

9:00am CONVENE

**PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman, Deb Ranum, Roy Rost, Members; Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk
FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Commission reviewed board minutes, agendas, e-mails, revenues, letters, and reports.

9:20am Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance joined the meeting.

Last week there was discussion on where grass clippings are to go. They will now go to the old landfill.

9:22am Joe left the meeting.

9:45am Commissioner Baldwin left the meeting.

9:48am Elin Kittelmann, Extension Agent joined the meeting.

Elin presented quotes for the livestock pens. She would like to get the 6x6 pens. Discussion on funds followed.

Commission would rather not involve the 4-H funds. There is a \$1000.00 grant that needs to be applied to the purchase.

Commissioner Ranum feels it should be \$4,000.00 out of Extension, and \$5,000.00 from the Fair. 4-H Council has

committed to 1,000.00.

Commissioner Rost made motion to purchase the 6x6 pens with 8 additional 8' dividers with Fair Fund to pay half, approximately \$5,000.00, 4-H Council grant of \$1,000.00 and remaining \$4,000.00 out of Extension's budget.

Commissioner Ranum stepped down from Co-Chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum, Co-Chair asked for any other discussion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion passed.

9:58am Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman, Mark Sieler, Road Foreman joined the meeting.

10:03am Elin left the meeting.

10:04am Commissioner Baldwin rejoined the meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Shop Updates- Updates on equipment repairs.

Road Updates- Cattle guards are installed, continue to gravel Cabin Creek Road.

10:09am Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

10:11am Alba left the meeting.

Project Updates- Concrete was poured at Coal Bank Culvert and they will be stripping forms today and leaving the braces until next week.

Need to advertise for bids on City of Baker Box Culvert Project, 1st street, 3rd 4th and 5th street. Bid opening will be 11th of May at 10:00am. Commission approves. Electrical pumping for the lake; it will require electrical submersible pumps; need to use the electrical outlets at the parks. Shannon was advised to visit with the City, Commission is ok with using outlets at the park. Brosz Engineering still needs the easement from Terry Hoyt. Shannon will go visit with him.

Public Input Hearing on Baker Lake Drainage Improvement (Box Culvert) Project needs to be in the paper. May 1 at 10:30am. Also need to advertise the Public Input Hearing Baker Lake Dewatering. May 8th at 10:30am.

10:30am Mark and Shannon left the meeting.

10:32am Shannon rejoined the meeting. Commission signed invitation to Bid.

10:47am Shannon left the meeting.

10:59am Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

Mary wants amendments with LOMAR and wants prior amendments to minutes published. Feels what was published is not a clear record.

Planner Administrative Assistant met with City of Plevna on zoning. There is a discrepancy on whether land on the North side of town is within the city boundaries.

11:10am Mary left the meeting.

11:12am Commissioner Ranum offered discussion on the POW/MIA monument. Commissioner Rost would like to visit further with Commander Bondell.

11:15am Staci Knuths, Mike Gross, Philip Grieser; Mid-Rivers joined the meeting.

Mid-Rivers will be ready next week to transition to the new phone system.

The Health Dept. has requested to add two more phones. Commission approves.

The Senior Center currently has four phone lines and would like two more; one for a hallway and one for the back room where they play pool. Commission approves.

11:54am Staci, Mike and Philip left the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

11:58am Commissioner Ranum left the meeting.

11:59am NOON RECESS

Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from Chair and seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

1:15pm RECONVENE

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1:15pm Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting via conference call.

Legislative Updates were given.

There will be no new Bills introduced.

SB367 is in Appropriations.

HB473 has had some changes to it, but in the house for vote.

SB338, the Colstrip Bill got tabled on a tie vote. They are hoping it makes it to the floor for debate.

HB6, the 911 Bill, now there is only 8 million, one of the other bills raided 2 million. It will be on the floor tomorrow.

SB278 the Procurement Bill which is on the Governor's desk.

The mail ballot will take a super majority (3/5) to move it, they will sit on it and it will just die.

1:45pm Jason ended the phone call thereby leaving the meeting.

Commissioner Ranum asked again what the Commissioners thoughts were on the MIA/POW monument, both Commissioners Baldwin and Rost agree to have Commander Bondell show the commission where exactly the Veterans want it placed. The recording secretary is to contact Commander Bondell to meet with the Commission. Commissioner Ranum asked if the Commissioners will be involved with the IT/Computer Tech interviews.

1:47pm

CLAIMS APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the April Mid-Month Claims in the amount of \$583,106.70 and filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

3:09pm Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant joined the meeting regarding amendments involving the language on a past Commissioners Agenda. The amendments presented earlier pertained to a topic heading within the Minutes from that same week. Commission asked for clarification on what she really wanted, the Planner Administrative Assistant stated it's not a personal attack.

3:11pm Mary left the meeting.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to amend the Minutes for April 3-7 from: Forrest states we need a public hearing June 7th in regards to LOMR for Baker Metal. To: Forrest informed the Commission of the Growth Policy Resolution of Intent and said that a public hearing will need to take place on June 7th after the comment period has ended. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

3:20pm Dale Butori, Weed Control Coordinator joined the meeting.

3:24pm Doug Bruha, Weed Board Chairman joined the meeting.

The Weed Board met last Monday night and accepted the chemical bid from CPS of Timberland. The Weed Board recognizes the need for a price change as there has only been one price change in 14 years. The Weed Boards' proposal is to move from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per hour this spray season. The breakdown is \$15.00 per hour per person and \$35.00 per machine. Counsel was sought from the County Attorney.

Moving forward they will review the County Spray Prices annually and make incremental increases.

Discussion followed on State and BLM contracts for spraying.

Commissioner Ranum moved to accept the proposed rate change to \$15.00 per hour per person and \$35.00 per machine. Seconded by Commissioner Rost. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

Commission reviewed chemical bids the Weed Dept. received.

3:52pm Dale and Doug left the meeting.

3:58pm Kathy Phillips with Keystone Pipeline joined the meeting via a conference call.

Keystone Pipeline has hired a helicopter to do aerial survey's beginning April 19th. They will be contacting the landowners.

4:02pm Kathy ended the phone call thereby leaving the meeting.

4:14pm Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin read aloud Resoultion 2017-14 to Adopt Policy Manual. Julie will hand out the new manuals at Thursday's safety meeting.

Commissioner Rost made a motion to accept the adoption of Resolution 2017-14. Seconded by Commissioner Ranum with extreme reservation. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

4:20pm Kim Cuppy, Health Dept. Nurse joined the meeting.

Request to hire the chosen candidate for Home Health Aide.

Commissioner Rost made a motion to hire the chosen Home Health Aide candidate for the Public Health Dept. Seconded by Commissioner Ranum. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. Discussion followed as to why the hours were increased. Two part-time positions made into one full-time. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

4:24pm Kim left the meeting.

4:26pm Julie Straub, HRM left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Rost made the motion to move into closed session. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

5:00pm

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to meet Tuesday, April 18 at 10:00am for closed session. Commissioner Rost seconds the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion, there being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR WEEK OF APRIL 10-14, 2017. Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week April 10-14, 2017 with corrections. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

5:10pm Adjourn

Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nay. The motion carried unanimously.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

10:00am

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Rost made the motion to move into closed session. Commissioner Ranum seconded. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

10:34am

Commissioner Rost made the motion to go with Brenda Hoeger's, Trent Harbaugh, and Mike Reddick recommendation and law enforcement's recommendation to terminate the employment of Lori Hall effective immediately. Commissioner Ranum seconds the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion, there being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

10:35am

Rich Menger, Sanitarian joined the meeting. Several letters regarding uninhabitable residence are being sent today. Commissioner Baldwin questioned how it is handled if the individuals could not afford the costs associated with demolition. The Sanitarian stated that there is grant funding available. The Commission requested the Sanitarian apprise the individuals of such.

10:36am

Commissioner Ranum asked if the Planner Administrative Assistant could send in writing what is to be on the agenda. Commissioner Baldwin affirmed Yes, and any corrections to minutes need to be brought in earlier or bring them to us.

Commissioner Ranum posed the question as to if the Commission will be supervising the IT/Computer person.

Commissioner Ranum would like a procedure for disseminating information between county departments, her preference is it should come to the Commission and the Commission will relay needs to the appropriate department. Discussion was introduced as to why sand is being taken out of the barn at the Fairgrounds.

Recording Clerk, Peggy Paylor, asked for permission to clarify the agenda and minutes from the Planner Administrative Assistant.

It was clarified that the Planner Administrative Assistant does send e-mails to the Recording Clerk with her topic for Commission meetings and that information is copied directly from the e-mails to the agenda and the minutes as topic headings.

10:47am Kimberly Jensen, Accounts Payable Clerk joined the meeting per Commission request.

Commissioner Ranum asked to see an end of month check register for the Wells Fargo bank account.

Commission was advised that the Treasurer's office handles the Wells Fargo account.

10:49am Kimberly left the meeting.

Recording Clerk, Peggy Paylor, informed Commission that a monthly report is presented from the Treasurer's office for their review each month and presented Commissioner Ranum with the current report for review.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion, there being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

s/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:

s/Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder