

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Roy Rost, Deb Ranum, Members; Kelsey Phillips, Recording Clerk/Secretary

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No one appeared for public comment.

**MINUTES APPROVAL FOR WEEK OF JUNE 4-8, 2018**

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of June 4-8, 2018 with corrections. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

**9:27 AM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.**

**Primary Election-** Jason reviewed the Elected Officials and County Commissioners election results for counties in Montana, as the election took place last week. This was the Primary Election; the General Election will be held in November.

**Court House Window Project-** Samples were taken last week of the window panes to check for asbestos before the window project takes place. There was not anything found containing asbestos. The bids for the window project will be opened on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Jason will have a recommendation prepared for the Commission on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Terry Sukut, JGA, is sending out an addendum stating that there was no asbestos found.

**Salary Resolution-** Discussion on the Salary Resolution, which is on the agenda for 11:30 AM today. This entails what the Salary Commission decided upon at the last meeting. Commission will need to direct Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder, as to what all employees will receive for a salary increase, other than Elected Officials and Deputies. An adjustment to the resolution can be made in the upcoming years.

**EMC Insurance-** EMC Insurance has sent their Denial Claim to both First Dakota and Fallon County. Jason will be going through it today. It's the first step in moving towards a resolution to hopefully resolve the issue. Jason will meet with Jade Boggs, Insurance Store, to make sure Fallon County is covered in all areas. Jason would like EMC and First Dakota to move towards a settlement sooner, rather than later.

**Baker Lake Grant-** The Department of Commerce is going to draft the contract for the upcoming fiscal years for potential grant money. This grant is up to the discretion of the director's. Jason will have a draft of the contract completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. He also plans to send updates of the Lake Enhancements since the survey has now been completed.

**Weed Department Truck-** Dale Butori, Weed Control Coordinator, has gotten ahold of Jason to inform him that he hasn't heard from American Ford regarding his Weed Department Truck. The other truck that is at Northside is getting the engine replaced. They are waiting for an engine that will fit correctly before they can do the repairs. He has a board meeting tonight and would like to give the Board Members updated information. American Ford will call when they are finished up with the repairs. A new pickup for the Weed Department will be added onto the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

**10:01 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.**

**10:03 AM Jason left the meeting.**

**Burnt Station Road-** Bobby does not feel there is anything wrong with the culvert on Burnt Station Road. It's not any shallower than it was before, and there should be no problem getting cattle to go through it. It has sufficient space for the cattle to pass through.

**Updates-** The dates on the training for the blading of the roads was mixed up; it will be held tomorrow. Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman, can't make it in today to the Commission meeting, as another blade is having an issue. It is under warranty. The Road Department has been busy getting the scoria covered up on the anticline.

**Beach Gravel-** Bobby hasn't gone to look at the sand yet for the beaches for Baker Lake but plans to this week. Commissioner Rost would like to join. It is not the same sand that the City plans to use.

**Road Blading-** Commissioner Ranum would like the road bladed from here on out for the Big Hill Shoot. She explained that it brings revenue to the County and the County should help them out as well. There is another one being held in the next few weeks. Bobby agreed with this idea and will touch base with the Directors and let them know the service is available if they would like.

**School Bus Approach-** Discussion followed on the school bus approach that is planned to be added to School House Road. Commission viewed the area with John Geving, School Bus Driver, and decided

that where Bobby had originally wanted the approach would be the best option. The current approach will be widened, in plans to ensure safety for the children.

**10:25 AM Bobby left the meeting.**

**10:29 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.**

**10:31 AM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.**

**Baker Lake Updates-** Shannon presented a survey taken that contains all the materials left in the Lake. This survey was taken on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. The “fills” presented are where the roads were dug for the construction company. This week they should be done moving dirt out of the Lake and then will continue to finish the grading process. Jasen Wyrick, with Wyrick Construction, will work his way back on the haul roads. All of the debris has been removed, except for the southeast corner of the Lake and the back-east corner over to the County Road.

**EPA-** Shannon received an e-mail from Sage, Army Corps, and she is still waiting to see the permit from the EPA for Plant Procurement. They have gotten the verbal confirmation but have not seen anything formal yet. If the permit does come in this week, the Commission will not be in session on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be in on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and will meet with Shannon then to discuss the permit further. They will also discuss Change Order #3 for the Baker Lake Cleanup and Dredging Project. Shannon is working on the agreement for the plants right now.

**Updates-** The fall planting will just be the wooded plants, which are dormant. The wetlands are on schedule to be planted in the Lake next spring. Discussion followed on the Upper Lake and when the gate will be allowed to be opened next spring. There will need to be strict rules to whoever is in charge of the gates, as before it was unorganized with no set requirements or restrictions.

**Veteran’s Memorial-** Shannon has been in contact with the Black Hills Monument Company regarding the Veteran’s Memorial. The bronze plates are either epoxied on or glued on with a construction grade silicon. If they are held together with epoxy, the bronze plates are replaceable if they happen to get broken.

**10:54 AM Tom Kachel, Manager of Landfill Operations joined the meeting.**

The Memorial is not all tied together, therefore it cannot be lifted as one piece. Shannon stated that if the top half will come off, the rest of it shouldn’t be too hard to move. It will take time to get them out, but it can happen. Discussion followed on where the Veteran’s Memorial will go, whether it be staying at the City Park or moved to Iron Horse Park.

**11:01 AM Jason and Shannon left the meeting.**

**11:02 AM Jerrie Newell, Clerk of Court; Keli Bertsch, Deputy Clerk of Court joined the meeting.**

**Clerk of Court Updates-** Drug Court will no longer be occurring in Fallon County this upcoming year, as the grant has fallen through. Jerrie stated that there is a good chance for next year to re-apply for the grant. The Clerk of Court’s Office case load is continually going up. Jerrie has been working on a Case Management Program with the Court Administrator’s Office in Helena. Missoula County is going to online filing, with plans of other Counties to follow suit, starting with the larger Counties. The Court Administrator’s Office is in charge of this. By online filing, it eliminates the need for citizens to bring in paperwork to the Court House. This updated process should be more cost effective as well. Commission informed Jerrie and Keli that the front of the Court House will soon be worked on for the Sidewalk Project. Employees, as well as customers, will have to use an alternative entrance until the project is complete.

**11:12 AM Jerrie and Keli left the meeting.**

**Landfill Updates-** Tom gave Commission the activity reports for the County Landfill for last month. Farmer’s Union has been paying their bill quarterly, and the last check was received in April. Tom and the Commission do not have recollection on this agreement taking place. The road out to the Landfill has been resurfaced with scoria.

**11:36 AM Tom left the meeting.**

**11:40 AM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.**

**Adopt Salary Resolution – Resolution #1001**

**Commissioner Rost made the motion to adopt the Salary Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018-19 #1001 as unanimously agreed upon in the Salary Commission Meeting. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**11:49 AM Jason left the meeting.**

11:50 AM Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NOON RECESS**

### **RECONVENE**

**PRESENT:** Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Roy Rost, Deb Ranum, Members; Kelsey Phillips, Recording Clerk/Secretary

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No one appeared for public comment.

### **Commission Work Session**

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas. They also went to view the bathrooms at the Gazebo, because they have had some issues locking.

### **3:27 PM Kathy Newell, Elections Clerk; Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.**

**Primary Canvass-** For the Primary Election that took place on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 39% of all registered voters in Fallon County participated. The total register voter count was at 1,809, with 708 citizens voting. Commissioner Baldwin read off the Official Canvass of the June 5, 2018 Primary Election for the State of Montana, and Commissioner Rost and Commissioner Ranum followed along and double checked the numbers. Commission signed in approval. The Canvass Report for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for Fallon County read as follows:

### **DEMOCRAT –**

#### **United States Senator**

- Jon Tester – 79 votes

#### **United States Representative**

- John Heenan – 17 votes
- Grant Kier – 4 votes
- John Meyer – 7 votes
- Lynda Moss – 7 votes
- Jared Pettinato – 2 votes
- Kathleen Williams – 29 votes

#### **Clerk of the Supreme Court**

- Rex Renk – 57 votes

#### **State Senator District 19**

- Mary Zeiss Stange – 59 votes

### **GREEN PARTY -**

#### **United States Senator**

- Timothy Adams – 0 votes
- Steve Kelly – 0 votes

#### **United States Representative**

- Doug Campbell – 0 votes

### **REPUBLICAN –**

#### **United States Senator**

- Troy Downing – 70 votes
- Russ Fagg – 193 votes
- Albert Olszewski – 44 votes
- Matt Rosendale – 252 votes

#### **United States Representative**

- Greg Gianforte – 520 votes

#### **Clerk of the Supreme Court**

- Bowen Greenwood – 437 votes

**State Senator District 19**

- Kenneth Bogner – 149 votes
- Bill Harris – 64 votes
- Jerry Schillinger – 348 votes

**State Representative District 37**

- Frederick (Eric) Moore – 514 votes

**County Clerk and Recorder/Superintendent of Schools**

- Brenda J. Wood – 559 votes

**Sheriff/Coroner**

- Trenton Harbaugh – 579 votes

**County Attorney**

- Darcy L. Wassmann – 525 votes

**County Treasurer/Assessor**

- Barbara E. Ketterling – 525 votes

**NON-PARTISAN –**

**Supreme Court Justice #4 Full-Term**

- Beth Baker – 471 votes

**Supreme Court Justice #2 Unexpired Term**

- Ingrid Gustafson – 470 votes

**District Court Judge District 16, Dept. 1**

- Michael Hayworth – 484 votes

**District Court Judge District 16, Dept. 2**

- Nickolas C. Murnion – 538 votes

**WRITE-IN – DEMOCRAT -**

**State Representative Dist. 37**

- Vaughn Zenko, Jr. – 3 votes

**County Clerk & Recorder/Supt. Schools**

- Vaughn Zenko, Jr. - 2 votes
- Brenda Wood – 1 vote
- Maria Braun – 1 vote

**Sheriff/Coroner**

- Vaughn Zenko, Jr. - 3 votes
- Trenton Harbaugh – 3 votes

**County Attorney**

- Darcy L. Wassmann - 1 vote
- Rich Batterman – 1 vote

**County Treasurer/Assessor**

- Vaughn Zenko, Jr. – 3 votes
- Barbara E. Ketterling – 3 votes

**WRITE IN – REPUBLICAN –**

**County Commissioner District III**

- Richard Schaefer – 2 votes
- Jared Geving – 1 vote
- Jerrid Geving – 1 vote
- Steve Baldwin – 5 votes
- Doug Post – 1 vote

**Commissioner Rost made the motion to appoint Shaun Crisler to the Plevna Rural Fire District. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3:41 PM Kathy and Brenda left the meeting.**

**Appoint Board Members**

Commissioner Rost made the motion to accept Dana Buerkle's resignation from the Weed Board. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to appoint JC Stanhope to the Cemetery Board to fill the open position. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to re-appoint LaVerne Schell to the Council on Aging Board, Lyle Neary to the Council on Aging Board, Alice Kay Schweigert to the Council on Aging Board, Ruby Bruce to the Council on Aging Board, Steve Gonsioroski to the Weed Board, Jon Stevenson to the Cemetery Board, Pat Hanley to the Planning Board, Chuck Lee to the Baker TV Board, Wayne Mangold to the Plevna TV Board, Curt Williams to the Museum Board, Wayne Sander to the Baker Lake Advisory Board, and Gaye Sanders to the Library Board. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

3:51 PM Commissioner Ranum made the motion to recess. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RECESS**

Commissioner Rost and Commissioner Ranum attended the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Year-End Workshop in Wolf Point, MT on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor, opened the Court House and Library Window Replacement Project Bids with Terry Sukut, JGA, and Commissioner Baldwin present. This project will be awarded on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Fisher Construction and Cucancic Construction both placed bids. Fisher Construction had a complete bid totaled at \$315,300.00 and Cucancic Construction had a complete bid totaled at \$255,605.00. Jason will send a copy of the bids to Terry and he will have a recommendation ready for the Commission on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018**

**3:00 PM CONVENE**

**PRESENT:** Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Roy Rost, Deb Ranum, Members; Kelsey Phillips, Recording Clerk/Secretary

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**3:00 PM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering; Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.**

**EPA Plant Procurement-** The EPA Plant Procurement permit for the Wetlands Restoration has been received. Shannon has reviewed the permit and everything looks good, however one revision will be made. This gives the opportunity to move forward with working inside the Lake. They are now permitted to do all the Wetlands Restoration.

**Change Order #3 for Baker Lake Cleanup and Dredging Project-** This Change Order is for the earth work involved with building the wetlands, the excavation of pulling the material out and stockpiling it on the Upper Lake, and rip rap protection on the edge of the wetlands. This Change Order does not include the stabilization of the shoreline, even though they are permitted for it. That will be contracted out separately. The shrubbery will be planted this fall. The people that are growing the plants do not plant them, they are planted by whoever builds the shoreline stabilization. Jason recommended approving Change Order #3.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to accept Change Order #3 for the amount of \$1,499,078.50 for the Baker Lake Project. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

**3:40 PM Jason and Shannon left the meeting.**

Commission signed Mid-Month Claims in the amount of \$649,395.79. These are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

3:51 PM Commissioner Ranum made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

For the week of June 18-22, 2018, Commission will be out of the office. Commissioner Ranum, Commissioner Rost, and Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor, will be in Lewistown, MT, on Monday June 18-19 for the Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties meeting. On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Baldwin and Jason Rittal will attend the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Year-End Workshop in Billings, MT. Regular Commission meetings will resume on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURN  
s/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:  
s/Kelsey Phillips, Recording Secretary/ Clerk

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