

9:30 AM CONVENE

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to accept the minutes from April 1-5, 2019, with corrections. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

9:55 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.

Road Department Updates- The Road Crew has been working on the wash overs on some of the seasonal roads. Four blades are out working on the roads that are not well traveled. They have also been hauling gravel out of the Beach Pit for repairs. Some of the Road Crew attended MACRS last week for training. Discussion took place on what is considered a County road versus a public road. The Commission informed Bobby that they are still waiting on the CORP permit for the Plevna North Structure Project. The bid has not yet been awarded because they are waiting for the permit. Bobby stated that TransCanada had wanted permission to add Wrangler Trail to the Road Use Agreement, as well as permission to place a waterline in the County Right of Way on Bergstrom Road. The Commission granted permission.

10:09 AM Mary Grube, Planning Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

10:12 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering; Robbie Christiaens, Parks Supervisor joined the meeting.

Iron Horse Park Sidewalk Project- The Road Crew will be able to do the removal of the surfacing for the Iron Horse Park Sidewalk Project. Robbie has enough grass seed to fill the area. The contractor will seed it. Shannon would like to get the advertisement to bid sent out as soon as possible. He reviewed the items in the spec in detail. The permanent fishing dock sidewalk is also included, as well as the concrete bench pad. The Commission gave the approval to send it out to bid. Discussion on the completion date that would be most do-able for contractors. The completion date will be July 1, 2019.

10:40 AM Bobby left the meeting.

Baker Lake Grand Opening- Shannon would like to send invites to the contractors that have been involved in the Baker Lake project for the Baker Lake Grand Opening. Brosz Engineering will be preparing and serving a lunch for the public.

Permanent Boat Dock Frame Quote- Shannon would recommend that the Permanent Boat Dock Frame quote to be awarded to Baker Metal.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to Award the Quote to Baker Metal to Build the Frame for the Permanent Boat Dock. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Boat Dock Quote- Shannon reviewed the quotes for the Temporary Boat Dock with the Commissioners. He would recommend awarding the quote to Lake Sharpe Dock Shop.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to Award the Quote to Lake Sharpe Dock Shop for the Removable Dock for \$61,539.00. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:05 AM Shannon and Mary left the meeting.

Parks Updates- Robbie received quotes from Direct Electric to add a flag and concrete pad to Baker Lake. This would also be lit. He has looked up different prices on the flag poles as well. Different quotes will be compared before a decision is made.

11:13 AM Elin Kittelmann, Extension Agent; Larry Brence, Eastern Regional Department joined the meeting.

11:16 AM Robbie left the meeting.

Terminate Agreement #500036 with the City-

Commissioner Rost made the motion to terminate Agreement #500036 – An Agreement for the Compensation of City-County Parks Employees. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Extension Updates- Elin reported that there are increased livestock numbers this year for the Fair. They will need to purchase more pens and cages to hold the livestock. Elin stated that she will no longer be working in Fallon County as of May. She will permanently be working in Carter County. The Commission asked if there was enough work in Fallon County to constitute hiring a full-time employee and continuing with the two office positions. Elin does believe there is enough work to keep all positions. The Commission will need to discuss further before deciding to hire a part-time or full-time employee. Larry reviewed the transition process. He will be meeting with the Commissioner's next week for further decisions.

11:40 AM Elin and Larry left the meeting.

Commission Work Session

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

12:00 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

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Decision on Keeping the Commissioner's Proceedings in the Fallon County Times- The Commissioner's will be making the decision on whether or not they will be keeping the Commissioner's Proceedings in the Fallon County Times or not, as it is an extremely large expense each year. There may be a more efficient and cost-effective way to remain transparent and keep the public informed with the minutes. There are only two counties left in Montana that publish their minutes into the newspapers. As of March 18, 2019, the County has spent \$29,588.50 this fiscal year for placing the Commissioner's proceedings into the newspaper. It is an average of \$3,250.00 a month. The minutes are also available on the Fallon County Website, which can be accessed by the public on any computer or at the Library. These minutes are also available at the Clerk and Recorder's office. They are always available for the public to view, at any time. The Commission will place an advertisement into the Fallon County Times and the County website to look for input from the public.

1:56 PM Julie Straub, HRM; Stacey Moore, Director of Library Services joined the meeting.

Quote for Digitizing Grazing District Records- The Grazing District is wanting to digitize their records at the Library. Stacey and Julie have come up with a price that would cover both the employees wage and the wear and tear on equipment. It will be \$32.91 an hour. The Commission agreed with the pricing. As a governmental agency, this is being allowed for another government agency that is mandated per Federal or State code to keep records.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to Set the Price for Digitizing Records for Governmental Agencies within Fallon County that are Mandated per Federal or State Code to be at \$32.91 an hour. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

2:13 PM Stacey left the meeting.

Employee Break Room- An employee break room is needed in the Courthouse. Different options for rooms have been compared and discussed. Julie would like to do more research on which rooms would be available and the most suitable for employees. She has looked into furniture items for the room and will be able to estimate a total for the upcoming budgets.

6.01 Policy – Department Eligibility for Safety Program- Specific departments are reimbursed up to \$150 each year for work related safety footwear and eyewear, such as steel toed boots and safety glasses. Julie would like to know if the Parks Department will be included into this.

2:35 PM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.

Safety glasses and steel toed boots are currently not required for Outside Maintenance. The Commission has decided that the Parks Department will not be included either.

Supervisor Trainings- Julie stated that she would like to conduct supervisor training for the supervisors of Fallon County. She has been teaching these types of courses for the Weed Department State wide. Julie has a wide range of experience in management. It would be conducted in small groups, which would include safety, professional development plans, management techniques, FMLA and much more. Commission agreed and thinks this will be a great addition to Fallon County. Julie anticipates to hopefully start within the next month.

2:51 PM Brenda and Julie left the meeting.

3:00 PM PRESENT: Ashli Wiedmer, Shannon Johnson, Alison Enos, Derrick Enos, DeeDee Geving, Joseph Nagell, Joe Epley, Iris Wiedmer, Dana Kono, Dale Leivestad, Rita Breitbach, Paul Zachmann, Anthony Breitbach, Shawn Wiseman, Janice Ehret, Marilyn Wenz, Sharan Fried, Rena Medearis, JK Kinsey, Sandy Kinsey, Iven Felt, Shelley Mackay Dean, Steve Zachmann, Bobby Wiedmer, Julie Straub, Brenda Wood, Abel Threton, Mary Threton – FALLON COUNTY COURT ROOM

Decision on Resolution for Right to Life- JK gave the Commissioner's a statement regarding the resolution for the Right to Life from Attorney Rich Batterman, as well as an updated resolution. The Commission has not yet had the opportunity to read either of these documents before this meeting. This resolution was not authored by the Commission. JK stated that it has been revised again to clear up the purpose of the resolution. Commissioner Rost would like more time to read the document, as he has more questions than answers regarding the resolution. The Commissioner's stated that they support moving forward and working towards an understanding of the resolution. It is unknown what the timeline on this could be. The question was asked that if this were passed, what actions or benefits it would have in the County and how its success would be measured. Nothing is enforceable in the resolution. It is unknown if this is in violation of the State or Federal Law. There are multiple different interpretations of the resolution.

3:35 PM Ashli, Shannon, Alison, Derrick, DeeDee, Joseph, Joe, Iris, Dana, Dale, Rita, Paul, Anthony, Shawn, Janice, Marilyn, Sharan, Rena, JK, Sandy, Iven, Shelley, Steve, Bobby, Julie, Brenda, Mary, Abel and Mary left the meeting.

3:35 PM Commissioner Baldwin left the meeting.

3:42 PM Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker; Dustan Davis, IT TECH joined the meeting.

Trading a Tractor- The Cemetery tractor is needing to be replaced. The Commission would like Iven to get trade-in quotes for his current tractor. Iven will get the quotes and bring them back to the Commissioners.

3:50 PM Iven left the meeting.

Office 365- Microsoft licenses have to be purchased each time a computer is replaced. This allows the computer to have Word, Excel, Publisher and so on. Dustan would like to propose to the Commission that all computers be switched over to Office 365. This would be an annual contract each month. The subscriptions can carry over with the new computers. It wouldn't save the County much money; however, it would be more practical for Dustan to be able to manage. Dustan reviewed the pros and cons of Office 365. He will work it into the new fiscal year budget and it will be discussed more then.

4:38 PM Dustan left the meeting.

4:43 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any further discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Community Presentation on the Hospital Mill Levy took place on Tuesday, April 9th at 6 PM at the Senior Center.

Audiometric Testing was held on Wednesday, April 10th for Fallon County employees.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

1:00 PM CONVENE - SPECIAL MEETING

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Amended Resolution #1015

Commissioner Rost made the motion to Adopt Resolution #1015 – An Amended Resolution to Make a Voted Levy Upon the Taxable Operation of the Fallon Medical Complex. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

1:45 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any further discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

s/ Deb Ranum, Chairman

Minutes:

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

Attest:

s/Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder