

9:15AM CONVENE

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

Absent: Deb Ranum, Member

Guest: Dave Havens, Member of the Public

9:15AM COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION

MISCELLANEOUS- Commissioner Randash said he was on the phone with a secretary with Veteran's Administration at Fort Harrison in regards to getting enrolled in the First Choice Program for the Veteran's Administration Program. Commissioner Randash said he has been struggling with getting into this program for over two weeks and told the secretary he was going to talk to Senator Steve Daines about it. Commissioner Randash said the secretary encouraged him to talk to the Senator as that is the only way things will change.

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.

10:00AM ROAD DEPARTMENT 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 that are being serviced or repaired this week. Alba said he gave the Road Crew additional training on operating a clutch brake after a mishap last week.

10:15am- Alba Higgins left the meeting.

ROAD UPDATES- Bobby Wiedmer gave the Commission updates on the activities of the Road Crew this week. Bobby said he and Shannon Hewson looked at the Cooper Bridge and will be working on a way to repair it with a method less expensive than a box culvert replacement. The Commission asked if a load limit is posted and Bobby said no but there should be. Shannon said there is most likely a recommended limit on the bridge inspection from 2012. The Commission asked Bobby to get the load limit posted until it is repaired. Bobby said he is also working with DuWayne Bohle, Special Projects Worker, to haul scoria out to the Rifle Range.

CALUMET RD BOX CULVERT PROJECT- Shannon gave the Commission a detailed bid tabulation for the project to review. Shannon said he reviewed all the bids and recommended the Commission award the project to the lowest bidder which was Coon Construction.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to award the Calumet Rd. Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Project to Coon Construction for \$124,073. 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.

10:35am- Dave Havens left the meeting.

WESTMORE/DRYFORK BOX CULVERTS PROJECT- Shannon said Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, is working with Barney and Shelley Dean on their easement. Shannon said the only other easement they are waiting for is Clint Ehret's and Commissioner Baldwin said he will call Clint about it.

LOWER BAKER LAKE- Shannon gave the Commission a copy of the Supplement to Operation and Maintenance Plan to review before the agreement is finalized. Shannon said the City of Baker was given a copy to review also.

10:45am- Bobby Wiedmer and Shannon Hewson left the meeting.

10:50am- Commissioner Randash left the meeting to attend a funeral.

11:00AM HAIL DAMAGE CONFERENCE CALL WITH INSURANCE ADJUSTER

Present: Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder; Scott Signor, EMC Insurance Adjuster via Conference Call

Scott Signor said EMC is wanting to know the status of the County's hail damage repairs and how they can help the County move forward with the hail claim. Scott said EMC has paid \$940,495.29 to the County for repairs thus far with some of the roofs being replaced at Actual Cost Value and others at Replacement Cost. Scott said the County currently has 25 structures remaining to repair with the County opting to not repair a few of these buildings. Scott said there is currently \$80,480.37 in recoverable depreciation set aside in their reserves to go towards these future repairs. Debbie Wyrick said the County had seven of the buildings scheduled to be repaired this spring but the owner of the business has passed away. Debbie said the County isn't sure if the company will still want to do the repairs or be able to do them this year. Commissioner Baldwin said with the downturn of the economy some of the other local contractors may be freed up to repair the roofs and doesn't foresee it being a problem in getting the repairs done.

11:05am- Commissioner Ranum joined the meeting

Commissioner Baldwin said one of the struggles they have with the claim is the Insurance Adjuster's figure for the Library Roof. Scott said he will review the previous report but thought he remembered there was damage done to that roof in previous years and minor damage in that particular hail storm. Debbie said at the time the hail occurred there were repairs being done to the Courthouse roof so the Insurance Adjuster did a line item list for what parts of the roof received hail damage versus what parts were undergoing repairs. Debbie said the Library roof is a completely different type of roof so wasn't included in this line item list.

Scott said it appears the estimates that the adjuster noted in the claim for the repairs are higher than the actual repairs are coming in at. Debbie said they haven't done cost comparisons and the County hasn't received quotes for some of the buildings. Scott said he is going to send Debbie a current Statement of Loss for review purposes so the County can compare their figures with what EMC has on file. Scott asked if the County would consider taking the reserve amount of \$80,480.17 for future repairs to close the claim out, pending the Library roof. Commissioner Baldwin said he didn't see a problem in doing this. Scott said he will contact Debbie once he knows what is going on with the Library Roof claim and then hopefully they can close the claim soon.

11:15am- Scott Signor left the meeting.

The Commission and Debbie looked at the Library Roof Claim and saw the Insurance Adjuster only awarded the County \$8,900 for repairs.

11:25am- DuWayne Bohle, Special Projects Worker, joined the meeting.

The Commission, DuWayne Bohle and Debbie reviewed the remaining buildings that were slated for repair. Debbie said the best case scenario is that they receive the \$80,480.17 and use it to repair the buildings that really need it. Debbie said then they can get the claim closed out and have Jim Leischner with D&J Insurance continue working on getting the buildings back onto Replacement Value. DuWayne said he will contact Griffith Steel to ask what buildings they still plan on repairing and get them scheduled.

11:30AM APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS

There were no letters of interest submitted for Fallon County Board vacancies therefore no members were appointed.

11:45am- DuWayne Bohle and Debbie Wyrick left the meeting.

11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment.

11:50pm- Commissioner Randash returned to the meeting.

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
Guest: Dave Havens, Member of the Public**

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1:15PM COMMISSION WORK SESSION

STANHOPE WATER PROJECT- The Commission began to discuss committing funds to the Stanhope Water Project and decided to await news on this coming quarter's revenues before discussing it any further. The Commission contacted Barb Ketterling, Treasurer, to ask about future revenues and she is going to try and gather information for them. Commissioner Randash went and talked to Kevin Dukart, City of Baker Treasurer/Clerk, about the condition of the water lines at Stanhope Addition. Kevin said all residents have water but the water lines are 2 inch pipes and they have no fire hydrants. Commissioner Randash asked if the Stanhope Addition would be annexed into the City if the water lines were replaced and Kevin said they could but the residents could choose not to be. Commissioner Randash said the residents in the Stanhope Addition may not want to be annexed into the City as they would have to get rid of their horses and chickens which are not allowed in City limits. Commissioner Randash said he won't be in office when the water lines are put in but told the other Commissioners to consider including a requirement of the addition being annexed into the City if the County pays for the water line replacements and the other Commissioners agreed.

SOUTHWEST BUSINESS MACHINE PURCHASE REQUESTS- The County has a large credit with Southwest Business Machines and sent an email to all Department Heads two weeks ago asking if they were in need of any office equipment the credit could be used for. The Commission reviewed requests received from the Health Department, County Attorney and Clerk and Recorder's office for new copiers. The Commission said they would also like to use the credit to purchase two file cabinets for Jason Rittal, future County Advisor.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the purchase of file cabinets and the requested copiers from the Health Department, County Attorney and Clerk and Recorder's Office. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

2:00pm- Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, joined the meeting.

2:00PM REVIEW POLICY MANUAL, SECTIONS 1.01-1.19

The Commission told Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager, they wanted to wait until Jason Rittal, future County Advisor, can be present to review the Policy Manual therefore the meeting was canceled.

Stanhope Addition- The Commission asked Darcy Wassmann if they would be able to require Stanhope Addition to be annexed into the City of Baker if they assist them with replacing their water lines. The Commission said they would like the addition to be annexed into the City so the County isn't responsible for managing the City's water and sewer lines. Darcy suggested making it a condition for them to be annexed into the City if they give funds to replace the water lines. Commissioner Randash said Kevin Dukart, City of Baker Treasurer/Clerk, is going to talk to the City Attorney, Rich Batterman, about it and Darcy said she will look into also. The Commission called Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to let him know they want to discuss this with him when he meets with them next week.

2:20pm- Darcy Wassmann left the meeting.

2:30pm- Clint Ehret brought his signed easement for the Calumet Rd Box Culvert to the Commission.

3:00PM REVIEW DOCUMENTS

The Commission reviewed the Hay Lease between Fallon County and Steve Spriggs that needs to be renewed. The Commission reviewed the Fallon Medical Complex Agreement. The Commission reviewed the Ambulance Board Resolution that needs to be redrafted.

3:35pm- Shelley Dean brought her and William P. Mackay's signed easement for the Calumet Rd Box Culvert to the Commission.

4:00PM COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES

Present: Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney; Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director

AMBULANCE BOARD RESOLUTION- The Commission and Darcy discussed the various powers the Ambulance Board has and should have. The Commission's main concern is if the Board makes purchases without the Commission's approval as in times past. Darcy said the current resolution states the Board has to have the Commission's authorization and approval for purchases already. Lisa Mitchell said it is challenging when she gets the Commission's approval for something but the Board seems to always ask for more information and doesn't make a decision. Darcy, the Commission and Lisa discussed the role of the Board in relation to Lisa's role. Lisa said the Ambulance Board wanted the responsibility

of the recruiting and training to be Lisa's responsibility and not theirs. The Commission and Darcy said those responsibilities are usually the Boards although Lisa will assist ensuring they are done. The Commission, Darcy and Lisa discussed if an Ambulance Board is necessary in the operation of the Ambulance Service. The Commission said the Ambulance Board and Director were put into place to help with the dissension that was in the Association for years. The Commission told Lisa if there are any changes she would like to see in the Resolution she can discuss those with them in the future. The Commission said the Resolution is very specific in the powers it gives to the Board and will leave it as is.

FALLON MEDICAL COMPLEX (FMC) MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT- Darcy asked the Commission if there was anything in the Management Agreement they wanted to change. The Commission said the only thing that may need to be changed is the addendum that has names of providers who are no longer offering services at FMC. The Commission will notify David Espeland, FMC CEO, to update the agreement with the most recent providers included.

HAY LEASE RENEWAL- The Commission and Darcy reviewed the lease. The current lease is set at \$450 per year. The lease states the amount is paid only to the County but in years past the City received half of the payment and the County received the other half. The Commission said they aren't sure where this arrangement originated from as none of the older leases state the City receives half. Commissioner Baldwin said he asked Kevin Dukart, City of Baker Treasurer/Clerk, about it and Kevin said the City of Baker has never received any funds for this Hay Lease. The Commission and Darcy discussed what to set the rate at and decided to set it at \$500.

LAND LEASE SUBLETTING- The Commission and Darcy discussed continuing to allow a lessee to sublet the land. The Commission said they don't allow any other Lessee to sublet their land and no longer want to allow it for any Lessee. Darcy said she will draft a letter and have the Commission review it before it's mailed out. Commissioner Randash said he doesn't want to meddle in the MacKay Ranch's business by not messing up the land they have available to lease. Commissioner Baldwin and Commissioner Ranum disagreed and said they should treat all Lessee's the same.

5:00pm- Commissioner Ranum left the meeting.

5:05pm- Darcy Wassmann left the meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin and Commissioner Ranum continued to discuss the land the County owns. Commissioner Randash said the County should keep their lands now as increasing the leases have made the land more of an investment then it ever has been. Commissioner Randash suggested putting a stipulation that the lessee who sublets County land cannot make a profit on subletting the lease. Commissioner Baldwin said he would like to not allow subletting as it just complicates things but understands Commissioner Randash's point of view. Commissioner Baldwin said he will need to take more time to think about it.

5:15pm- Dave Havens left the meeting.

5:15PM EVENING RECESS

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th, 2016

1:00PM MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ANNUAL TCP MEETING IN MILES CITY, MT

Commissioner Baldwin and Commissioner Randash attended the Montana Department of Transportation Annual District TCP Meeting in Miles City, MT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17th, 2016

10:00AM RECONVENE

Present: Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

Absent: Steve Baldwin, Chairman

Guest: Dave Havens, Member of the Public

10:00AM MA WEEDEN GRAVEL PIT DISCUSSION

Present: Mike Kindzerski, MA Weeden Construction Inc.; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor

Mike Kindzerski called for the meeting to discuss the gravel that would be available for purchase from the Wenz Pit. Mike said there is 30,000 tons of gravel they will not be able to use on the Ollie Road because of the gravel not passing some of the required tests. Mike said this gravel does meet the Montana Department of Transportation specs and would be good gravel to place on County roads. Mike and Bobby Wiedmer went through the test results and gravel specs. Mike gave the Commission a proposal to sell the gravel to the County for \$10/ton and said there would be a place on Wenz's where it would be stockpiled. Mike said if the County wanted to haul the gravel themselves to a stockpile location he would reduce the price to \$9/ton. Mike said they have exclusive rights to the pit for 5 years so the County could pull it out of the pile over the next 5 years but would need to reclaim and reseed it when finished. The Commission asked if there would be more gravel on this site when they vacate it and Mike said yes. The Commission thanked Mike for offering the gravel to them and said they will discuss it with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney.

10:30am- Mike Kindzerski, Bobby Wiedmer and Dave Havens left the meeting.

10:30AM ADJOURN

Commissioner Randash made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

ADJOURN
s/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:
s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

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