

9:00AM CONVENE

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

Absent: Deb Ranum, Member

Guest: David Havens, Member of the Public

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION

PREDATOR CONTROL- The Commission received a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Montana Stockgrowers Association for a Wildlife Services Specialist to conduct Wildlife Services in Fallon County for predator control purposes. The Commission reviewed and signed the MOU committing \$14,000 towards predator control in Fallon County.

NEW HIRE APPROVAL- The Commission reviewed and signed the New Hire Approval Form for Keisha Wells to be hired as a permanent part-time Justice Court Clerk.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES- The Commission reviewed the Request for Qualifications submitted to them by Brosz Engineering. The Commission sent a copy to Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, to review as well.

9:30am- David Havens left the meeting.

10:00AM ROAD UPDATES

Present: Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering

SHOP UPDATES- Alba Higgins gave the Commission updates on the equipment and vehicles being serviced or repaired this week. Alba said a County blade was parked in District 2, by the 101 Y on Wednesday and in the evening fuel was stolen out of it. Alba said he pulled the fuel out of the tank to determine if it was contaminated and will have the tests back this week. Alba said he reported it to the Sheriff's Department and has put padlocks on all his tanks since then.

County Packer- Alba said the City of Baker asked if they could use the County Packer again this year. The Commission asked if Alba and Bobby would be alright having them use it again and they said yes as they took good care of it last year. The Commission said they will have Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, update the Inter-local Agreement between the County and City for the use of the Packer.

Scraper- Alba said he received quotes from Tractor & Equipment to do the Scraper repairs. The quotes for all repairs needed is \$15,492 with \$3,600 allocated for transporting the Scraper. Bobby Wiedmer said if these repairs aren't done they are only prolonging the problems and the cost of those repairs will be factored in when they trade it in. Alba said he isn't sure how long it will take for the repairs to be done but doesn't expect it to be more than a month. The Commission gave approval to have the repairs done.

10:25am- Alba Higgins left the meeting.

ROAD UPDATES- Bobby gave the Commission updates on the items the Road Crew is working on this week. The Commission and Bobby discussed various roads that need to be built up this season. Shannon Hewson and Bobby reviewed the easements the landowners will need to sign for this work to be done.

COOPER BRIDGE UPDATE- Shannon said he talked to Mid-Rivers about the lines that are located beneath Cooper Bridge's existing culvert. Shannon said there is a line 30" deep and another one 50" deep and it would cost \$5,000 for Mid-Rivers to dig them both up. Shannon said the 30" line will most likely need to be moved but the 50" line can remain in place.

CALUMET RD BOX CULVERT UPDATE- The Commission reviewed and signed the Agreement Forms between Fallon County and Coon Construction for the Calumet Rd Box Culvert project.

10:50am- Bobby Wiedmer and Shannon Hewson left the meeting.

11:00AM CLEAN UP DAY CONTRIBUTION DISCUSSION

Devon Banister did not appear for the meeting therefore it was cancelled.

11:15AM COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION CONTINUED

EARMARKED ALCOHOL TAX MONIES- The Commission reviewed and signed the Service Provider Designation Form to designate the EMCMS-Substance Abuse/Dependency Services to receive earmarked alcohol tax monies for the provision of chemical dependency treatment and prevention services in Fallon County.

US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE- The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Baldwin, as Chairman, signed the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) and Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) Lease Agreement Certification Statement that exists between Fred Hoff and Fallon County.

PROPERTY INSURANCE- The Commission discussed insuring the stalls at the Fairgrounds and decided to have them insured in the event they are destroyed and need to be rebuilt.

PURCHASE REQUESTS- The Commission received a quote from Direct Electric to install brighter lightbulbs in the Court Room per Jerrie Newell, District Clerk of Court's request. The Commission gave permission to have these lightbulbs installed.

BOARD AGENDAS/MINUTES- The Commission reviewed Board Agendas and Minutes.

REVENUES- The Commission reviewed revenues received during the week.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/NOTICES- The Commission reviewed Department Reports, Newsletters and Notices.

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

11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

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

1:15PM RECONVENE

**Present: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk
FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

1:15PM COURT ROOM DISCUSSION

Present: Nicole Benefiel, Justice of Peace; Jerrie Newell, District Court Clerk

Nicole Benefiel gave the Commission a letter addressing concerns she has with the safety and security of conducting business in her office and not being notified of activities in the Court Room. Nicole told the Commission there was electrical work being done in the Court House the week of March 28th – April 1st and she wasn't notified this work would be done nor was it on the shared Court Calendar. Nicole said because of this she had to hold Court in her office with convicted felons. Nicole said she is strongly opposed to doing this as it could lead to a dangerous situation for her and her staff. Nicole advised the Commission to read the letter she presented that spells out the security issues specifically. Jerrie Newell said she looked at the shared Court Calendar for that week and the only day Nicole marked she would be in Court was on Thursday so she didn't think it would be a problem for the electrical work to be done Monday through Wednesday of that week. Nicole said she holds Court every Wednesday and had emergency appearances that couldn't be scheduled. Jerrie apologized for the inconvenience and said she didn't know Nicole would be in Court on Monday through Wednesday. Nicole said the electrical work should have been placed on the shared Court Calendar so she was aware of it. Nicole said her Court business is very unpredictable and every day brings something new so the shared Court Calendar needs to be used daily so she knows what is going on in there every day. The Commission asked Jerrie and Nicole to start putting everything that is happening in the Court Room on the shared Court Calendar.

Nicole said she is concerned about the panic button in her office also. Nicole said the panic button's alert sent to Dispatch is no longer an audible alert but a flashing light. Nicole said she recently had an employee test the panic button and Dispatch didn't respond because they didn't see the flashing light until the next day. Nicole said she spoke with Bob Brenner with Tab Electronics about it and he said he didn't think an audible alert could be implemented for that alarm. Nicole said this is very disconcerting to her and wants the Commission to be aware she is very concerned about the safety of her and her employees.

1:30pm- Nicole Benefiel and Jerrie Newell left the meeting.

The Commission discussed Nicole's concerns and said they will discuss the panic button situation in Nicole's office with Bob Brenner to see if it can have an audible alert installed in Dispatch.

1:30pm- Bobby Wiedmer and Alba Higgins joined the meeting.

Bobby Wiedmer asked if the Commission would like the Road Department to lay the scoria on the south

hill at the Fairgrounds. The Commission said yes, if they have time to do it and Bobby said they can do it this week if they don't get moisture to blade.

Alba Higgins said he spoke with Tractor and Equipment about repairing the Scraper and they said the repairs could be completed in a week from the time it is brought in for repairs.

1:35pm- Bobby Wiedmer and Alba Higgins left the meeting.

1:35pm- Inter-local Agreement for Packer- Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, emailed the Commission an updated Inter-Local Agreement for the City of Baker to use the County Packer this season. The Commission reviewed and signed the Inter-local Agreement and gave it to Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor, to sign.

1:35PM MARCH CLAIMS APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the March End of Month Claims in the amount of \$250,872.79 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

2:30PM PROJECTS REVIEW

The Commission went and looked at the work being done to the south hill at the Fairgrounds and the damages done to the Splash Park bathhouse.

4:00PM PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Present: Forrest Sanderson, KLJ Contracted Planner; Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR DAM SAFETY- Forrest Sanderson said Adam with the Montana DNRC Dam Safety Program will meet with Chuck Lee, DES Coordinator, to review the County's Emergency Action Plan. The Commission said they would like a representative from the City of Baker to be at the meeting also since they are responsible for operating the dam. Forrest said the plan is 11 years old and will most likely need to be updated and said the Commission shouldn't do anything until they know the exact updates needed. The Commission said they still need to remove the trees along HWY 7 that are in the Lower Baker Lake Dam Report and Forrest said they should do that before Adam comes on July 6th to do a site visit. Forrest said the cost of the updates will depend upon the magnitude of the updates required and suggested the Commission keep this in mind when setting their 2016-2017 budget.

PRE-DISASTER EMERGENCY MITIGATION PLAN- Forrest told the Commission they will be getting a letter soon regarding the County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan since it is four years old and will need to be updated.

LYLE NEARY PLAT- Forrest presented the Final Plat for Lyle Neary's property to the Commission.

After reviewing the Plat, Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the Plat for Lot 5, Block 28, Milwaukee 2nd addition in the City of Baker. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any other discussion and there was none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Baldwin, as Chairman, signed each copy of the plat.

MISCELLANEOUS- The Commission and Forrest discussed issues with items in the Flood Plain and the upcoming bridge projects. The Commission asked Forrest what can be done to get the State to replace their bridge on the north end of HWY 7 that currently impedes water flow. Forrest said the best way to accomplish this is to include it in the County's Growth Policy. Forrest said this is a way to force the State's hand in doing something about the bridge as the Montana Department of Transportation (DOT) has to prioritize the project if it is in the County's Growth Policy.

4:45pm- Bev Burghduff, Member of the Public, entered the meeting.

The Commission asked if including a Rail Road bypass in the Growth Policy would have the same effect with Burlington Northern (BN). Forrest said no as BN is very different from the MT DOT and told the Commission to contact someone from Kalispell to ask how they were able to convince BN to put a bypass in for them if they are serious about pursuing this. Forrest said he will discuss putting the HWY 7 improvement in the Growth Policy with the Planning Board tonight.

4:50pm- Forrest Sanderson and Mary Grube left the meeting.

4:50pm- Bev Burghduff joined the meeting to ask the Commission who she needs to discuss the Ollie lots and streets with as she seems to be getting nowhere. The Commission told Bev to start with Forrest Sanderson, KLJ Contracted Planner, first and then talk to Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, about it.

4:55pm- Bev Burghduff left the meeting.

5:00PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

9:00AM RECONVENE

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

Absent: Deb Ranum, Member

Guest: David Havens, Member of the Public

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM MINUTES APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed the Commission Minutes for the week of March 21-26, 2016.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 21-26, 2016. Being there was no second, Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from being Chair and seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

9:05AM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE SPACE DISCUSSION

Present: Don Dilworth, Superintendent of Schools

The Commission and Don Dilworth discussed him moving his desk into the Clerk and Recorder's Office and giving his office to Jason Rittal, future County Advisor. Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder, gave a letter to the Commission letting them know her plans to relocate the Elections Work Area from that office also.

9:15am- Don Dilworth and Dave Havens left the meeting.

9:35am- Commissioner Ranum joined the meeting.

Plevna Cemetery Well- Commissioner Baldwin said when he called and spoke to Jon Stevenson about the Cemetery Well he said the well does not produce enough water to water livestock. Commissioner Ranum said when she called Marc Rieger to tell him he couldn't use the Plevna Cemetery well he told her the Plevna Cemetery Board already gave him permission to use the well since it needed to be pumped. The Commission said if the Board gave Marc permission they will not interfere but are concerned what the Board will do if the well runs dry.

10:00AM RECRUITMENT OF HOMECHORE WORKER DISCUSSION

Present: Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager; Carla Brown, Council on Aging Director

Julie Straub said the Senior Citizen's Homechore Worker gave notice with this Friday being her last day. Julie said she is working with Carla Brown to create a new job description for the position. Julie proposed setting a minimum of twenty hours for the position as there are projects and cleaning that can be done at the Senior Citizen Center if the client hours don't meet twenty hours. Carla agreed with the 20 hour minimum and said she can't imagine the hours would drop below that. The Commission asked Carla how she would monitor the hours to ensure the person works at least 20 hours a week. Carla said will make a weekly schedule for the position to ensure the twenty hours are mapped out for the person. The Commission gave permission to hire a Homechore Worker for a minimum of 20 hours per week.

10:30AM IT TECH UPDATES

Present: Andy Fujimori, IT Tech

WINDOWS 10 UPGRADE- Andy Fujimori said there are some Department Heads that would like to upgrade to Windows 10 and he has been researching the program to ensure it would be compatible with other programs people use. Andy said the research he has done shows all programs except the programs Dispatch uses will be compatible with it. Andy said the upgrade is free until July 1st so he would like to download the program on all computers except Dispatch. Andy said he would like to download the program while it is free but not execute it until he is sure there are no problems with it. Andy said he would like to have one computer in each office test the program before implementing it throughout the office. The Commission told Andy he could download the program on County computers but want him to talk to each Department Head about it first.

SECURITY SYSTEM UPDATES- Andy gave the Commission updates on the things he learned while attending the Security System Webinar. Andy said more companies are investing in hardware to avoid intrusion into their systems as the average time to detect a breach is 200 days and has an average cost of \$12 million. Andy said small and medium businesses are becoming big targets for hackers also. Andy said they need to ensure employees are doing regular updates as older software is easier to hack. The Commission asked about Alien Vault's virtual server and Andy explained how the virtual server enables other servers to tie into it so the hardware needed is limited. The Commission asked if it would be wise to purchase hardware from Alien Vault if they are heading towards virtual servers and Andy said he is doing more research to make sure what fits the County best.

10:40am- Andy Fujimori left the meeting.

IT TECH CELL PHONE- Andy Fujimori called and asked the Commission if he could be issued a County cell phone as he has been using his personal phone for County purposes. The Commission gave permission.

11:00am- Devon Banister with Newell Broadcasting joined the meeting.

FALLON COUNTY CLEAN-UP DAY- Devon Banister asked the Commission if they would help with the Fallon County Clean-Up Day again this year. The Commission said yes, they will do what they did last year, give \$500 for advertising and allow the garbage to be taken to the Landfill at no charge.

11:05am- Devon Banister left the meeting.

11:05AM REC. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Present: Angie Rabbitt, Rec. Department Director

Angie Rabbitt gave the Commission updates on the activities in the Rec. Department. Angie said she will be ordering uniforms for the Legion players and coaches and expects the cost to be around \$1,500 with sponsorships and donations paying for them.

11:30am- Angie Rabbitt left the meeting.

11:30AM BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission received a letter of interest from Curtis Ehman to serve on the Lake Advisory Board.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to appoint Curtis Ehman to the Lake Advisory Board for a term that will expire July 1, 2017. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any discussion and there was none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:40AM MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

DAVID MACKAY RANCH LAND LEASE -The Commission reviewed the location of land the MacKay Ranch leases from the County. The Commission chose to allow the David MacKay Ranch to sublease the land as it is scattered throughout their parcels. The Commission signed the Acknowledgement Letter formally allowing them to sublease.

HEALTH INSURANCE FEES- The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Baldwin as Chairman signed the Revised Schedule A Fees for the EBMS Health Insurance Premiums. The revised fees no longer include the Leavitt Group Broker fees as their contract for services was not renewed.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1:15PM CITY OF BAKER UPDATES

Present: Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor

Clayton Hornung gave the Commission City of Baker updates. The Commission and Clayton discussed the Upper Baker Lake Dam, culverts through town that need replacing and future Montana Infrastructure efforts. The Commission asked who was responsible for emptying the garbage cans at the City and County Parks as they always seem to be overflowing. Clayton said Scott Rabbitt and his summer help are responsible for it.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT- Clayton gave updates on the engineering plans for the City's improved water system. Clayton said he is working on getting everything in the plan coordinated so they know what the associated costs for each phase will be and hopes to have this done by June. Clayton asked the Commission if the County will still contribute funds for the project and the Commission said yes and told Clayton to ask Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder, to transfer the funds. Clayton said the City Council is still concerned about raising the water rates and thinks people will stop watering their lawns if the rates increase too much.

STANHOPE ADDITION WATER IMPROVEMENTS- The Commission told Clayton they were asked to contribute funds to replace the water lines in the Stanhope Addition. The Commission said they may be willing to contribute funds if the addition is annexed into the City and asked Clayton if there was any latitude to adjust the zoning for that area to allow livestock. Clayton said he would have to look at the zoning and determine what would be best not only for the Stanhope Addition but the City as well. Clayton said he would be concerned how the City resident's would respond if they were to allow the residents in Stanhope to have livestock. Clayton said he wouldn't want horses showing up in the middle of town in someone's back yard because it is allowed in the Stanhope Addition. The Commission asked Clayton to have his Council check on the zoning and report back to them.

1:55pm- Clayton Hornung left the meeting.

2:00PM MARCH TIME SHEETS

The Commission reviewed and approved March 2016 time sheets, payroll & withholdings in the amount of \$514,222.31 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

3:00PM BUDGET REVIEW

The Commission reviewed each Department's budget as of March 31, 2016.

4:00PM TRI AREA RACING ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Present: Luke Holestine, Tri-Area Racing Association President, Tri-Area Racing Association Members: Jasen Wyrick, Brittany Hoversland, Lance Wedemeyer

Luke Holestine and the Commission discussed the plans the Tri-Area Racing Association has for the land they were given for racing. Luke said they have new members on their Board with new plans. Luke said their long term goal is to expand the track to include a 3.5 mile long Teracross track for 4-wheelers and UTVs to race on. Luke said this type of racing is becoming more popular and has the potential to bring in many people to our area. The Commission and Luke reviewed the track the Association Board mapped out and discussed how it would affect adjacent landowners and a landowner that leases a portion of the land. The Commission said they like the idea but the Association would have to do some leg work to ensure the interested landowners would be on board with a track like that. The Commission asked those present to focus on the tracks they have and use them to the fullest, then in time they can work with the surrounding landowners and possibly expand and everyone present agreed.

Luke said their short term goals are to offer more events than just one Bump n' Run a year and to make improvements to the track so it can be used for multiple ATVs. Luke said they plan to have two Bump n' Runs this year and an "End of Year Bash" Demolition Derby in September. Luke said right now they only have \$9,000 in their Association account which isn't very much to do the improvements they want and asked the Commission if they would be willing to contribute funds to help them. Luke said once the improvements are made and more events take place here he expects it to be a self-sufficient entity and Jasen and Lance Wedemeyer agreed. The Commission asked Luke how much money is needed for the improvements and he said around \$30,000 as Jasen is donating his own equipment and time to do dirt work. The Commission reviewed the Motocross budget and told Luke there is \$9,350.99 available to use for improvements. Luke said when the Association was created a \$10,000 budget was probably sufficient but that was 16 years ago and it will most likely need to increase. The Commission said the next year's budget starts July 1st and budget requests will be going out at the end of April and it is at that time they will be able to request additional funding if necessary.

5:15PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2016

1:00PM RECONVENE

**Present: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk
FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

1:00PM CEMETERY TRACTOR QUOTES REVIEW

Present: Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker

Iven Felt gave the Commission three quotes for a new tractor to review. The quotes were from C&B Operations, John Deere from Beach and Milne Implement Co. with the prices ranging from \$6650 to \$6900. The Commission said they would review the quotes and let Iven know what they decide later.

Iven asked the Commission for permission to have Mickey Duffield move four trees at the Bonnievale Cemetery and the Commission gave permission.

1:05pm- Iven Felt left the meeting.

1:15PM FAIR FOOD BOOTH EQUIPMENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

John Geving was unable to attend the meeting and it was rescheduled to 2 pm on Friday, April 8, 2016.

1:50PM PARKS UPDATES

Present: Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor

TIRE PURCHASE- Scott Rabbitt said his mower tires blow out frequently during the season and would like to purchase spare tires to have on hand and gave the Commission quotes to review. The Commission gave their permission for Scott to purchase the tires from Tire-Rama at the State rate.

SPLASH PARK- Scott told the Commission he would like to paint the cement at the Splash Park with a non-slip textured paint so that people don't slip. Scott said the total cost would be \$6,864 and he would apply it. The Commission asked if there would be a warranty on the paint if Scott applied it and not the contractor. Scott said he hasn't done any research on the warranty but is confident he can apply it correctly. Scott said the paint will last 6-8 years and can be reapplied over each layer. The Commission gave approval for Scott to purchase and apply this paint at the Splash Park and chose a blue paint to mimic the color of water.

WEED EATER MAINTENANCE- Scott said he has taken his Weed Eaters to Steffan Saw in Dickinson and has received good, timely service each time. Scott asked if he could continue taking them there and the Commission gave permission.

COLD STORAGE GARAGE DOOR- Scott said the old parks building needs a new garage door. Scott said the old door isn't centered and falls off the rails when opened. Scott gave the Commission quotes from Gamut Construction and Griffith Steel to replace the door. The Commission told Scott they are in favor of him purchasing a new door but would like him to get a quote for an insulated door with windows instead of a basic door. Scott said he will get the quote and bring it to the Commission.

BOAT LAUNCH PARKING- Scott said he has received several complaints about people parking their boat and trailer at the top of the boat dock after unloading their boat. Scott said this happens often and causes a bottleneck of people waiting to get their boats in and out of the water. Scott said he would like to build an "alley way" to the water by placing drums with signage saying "no parking" in this area so boats can be unloaded quickly and easily this season. The Commission gave Scott permission to do this.

IRON HORSE PARK- Scott asked the Commission if they want him to get millings from the State or Griffith Excavating for Iron Horse Park. The Commission asked Scott to contact Griffith Excavating to get a quote and told him not to lay the millings until the park improvements are finished.

PURCHASE REQUESTS- Scott said he has to test the water at the Splash Park daily and submit these numbers to the State as they consider the Splash Park a "Public Pool". Scott gave the Commission a quote for a testing kit that can submit the results wirelessly. The Commission asked Scott to ask Rich Menger, Sanitarian, if he has a testing kit Scott can use and if he doesn't have one then Scott can purchase this one. Scott asked the Commission if he can have Wi-Fi installed at Iron Horse Park and the Commission gave permission.

2:15pm- Scott Rabbitt left the meeting.

2:30PM CLERK AND RECORDER

Present: Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE- The Commission approved transferring funds into the Coral Creek Landfill IRR TUA per Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder's, request.

PURCHASE REQUESTS- Brenda asked the Commission for permission to purchase two 5 drawer file cabinets for her vault and gave them a quote from Boss to review. The Commission gave permission.

2:40pm- Brenda Wood left the meeting.

2:40pm- Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager, joined the meeting.

Tom Kachel gave the Commission material reports from the Landfill to review. Tom gave updates on contacting Mitchells and Griffith Steel about moving the Landfill building. Commissioner Randash asked Tom to consider when the best time would be to purchase a new scale in the future also.

2:45pm- Randy Tunby, County Land Leaseholder, joined the meeting.

2:50pm- Tom Kachel left the meeting.

2:50pm- Rich Menger, Sanitarian, joined the meeting.

LAND LEASE- Randy Tunby said he came in to talk to the Commission about his land lease but since they are short on time and his lease doesn't renew until July he will discuss it with them later.

PREDATOR CONTROL – The Commission asked Randy what his thoughts were on Predator Control. Randy told the Commission they should use federal trappers for Predator Control as they have good rates and an efficient system in place. Randy said if you start dividing the work and giving it to multiple flyers you will only waste money. Randy and the Commission discussed how the Memorandum of Understanding with the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services will allow everyone in Fallon County who owns livestock to have access to these services.

2:55pm- Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, joined the meeting.

3:00pm- Randy Tunby left the meeting.

3:00PM STANHOPE SEWER PROJECT

Present: Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Executive Director; Rich Menger, Sanitarian

STANHOPE ADDITION SEWER PROJECT- Jason Rittal said the new figure for the project is \$623,000 more than originally anticipated. Jason said the reasons for this increase is needing to increase the lineal feet of pipe and laying scoria down in the alleys to avoid the roads from becoming impassable due to mud. Jason said the Stanhope Addition is ranked the highest in priority by the State due to health safety and asked the Commission to contribute the additional funds because of this. Rich Menger and Jason both agreed with the State that leaving Stanhope Addition as it is will only increase the significant health hazard in that area. The Commission said they understood but they are struggling with spending so much tax payer's money on a subdivision that only will benefit 60 some residents. Jason said this is common in rural communities where infrastructure improvements only benefit a few but for safety of the residents it has to be done. Jason said the large size of the grant received from the State shows how important they think the project is also. The Commission agreed and said they understand the health and safety of those residents has to take precedence. The Commission discussed the poor planning of the subdivision and how to not let this happen again in the future. The Commission reviewed the budget for the addition and there is enough funds to contribute more towards the project.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to commit the additional \$623,000 towards the Stanhope Addition Sewer Project. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any further discussion and there was none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

STANHOPE ADDITION WATER PROJECT- Jason said he talked to Stanhope Addition District Members about being annexed into the City of Baker if the County contributes funds towards replacing their water lines. Jason said they expressed concerns about being able to keep their animals and not wanting to have to pay for streets, curbs and gutters to be installed. Jason said he plans to keep the discussion going with them about this.

MT INFRASTRUCTURE COALITION- Jason said a MT Infrastructure Coalition is being formed by a group of associations and local governments. Jason said the goal of this Coalition is to be able to go before the State Legislature with a unified and powerful, strong voice to try and convince them the Eastern side of the State needs more assistance with infrastructure. Jason told the Commission the various associations and local governments involved thus far with the associated contributions and asked if they also wanted to be a part of this group.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to contribute \$5,000 to join the MT Infrastructure Coalition. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any discussion and there was none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission appointed Jason Rittal to be the voting member of the MT Infrastructure Coalition on their behalf.

4:00PM RETIREE INSURANCE DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOLLOW UP

Present: Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney; Insurance Committee Members: Debbie Wyrick, Selena Nelson, Alba Higgins

Darcy Wassmann said she received information from Montana Association of Counties' (MACO) Legal Counsel about discontinuing the Retiree Discount to current retirees receiving it. Darcy said if the discount was promised to these retirees you cannot discontinue it. Darcy said if it was simply offered without a promise or an "implied guarantee" it can be discontinued. Debbie Wyrick said there is nothing in the policy or manual that states it will be promised to them but forms are given to current retirees that state what the County will pay towards their benefits. After reading the form Darcy said the language in the form represents a guarantee the County will contribute a set amount until the person is no longer eligible for Retiree Benefits and therefore believes it cannot be taken away. The Commission recapped the things they discussed in their last meeting. Commissioner Ranum said she can't support discontinuing the program if current retirees will continue to receive it. Alba Higgins said he understood Commissioner Ranum's viewpoint as it isn't fair but said he thinks there really is no other choice. After more discussion on the cost the program will be to the County over the years all present except Commissioner Ranum agreed the Discount Program needs to be discontinued.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to discontinue the County's contribution to Retiree's Health Insurance Premiums effective April 6th, 2016. Commissioner Ranum chose not to second the motion. Being there was no second Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from being Chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Ranum said she would have seconded the motion if the discount would have been discontinued for the current retirees receiving the benefit, but as long as they are receiving it she cannot honor the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay. The motion carried.

5:30pm- Darcy Wassman, Debbie Wyrick, Selena Nelson and Alba Higgins left the meeting.

5:30PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to take an evening recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2016

2:00PM RECONVENE

**Present: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk
FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

2:00pm- Dave Havens, Member of the Public, joined the meeting.

2:00PM SENATOR TESTER UPDATES

Present: Penny Zimmerman and Rachel Court, Senator Tester Regional Directors

Penny Zimmerman and Rachel Court joined the meeting to give the Commission updates on the items Senator Tester has been involved with and working on. Topics discussed were the Powder River Training Center, Colstrip coal plants and the EPA changing emissions rules. The Commission asked Penny to discuss the Baker Lake Mitigation Plan with Senator Tester. The Commission said they sent their Mitigation Plan to Monica with EPA in January and haven't heard anything back from her yet. Penny said she will share this information with the Senator.

2:45pm- Penny Zimmerman and Rachel Court left the meeting.

3:01pm- Nic Eisle, Undersheriff and Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff joined the meeting.

Nic Eisle and Trent Harbaugh told the Commission they want to hire Jason Ellenberg as their new Detention Officer. Nic discussed Jason's work history with the Commission and said he scored the highest in the interviewing process. The Commission signed the New Hire Approval Form authorizing Jason Ellenberg to be hired as a Detention Officer in the Sheriff's Department.

3:20pm- Nic Eisle, Trent Harbaugh and Dave Havens left the meeting.

3:20PM EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2016

2:00PM RECONVENE

**Present: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, Member; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk
Absent: William L. Randash, Member
FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

2:00PM FAIR FOOD BOOTH EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION

Present: John Geving, American Lutheran Church Councilmember

John Geving and the Commission reviewed and discussed the equipment items that J & W Enterprises quoted for the Fair Food Booths. John told the Commission they have someone in their church who may be able to get the equipment they need at cost and will get more information from him to present to the Commission.

3:00PM ADJOURN

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

ADJOURN
s/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:
s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

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