to remove snow for the County and gave reasons why he changed his mind.

Parkview Retirement Complex- The Commission received an email from David Espeland, Fallon Medical Complex CEO, regarding Esther Wetzel having personal items damaged due to an air conditioner cover falling off the air conditioner. They will wait until Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, is available later in the day to discuss this.

Road Abandonment Discussion- The Commission received an email from Spence Huether, previous County Road Tech, advising them they would have to abandon the road rather than giving the easement back to Chad Follmer. Commissioner Baldwin said he would call Chad Follmer to discuss possibly abandoning the road.

Dry Fork Road Bridge- The Commission received a letter from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) giving authorization for a Short-Term Water Quality Standard for Turbidity Related to Construction Activity Pursuant to 75-5-318, MCA for the Dry Fork Road Box Culvert.

MISCELLANEOUS-

Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation- The Commission discussed the Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation (EPEDC) potentially not having someone in the role to lead it after Jason Rittal resigns and how this may affect Fallon County. The Commission discussed if continuing to be a part of the 16 County Economic Development Organization was worth anything to the County. Commissioner Baldwin said he is concerned how well the Eastern Montana Counties are served in this bigger organization versus how well they have been served by the 5 County EPEDC. Commissioner Randash said it doesn't cost the County money to be a part of the 16 county organization as it is state and federally funded and feels it is could be an asset to the County.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/NOTICES-

The Commission reviewed Department Reports, Newsletters and Notices.

BOARD AGENDAS/MINUTES-

The Commission reviewed Board Agendas and Minutes.

REVENUES-

The Commission reviewed revenues received during the week.

EMAILS-

The Commission reviewed emails sent to them from state agencies and other entities that required no discussion, action or decision.

10:00AM ROAD UPDATES

Present: Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering

ROAD CREW UPDATES:

Bobby Wiedmer said the Road Crew is continuing to haul gravel this week and gave the Commission updates on Ismay and Division Road.

Ismay Road- Bobby said Custer County has been hauling gravel down the Ismay Road, leaving it in rough shape so the Road Crew is going to blade it.

Division Road- Bobby said he received a call from a landowner requesting Division Road be bladed. Bobby said he is concerned blading it will make the washboards deeper but is going to do it since the landowner wants it done.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Shannon Hewson gave the Commission updates on the Calumet and Westmore Bridges.

Calumet Road Bridge- Shannon said Cretex revised the box culvert quote for the Calumet Bridge in order to bring it under \$80,000 and not requiring it to go out to bid. Shannon said the shipping and handling was \$14,000 of the quote so Cretex separated these charges from the cost of the culvert and will bill them separately. The Commission said they won't be able to do this as the County's Amended Resolution 2015-10 Policy for Capitalization of Fixed Assets and Depreciation Schedule specifies freight charges of any capital item over \$5,000 will be included in the total cost and depreciation of item. Shannon said he understood and will get the culvert ready to go out to bid. Shannon said the bid process won't cause any delays on the project either as they are ahead of the timeline.

Westmore Bridge- Shannon said he sent a preliminary copy of the hydraulic plan view to Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and was told by FWP that was what they were looking for. Shannon said he plans on sending the Westmore and Dry Fork Bridge box culverts out to bid also and the Commission said they will determine if they can be purchased out of this year's budget.

10:30am- Dave Havens left the meeting.

10:30AM CALUMET ROAD BRIDGE/LANDOWNER PUBLIC MEETING

Present: Clint Ehret; Darrel Ehret; Barney Dean; Shelley Dean; Jeff Hadley- Landowners

The Commission said they called for a public meeting with the landowners to give them a chance to share their concerns and answer questions they may have with the Calumet Bridge replacement. The Commission said they were wanting to avoid putting a by-pass in as the cost would be around \$80,000 so they are wanting to close the section of road where the culvert will be placed during construction. Clint Ehret said there is a by-pass on the west side of the road that was built when the bridge was originally worked on. Clint said it currently has grass growing over it but could be used with a little blading and scoria being added to it. Clint said it could be used for light traffic but not for large trucks and the Commission said they will go look at it. Shannon said the biggest concern with the by-pass on the west side is if the culvert would be too close to it to use but he will also go look at it.

Jeff Hadley said the creek comes at a 90 degree angle before going under the bridge and asked if the bridge could be moved 50 feet south to change the angle of the creek. Shannon Hewson said the Army Corps of Engineers is very particular on changing channels and the flow of streams and it would potentially set the project back 6 months or longer to get a permit for it. Jeff said the creek is known to rage in the spring and is just concerned the road could wash out at some time because of this. Shannon said the culvert will be much wider than it is now and will be set 10 feet south to fit the channel better so it should help with the flow in the spring.

Barney Dean asked if the road could be moved to the west so it would give him and other truck drivers more room when turning south on the road. Shannon said the corner will be made wider due to the size of the culvert. Shelly Dean asked if the road could be moved west to save the tree that sits along the road. Shannon said he didn't think the tree could be saved even if it was moved west. Darrel Ehret agreed and said even if the tree wasn't removed, the culvert construction would most likely sever the roots to the creek and it would eventually end up dying anyway.

The Commission said the project would begin in May and end in June with the road only being closed for 10 business days when the pre-cast culvert is being set. Clint said he wants to be notified of

the date when construction begins as they move their cows in May and the Commission said they will notify all landowners to let them know when construction will begin. Darrel said the only concern she has with the 10 days of road closure is if a fire were to break out as it would add quite a bit of extra time for firetrucks to get to their property with that road closed.

The Commission gave the landowners copies of the culvert designs to review and Shannon said he will be sending out easements today for them to review and sign. Shannon said the permanent easement with Barney and Shelley Dean will be the same as the Sparks Bridge easement and they said that would be fine.

Jeff asked if more approaches could be built along Calumet Road in exchange for him giving an easement. He said the approaches would help him get to his hay fields better. Bobby said generally if there is an approach needed they will put it in regardless of easements being given. Bobby asked Jeff if he had dirt to use for the approaches so they don't have to haul it and Jeff said yes but his dirt is about a mile and a half away. Bobby said he will contact Jeff in the spring to put approaches in for him.

The landowners asked if they could be at the pre-construction meeting and Shannon said yes, he will put it in the contract that the Contractor will be required to have a pre-construction meeting with the landowners. The landowners asked about fencing that may need to be taken out during construction and the Commission said if fencing is removed it will be replaced at the County's expense.

Car Gate- Clint asked the Commission if wings could be put on the car gate by his place so he can get his swather through it more easily. Bobby said yes, they can weld wings on it and will contact Clint when he plans to do it.

11:15am- Jeff Hadley, Barney Dean, Shelley Dean, Clint Ehret and Daryll Ehret left the meeting.

Shannon told the Commission he will talk to Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, about Shelley and Barney's easement and will mail the other easements out today. The Commission asked Shannon if there was any way to save the tree Shelley was referring to and Shannon said he doesn't think so but will check. Shannon said he will send out letters to the landowners who will be affected by Dry Fork Bridge soon also.

11:25am- Shannon Hewson and Bobby Wiedmer left the meeting.

11:30AM GRAVEL DISCUSSION

Present: Arnold Pinnow, Member of the Public

Arnold Pinnow said he saw in the newspaper the County was looking to buy gravel and wanted them to know he has some he would be willing to sell. Arnold said the gravel is located south of the pit they just reclaimed and said it is good gravel that packs well. Arnold said he isn't sure how much gravel is there exactly but said it's a good sized area with gravel going down 4 feet and 8 feet in areas.

11:40am- Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor, joined the meeting per the Commission's request.

Bobby Wiedmer said he prospected this area for gravel before and estimated only 5,000-7,000 yards of gravel there. Arnold said he disagrees and would estimate there is at least 50,000 yards of gravel there. Arnold asked Bobby what his numbers were when he prospected and Bobby said he didn't write them down as he didn't feel like it was worth going after. Arnold told Bobby he should go look at it again and when he does he would like to be present. Bobby said he can look at it in the summer but won't do it now as he doesn't want to damage his equipment by digging up frozen ground. The Commission thanked Arnold for offering his gravel and said they will contact him when they plan on coming out to look at it.

11:40pm- Arnold Pinnow left the meeting.

Bobby told the Commission he will be taking a trip to Billings tomorrow to pick up a culvert for Scott Rabbitt, Parks Director, concrete for the Road Department and other items for other Departments. The Commission asked Bobby if he received the email from Scott Rabbit stating he was going to do snow removal and Bobby said yes. The Commission asked if Scott will be doing sanding also and Bobby said probably not as the Road Crew usually does the sanding.

11:45am- Bobby Wiedmer left the meeting.

11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 nays. The motion carried unanimously.

1:15PM RECONVENE

PRESENT: William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Member; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

ABSENT: Deb Ranum, Member

1:15PM CLERK OF COURT DISCUSSION

Present: Jerrie Newell, Clerk of Court; Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager

Jerrie Newell said Barb Klang resigned from her Deputy Clerk of Court position effective December 31, 2015. Jerrie said she would like to appoint Keli Bertsch to the position and Julie said this would save the County from having to recruit for the position. Jerrie said she has talked to Keli and Keli said she would like the job but will be on maternity leave starting in January. Julie said there are a couple of people Jerrie could hire on an interim basis until Kei returns from leave. The Commission gave Jerrie permission to appoint Keli Bertsch as Deputy Clerk of Court and signed the New Hire Approval Form for her.

The Commission asked Jerrie what will happen with Judge Huss’s position at the end of the year. Jerrie said Judge Hayworth will sit in as the District Judge on an intermittent basis until the Governor appoints a new judge out of the three that have applied.

1:45pm- Debbie Wyrick joined the meeting.

Parkview Retirement Complex-

The Commission and Debbie Wyrick reviewed the email sent to them by David Espeland, Fallon Medical Complex CEO, regarding Esther Wetzel’s property damage. The email states Esther hung a picture on the air conditioner’s wooden cover and over the weekend the cover fell off the air conditioner and broke her picture. The glass from the picture landed on her recliner and adjacent furniture that were located under the air conditioner. Russ Myers, Maintenance Worker, removed the recliner from the apartment to vacuum and steam clean it. He also cleaned and vacuumed the carpet extensively. Esther’s daughter Sharon Fried does not want Esther to use the chair again because of it possibly having shards of glass still in it and wants the Complex to buy Esther a new chair. In addition to the picture breaking, the cover broke a nativity figurine that was sitting on an end table and Esther feels she should be reimbursed for the figurine and the end table since it too was damaged by the glass. Russ Myers said he added new weather stripping to the cover and screwed it back in a couple months ago. He said when he screwed it in he made sure it was secure but said it may be possible the screws didn’t go deep enough into the wall anchors because of the weather stripping and this could have lent to the accident. David said it could be argued hanging a picture on the cover could cause it to fall and pounding a nail into the cover may have dislodged the screws but it is impossible to know what exactly caused it to fall off. David’s email asked the Commission how they would like to proceed with this.

The Commission said they think it should be covered under the tenant’s renters insurance but Debbie said this type of thing isn’t covered under renter’s insurance. Debbie said she can send the email to Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, to get her opinion and Commissioner Baldwin called Darcy to let her know the email would be sent to her and to give her opinion on it.

The Commission called Jim Leischner with D&J Insurance to get his opinion on how they should proceed. Jim said if someone wants to turn in a claim to the insurance company they cannot be denied that right so they currently have two options. Jim said the Commission can turn it into their insurance and let it go through that process or they can inspect the damages and determine if they want to take care of it themselves. Jim said there is the possibility the insurance company may deny the claim and state the person is at fault for hanging the picture and not the County. The Commission asked Jim if Esther’s renters insurance would cover it and Jim said he didn’t think it would. Jim said he will go inspect the damages and then can give them a better answer as to what they should do next. Jim said if he recommends the items be replaced he would suggest it go through the insurance rather than being paid out of County funds and the Commission agreed.

2:10pm- Jim Leischner ended the phone call and thereby left the meeting and Debbie Wyrick left the meeting.

2:10PM DECEMBER CLAIMS APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the December Mid-Month Claims in the amount of \$455,872.55 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder’s Office.

**Fallon County
December 21st, 2015
MID CHECK REGISTER**

Date	WRT #	Payee	Amount	Description
12/21/15	55169	ASSOCIATED BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC	\$115.95	JUST CRT - CHECKS BLUE LASER COMPATIBLE
12/21/15	55170	AVAILITY LLC	\$79.00	H NRSE - IMMUNIZATION BILLING
12/21/15	55171	BAKER ACE HARDWARE	\$793.60	VARIOUS DEPTS - VARIOUS SUPPLIES
12/21/15	55172	BAKER BODY SHOP	\$305.04	CO AGENT - COLORADO: WINDSHIELD
12/21/15	55173	BAKER REXALL DRUG	\$51.82	VARIOUS DEPTS - VARIOUS SUPPLIES
12/21/15	55174	BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING, LLC	\$1,300.00	SLD-WSTE - CONSULTING SERVICES 7/15 - 09/30

12/21/15	55175	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF MONTANA	\$201.00	H NRSE - RETURNING PAYMENT FOR SERVICE
12/21/15	55176	C & S AUTOMOTIVE	\$80.00	BLDG MAIN - ACADIA: WASH JOB
12/21/15	55177	CABIN CREEK CAFE LLC	\$188.00	COMM - CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/21/15	55178	CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$924.68	VARIOUS DEPTS - VARIOUS SUPPLIES
12/21/15	55179	CBB COLLECTIONS INC.	\$362.31	ER MED&AMB - AMOUNT OWNED PATIENT BILL
12/21/15	55180	CIRCLE R STEEL & INSULATION	\$1,175.62	FAIR - LOWER STAHL POST WRAPS
12/21/15	55181	CITY OF BAKER	\$8,121.00	REC DEPT/PARKS/WEEDJST CRT - SUPPLIES/SRVC
12/21/15	55182	CNH CAPITAL	\$2,499.53	ROAD - SERVICED LEASED PUMA185
12/21/15	55183	CRITELLI COURIERS INC	\$92.00	LIBRY - DELIVERY SERVICES
12/21/15	55184	D & J INSURANCE	\$2,360.00	VARIOUS DEPTS - INSURANCE
12/21/15	55185	DAVID TURCH AND ASSOCIATES	\$4,000.00	COMM - CONSULTING SERVICES 11/15-12/15
12/21/15	55186	DEEP CREEK CONTRACTING, LLC	\$1,752.50	FAIR - BRADLEY VALVE/WINTERIZING
12/21/15	55187	DOWL ENGINEERING	\$19,131.73	BAKER LAKE - RESTORATION PROF SRVS
12/21/15	55188	DUWAYNE BOHLE	\$99.99	OUT BLDG MAIN - BIB OVERALLS
12/21/15	55189	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT MANAGE.	\$149,350.66	SLF HLTH - JANUARY INSURANCE PREMIUM
12/21/15	55190	FALLON CO TREASURER	\$2,244.14	VARIOUS DEPTS - FUEL NOVEMBER
12/21/15	55191	FALLON CO TREASURER-CCL	\$1,094.89	VARIOUS DEPTS - TIPPING FEES
12/21/15	55192	FALLON MEDICAL COMPLEX	\$168,311.55	HOSP/HNRSE/RETCMLX - UTILITIES/SERVICES
12/21/15	55193	FARMERS UNION OIL	\$3,018.30	VARIOUS DEPTS - FUEL/OIL/TUBES
12/21/15	55194	FARONICS TECHNOLOGIES USA INC.	\$72.00	LIBRY - DEEP FREEZE STD MAINTENANCE
12/21/15	55195	G & G GARBAGE, INC.	\$2,589.00	VARIOUS DEPTS - DUMPSTER SRVC/RENT
12/21/15	55196	GLADSTONE, INC.	\$699.00	FAIR - SHOWWORKS STANDARD EDITION
12/21/15	55197	GLOBALSTAR USA	\$95.57	DES/911 - ORBIT 40 PLAN
12/21/15	55198	GOLDENWEST ELECTRIC COOP INC	\$1,181.00	DES - NORTH REPEATER UTILITIES
12/21/15	55199	GRANITE PEAK PUMP SERVICE, INC.	\$914.20	GOLF - REPAIRED/TESTED PMP MOTOR LEADS
12/21/15	55200	HUFFORD SAND & GRAVEL	\$30,960.00	ROAD - MATERIAL CRUSHED BUERKLE PIT
12/21/15	55201	I STATE TRUCK CENTER	\$661.50	ROAD - REGULATOR, PULLEY, BELT TENSIONER
12/21/15	55202	J & M LUMBER	\$135.00	PARKS - WINDOW WELL
12/21/15	55203	JEANETTE DYE	\$550.00	RET CMLX - SECURITY DEPOSIT REFUND
12/21/15	55204	JGA ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS PLANNERS	\$3,061.42	FAIR - CONCESSION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
12/21/15	55205	JOHN GEVING	\$1,029.69	FAIR - NEW JACK STANDS FOR CAMPER
12/21/15	55206	KADRMAS LEE & JACKSON INC.	\$3,974.56	PLAN/SURV - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
12/21/15	55207	KIM SAGGIO	\$793.20	DSPTCHRS - MLEA TRAINING IN HELENA
12/21/15	55208	LISA LOUTZENHISER	\$550.00	ER MED&AMB - OVERPAYMENT ON AMB BILL
12/21/15	55209	LITTLE BEAVER SOIL CONSRV	\$138.00	CMTRY - MAPLE, JUNIPER TREES
12/21/15	55210	MCCONE ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.	\$99.45	911 - TOWER UTILITIES
12/21/15	55211	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	\$711.00	H NRSE - VACS: FLUMIST
12/21/15	55212	MERCK & CO., INC.	\$3,500.26	H NRSE - VACS: ZOSTAVAX, GARDASIL
12/21/15	55213	MID-RIVERS CELLULAR	\$844.27	VARIOUS DEPTS - CELLULAR SERVICES
12/21/15	55214	MID-RIVERS TELEPHONE	\$4,451.81	VARIOUS DEPTS - TELEPHONE/INTERNET/CABLE
12/21/15	55215	MILES CITY STAR	\$135.00	COP - JOB OPENING AD DETENTION
12/21/15	55216	MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	\$460.00	WEED - FIELD GUIDES, CALENDARS
12/21/15	55217	MONTANA WOOLGROWERS ASSOCIATION	\$332.00	PRED ANML - PREDATOR CONTROL SERVICES
12/21/15	55218	MOST DEPENDABLE FOUNTAINS, INC	\$2,460.00	PARKS - WATER FOUNTAIN WALL MOUNT
12/21/15	55219	MT DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN	\$35.00	ER MED&AMB - EMS SERVICE LICENSE
12/21/15	55220	NEUTRON INDUSTRIES INC	\$191.79	BLDG MAIN - ECOLUTION FLOOR CLEANER
12/21/15	55221	NORIDIAN HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS LLC	\$1,614.20	ER MED&AMB - OVERPAYMENT REFUND ACCT
12/21/15	55222	OK AUTOMOTIVE WD	\$814.92	ROAD - DEF 55 GAL (6)
12/21/15	55223	PEAKS TO PLAINS DESIGN	\$600.00	CAP PROJ - CTEP LANDSCAPING REBID 11/12/15
12/21/15	55224	PILOT TRAVEL CENTERS LLC	\$232.75	ER MED&AMB - FUEL
12/21/15	55225	PLEVNA PROPANE	\$617.50	RFLE RNGE - PROPANE FILL 650 GALS
12/21/15	55226	POWER PLAN	\$6,157.34	VARIOUS DEPTS - VARIOUS SUPPLIES/SERVICES
12/21/15	55227	PRAIRIE FUELS	\$3,690.90	ROAD - ROTELLA 15W40 OIL
12/21/15	55228	RUNNING S SUPPLY INC.	\$2,393.40	VARIOUS DEPTS - VARIOUS SUPPLIES
12/21/15	55229	RUSSELL S CLOTHING	\$36.99	COMM - CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/21/15	55230	SANOFI PASTEUR, INC.	\$206.23	H NRSE - VACS: FLUZONE
12/21/15	55231	SEW WHAT CUSTOM EMBROIDERY	\$895.68	FAIR/COP - SIGNS, SHIRTS, CAPS, PATCHES
12/21/15	55232	SPIFFY'S MOBIL 1 LUBE EXPRESS & WASH	\$16.00	PARKS - AUTO WASH
12/21/15	55233	STEADMAN S ACE HARDWARE	\$153.93	ROAD/PARKS - TIMERS, BUSHING, COUPLINGS
12/21/15	55234	TAB ELECTRONICS INC	\$360.00	911/H NRSE - CHANNEL PROBLEM/LICENSE
12/21/15	55235	THE LIBRARY STORE, INC.	\$155.62	LIBRY - DUE DATE SLIPS, DOT LABELS
12/21/15	55236	TIRE-RAMA	\$8,436.06	SR CIT/ROAD - TIRES
12/21/15	55237	TONGUE RIVER ELECTRIC COOP, INC.	\$51.68	911 - TOWER UTILITIES
12/21/15	55238	TOWN OF PLEVNA	\$55.70	SR CIT - PLEVNA UTILITIES 074-00
12/21/15	55239	TRUENORTH STEEL	\$118.66	ROAD - FLARED END SECTION 15" W/STRAP (2)
12/21/15	55240	WILLIAM KESINGER	\$87.96	RFLE RNGE - DUCT TAPE, LIGHTS, PVC CAP, OSB

TOTAL**\$455,872.55****3:30PM PLEVNA FUNDS DISCUSSION****Present: William Benner, Town of Plevna Mayor**

Willie Benner gave updates on the Plevna Water Project now that it is complete. Willie said the Contractor still has things to finish and they are trying to get those resolved with them. Willie said Cliff Tudor is finishing up some of the items and they are waiting for the Contractor to correct others. Willie said he attributes the things that weren't done or not done correctly to Stahly Engineering inspection errors. Willie said Cliff has already dug up three different things that weren't installed correctly and there are about 30 things total that need to be fixed.

Willie said there is \$326,000 in contingency funds left over from the project and asked the Commission if they could use some of those funds to chip and seal their roads. The Commission asked what the cost is to have the roads chip and sealed. Willie said he doesn't know exactly but the last time they had it done they paid \$60,000 for materials and fuel and the County Road Department provided the labor and equipment. He said he expects the material cost to be more this time as they would like to have the entire road chip and sealed rather than just one width of 10 feet down the middle like it was done the last time. Willie said they are hoping the Road Department could provide the labor and equipment again and expects it to take a day or two to complete. The Commission said they will discuss it further and will talk to the Road Department to see if it would be feasible to do the chip and sealing for them again.

The Commission asked Willie how Plevna's Sewer System was doing and he said now that the water leaks have been repaired they are having no problems with it since the lagoon isn't filling up like it used to.

3:45pm- Willie Benner left the meeting.**4:00pm- Rich Menger, Sanitarian, joined the meeting.****4:00PM CITY OF BAKER WATER PROJECT**

Lance Wedemeyer was not able to attend the meeting therefore it was canceled.

4:15pm- Rich Menger left the meeting.**4:50PM STANHOPE WATER/SEWER PROJECT****Present: Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Executive Director; Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering****Guest: Dave Havens, Member of the Public**

Jason Rittal gave Stahly Engineering's Contract Amendment for additional design work to move the line south of the businesses. The amount for the design work is \$9,000 and Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the amendment authorizing the additional design work to be done. Jason gave the GeoScience Proposal for the Geotechnical Study for the project. The cost for the study is \$6,600 and the Commission approved of having it done. Jason said he sent a redraft of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fallon County Water & Sewer District and High Plains Group to Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, but hasn't heard back from her yet. Jason said he will try to talk to her in the morning as time is of the essence in getting it signed.

Town of Plevna Water Project- The Commission asked Ryan Rittal how he thought the Town of Plevna project went. Ryan said for the size of the project and the challenges with keeping water flowing when replacing water lines he felt the project went very well. The Commission told Ryan that Willie Benner talked to them about problems they had with the project and Ryan said there were some hiccups, mostly due to them not knowing where the water lines were but they are being handled. Ryan said the Contractor hired Cliff Tudor to handle some of the warranty items and if the other items aren't addressed by the Contractor they still have the bid bond in place to use as leverage. Ryan said they will continue to be actively involved until all issues have been resolved.

Commissioner Baldwin asked Jason if he remembered them discussing splitting the cost of chip and sealing the roads with the Town of Plevna and Jason said yes, that is what was discussed. Jason said he spoke with Willie about it and suggested he approach the County asking for a 50/50 split but Willie said he wanted to talk to the County about using contingency funds for it. Ryan said they recommended the chip sealing be done right away but they chose to do the gravel instead and now they are in the situation they are in because of it. The Commission agreed and said they will discuss doing a 50/50 split with them. Ryan said they will have to get the valves situated so they are flush with the chip seal before doing it.

5:05pm- Lani DeBuhr excused herself from the meeting.

The Commission and Ryan reviewed the Steffes Bridge Report Stahly Engineering did on behalf of the County.

5:15PM ADJOURN

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Being there was no second, Commissioner Randash stepped down from being Chair and seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

s/William L. Randash, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:

s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder