

Monday, March 16, 2015

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

**PRESENT William L. Randash**, Chairman; **Steve Baldwin**, Member and **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder. **Deb Ranum**, Member was excused.

**9:00 AM Nicole Leischner**, Chamber Executive Director met to sell raffle tickets for a fund raiser

**9:00 AM CLOSED SESSION-PERSONNEL**

**10:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman and **John Geving**, Baker Bus Owner, **Shannon Hewson**, Brosz Engineering

**Road concerns**-John discussed some bus route roads he has concerns with. John stated some portions of a few roads have been narrowed up when pulling the shoulders; the road beds vary from 15' to 21' wide in areas. Some of the roads have a lot of crown on them, especially the hill tops. The major road concerns are on the Cabin Creek Road and the Woodsen Road. John discussed the concern some of his bus drivers have with the shoulders having a drastic drop off. Some areas of the road are so narrow they have to stop and let the traffic pass them. John stated he wants to bring this to everyone's attention due to the Safety concerns he has. John offered to take anyone that wanted to ride in the bus to experience how different it feels from a pickup or a car. Bobby stated he would speak with the blade operator(s) about taking the crown down to 4%.

**10:15 AM John** left the discussion.

**10:15 AM Westmore Bridge**

**Shannon** phoned **Mat Rugg**, FWP regarding the Westmore Bridge and asked Mat to explain why he wants a span bridge placed at Westmore rather than a box culvert. Mat stated it is close to a main tributary and there are over 20 species of fish in that area. **Commissioner Baldwin** asked why a box culvert would be a hindrance verses a bridge. Mat explained a box culvert would only allow the fish to swim through the center.

**Shannon** explained placing a box culvert improves the hydrology by reducing the flow velocity verses that of a bridge. Mat stated reducing the flow is not necessarily the best thing for the fish. Mat asked Shannon to send the hydrology analysis for him to review. Mat understands the box culvert is a cost savings but MT DOT is placing bridges and getting better costs; Mat asked if the State could afford more than the County. Mat stated FWP would meet and discuss so they can get answers to questions in a week to two weeks. The call was concluded.

**Commissioner Randash** asked about dropping the center culvert lower than the outside culverts. Shannon will send FWP a report and cc the Commission.

**Landfill Expansion-Commissioner Randash** told **Shannon, Barry Damschen**, Barry Damschen Consulting will be working on the master plan for the Landfill and Barry explained to the Commission there would be no permitting.

**Shop Report-Alba**

**S-10 pickup**-This pickup was backed into with a loader; the crew member did not realize the loader was moving because he was looking inside the cab. Commissioner Baldwin feels it is not worth fixing plus this vehicle will now be a safety issue. There are several other vehicles (pulled behind the blades) that are in poor condition as well.

**New pickups**-Discussed purchasing new vehicles with V8 engines and trailer packages. Commissioner Baldwin discussed purchasing them with climate packages; Alba stated they would have to be bid that way. Commissioner Baldwin questioned set-up time. Alba felt it would take two days per pickup to set them up. Discussed placement of County door emblems and amber lights, as they will be required as well. Commissioner Randash made the motion to go to bid to purchase new pickups to tow behind the blades. Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Kenworth**-Discussed the fuel tanks that are cracking.

**Mulchers**-They are also getting the mulchers ready to go out. Alba and a few other Counties went to Bowman, ND to look at the mulchers Steve Beylund is now selling. They were planning to start mulching last week but that did not happen. Alba stated they plan to have them ready to use this week.

**Road work**-They are still graveling up north and will run out of gravel up there this week.

**Back to Shannon**

**Sparks and Kramlick bridges**-The plans for these two bridges are complete. Shannon will forward the 404 permits and easements.

**Easements**-The Stan Howe easements were signed by Commissioners Randash and Baldwin. They are waiting to get the signed easements from Daniel Allen from California; for the Kramlick Bridge. They are still trying to work it so both of these bridges will be completed at the same time to save money.

**NAPA Retaining wall**-This is ready to go to bid but will wait until the cleaning of the creek channel is complete.

**Creek channel quote**-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept the quote received from Wyrick Construction to clean the Baker Lake Drainage (creek channel) in the amount of \$41,500. Commissioner Randash stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays.

#### **11:15 AM-FOLDER REVIEW**

##### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Scanner**-Permission granted for the Clerk and Recorder and Planner to jointly purchase a new wide format scanner. The cost will be split between the two departments.

**Grant**-The Commission received notification FAA Grant 3-30-0004-017-2013 was closed out on March 11, 2015 with the final grant amount of \$246,675.00.

**Funding Transfer**-The Commission was notified the Airport District Office executed the NPE (Non-Primary Entitlement) transfer from Baker Airport to Circle Airport in the amount of \$50,000.

**Softball Complex-Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor was given permission to purchase supplies for the Softball complex in the amount of \$1,333.78.

**Asbestos Inspection PVI**-No asbestos was found in the Parkview I Common Area per the report submitted to the Commission.

**Sanitarian Letter**-The Commission received a copy of letter written to a Landowner pertaining to the condition of their property and areas the Sanitarian can assist them with.

**Century Companies**-2<sup>nd</sup> Notice was mailed to Century Companies regarding their lease agreement with Fallon County. The lease will end April 30, 2015.

**Brosz Engineering**-Sent the measurements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> gravel pile on the Wang Pit-6,850 cu. yds. Dean Wang will be notified to come in and sign a claim for this.

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

**Detention Center-February, 2015**-10 Prisoners held for 158 days-29 Fallon County and 129 City of Baker-No income was received this month.

**Little Beaver Conservation District**-Spring Flyer

**Chamber Chatter**-February, 2015

##### **MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

**Entitlement Share**-\$135,178.59-3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Sands Oil Company**-\$97.97-February Oil and Gas Royalties

#### **11:45 AM PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared for Public Comment.

**12:00PM Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to recess for lunch. **Commissioner Randash** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays.

NOON RECESS

#### **1:15 PM RECONVENE**

**PRESENT William L. Randash, Chairman and Steve Baldwin, Member**

#### **1:15 PM MARCH MID-MONTH CLAIMS APPROVALS**

The Commission reviewed and approved the March mid-month claims in the amount of \$289,589.69 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

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

#### **2:00 PM TAX APPEAL BOARD**

No one submitted a letter of interest for the Tax Appeal Board so no appointment was made.

#### **2:00 PM CLOSED-PERSONNEL**

**2:15 PM Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney**

**Miscellaneous Discussion**-Darcy received a question from a Commissioner. If an issue comes up with a Commissioner should there be notice given to the Commissioner before the meeting takes place. The Commissioner should get the same notice as the public of a meeting taking place. If there are privacy concerns, the meeting can be closed at the request of the Commissioner who is being discussed, but a Commissioner can never be excluded from a meeting.

**Closed sessions-** Only matters that are in litigation and matters where an individual's right of privacy is at issue may be closed at the request of the individual. An individual Employee can ask for a closed session when their right of privacy is a concern. The presiding officer would make the call whether the individual's right of privacy outweighs the public's right to know.

**Minutes-**Minutes are only required in open meetings. Closed meetings do not have to have minutes taken. Commission discussed not having minutes to back them up in a closed session.

**Gravel Purchase-**Darcy feels the County can purchase 500,000 yards in one year; would probably do a purchase agreement with the contractor for whatever the County would require. Commission asked if the County could spend more than \$80,000 without going to bid; Darcy will check on that.

**Landfill agreement-**Darcy reviewed the Landfill lease agreement with Pinnow's. The dollar amount was something the Landowner would have had to agree upon.

### **3:00 PM –CLOSED PERSONNEL**

**3:35 PM Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor**

**Splash Park-**Greg, Stahly Engineering has heard from the state on the Splash Park and the State should have their review finished very soon.

**Skate Park-**Scott should start the rock moving tomorrow as he was gone all day today.

**Floating docks-**Some can be used at South Sandstone as he will not need them all.

**3:50 PM Joe Janz, South Sandstone reporting**

**South Sandstone reporting-**The work has been completed; there is a little bit of touch-up work left to complete.

**Floating Docks-Scott Rabbitt** found them and they are more than welcome to take them. Joe will give that information to **Cordell Perkins**, FWP. Discussed removal of the floating docks; Joe and **DuWayne Bohle**, Special Projects will help **Henry Hastig**, Park Maintenance remove them when that time comes.

**Search and Rescue-**Joe and Darold Brown checked on the Search and Rescue scuba gear; it is out of date so it can no longer be used for Search and Rescue.

**4:45 PM Minutes-**No minutes were approved

**5:00 PM John Beach and Marty Nelson-Local Government Study Commission**

**Marty Nelson** stated he will be resigning his position on the Local Government Study Commission. Marty will wait until the Commission can find someone to replace him.

**Letter to Legislators-**Commission worked on a letter to be sent to the Legislators in support of HB423, SB252 and SB260 (school funding).

### **5:20 PM ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Randash** stepped down from the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ADJOURN  
s/William L. Randash, Chairman

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