

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 15-19, 2019, as presented. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.

9:55 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman joined the meeting.

Road Department Updates- Alba stated that they have ordered in some culverts, chips and cold mix. The prices are higher than they have been in the past. Bobby explained how the roads are bladed out and the rocks that are on the roads.

Purchase Equipment- The Road Crew would like to purchase three more packers in this fiscal year, if possible.

10:06 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

Discussion on the Capital Outlay fund and what is left remaining for this fiscal year. There is enough in the budget to cover the packers, however, the money is not in the Capital Outlay fund. Discussion on purchasing one packer now and waiting on the others. Bobby and Alba will put together information and check on availability.

10:13 AM Jake Wagner, Lake Advisory Board Member; Rich Menger, Sanitarian joined the meeting.

10:16 AM Mary Grube, Planning Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

10:16 AM Alba left the meeting.

Plevna North Structure Permit- No permit has been received for the Plevna North Structure Bridge. Commissioner Baldwin will call the CORE this week, as Commissioner Rost has tried previously.

10:20 AM Bobby left the meeting.

Buoys- Buoys are needing to be purchased for the Lake. Shannon would recommend the stand-up buoys that float without ropes attached to one another. They are for the swimming areas and the no wake zones. Shannon received different quotes from companies for the buoys. Most of the companies are out of Wisconsin, the others are retail stores online. All of the quotes are comparable in price.

10:24 AM Robbie Christiaens, Parks Supervisor joined the meeting.

Shannon reviewed the cost of the quotes with the Commission. Anchor kits are also an additional cost. Shannon will ask them about shipping costs before making a recommendation to the Commission. There would be nine buoys for the two no wake zones and 12 buoys for the swim areas.

10:30 AM David Espeland, FMC CEO joined the meeting.

Use of Baker Lake- Shannon would like to wait until the Lake is opened and has more water before putting in the buoys. Discussion on when boats will be allowed onto the Lake. The Lake will stay closed to all activity until the Grand Opening on June 21st. This will be because of the plantings and making sure the Lake is full enough to cover all of the rock piles. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the fishing for the summer. Rich will write an article to the Fallon County Times that will state when the Lake will be open for fishing and boat activity. There is to be no activity, including fishing, at the Lake until June 21st. Shannon will also be in contact with the City for the Upper Lake gate opening. The plantings will be planted by the restoration group for the channel between the Upper and Lower gate.

Solar Bees- Discussion on the solar bees and when they will be put into the Lake. Spots to place the solar bees were reviewed, as nobody wants them to take up any of the boating space. A few of them will be placed in the no wake zones. Robbie will contact the maintenance company for the solar bees.

11:00 AM Jake, Rich and Mary left the meeting.

Parkview Apartment Striping- Shannon and David reviewed the spots that will be striped in the parking lot at the Parkview Apartments. The handicap parking will be available near the handicap doors, where it is ADA compliant. The spots will be angled and striped in yellow. David gave his recommendations for the parking spots and what will be most suitable for the Senior Bus. Shannon will send the information to the striping company and get a quote for the project.

11:10 AM Andrea DeGrand, Newell Broadcasting joined the meeting.

11:10 AM David left the meeting.

11:13 AM Angie Rabbitt, Recreation Director; Jennefer Wheeler, Recreation Assistant joined the meeting.

11:17 AM Shannon left the meeting.

Fallon County Days- Andrea reported that the Fair Board is in agreement of putting a container at the Fairgrounds for Fallon County Clean-Up Days. The Fair Board will not be putting on the Fallon County Days for the 4th of July.

11:21 AM Andrea, Angie and Jennefer left the meeting.

11:23 AM Robbie left the meeting.

11:23 AM Steve Rosencranz, Mike Watkins, Carter County Commissioners joined the meeting via phone call.

Extension Decision- The Carter County Commissioners discussed the Extension Office hours this morning and decided they would like to leave it as is. Carter County and Fallon County will keep their 60/40 agreement of sharing the Extension Office and the employees. The Fallon County Commissioners would also like to leave it as is. This decision will be sent to Larry Brence and Elin Kittelmann. The agreement will need to be updated, as it hasn't since been since 1934.

11:29 AM Steve and Mike hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

11:32 AM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

11:44 AM Willie Benner, Plevna Mayor joined the meeting via conference call.

Requesting Human Resources Services in Town of Plevna- There are personnel issues going on in the Town of Plevna. Willie would like to ask for County assistance in using Julie as the Human Resources Manager for help. It is not an extremely urgent issue and would be able to be done at Julie's convenience. Julie would interview the council members and the employees involved. Julie stated that it will not intervene with her Fallon County duties. The Town of Plevna can compensate if needed. The Commission agreed.

11:48 AM Willie hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

11:49 AM Julie left the meeting.

11:51 AM 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.

NOON RECESS

RECONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Member; Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk/Secretary

ABSENT: Roy Rost, Member

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. It has been brought to the Clerk and Recorder's attention that there are two corrections needed to be made in the minutes from Monday, April 8, 2019. During the Road Department Updates, it states 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. This should state that they had wanted permission to add Wrangler Trail and Bergstrom Hill, as well as the County Road Right of

Way to the Road Use Agreement. The Commissioner's granted permission. The other mistake was during Elin Kittelmann and Larry Brence's meeting regarding the Extension Office. It is stated that Elin will no longer be working at Fallon County as of May and will be permanently working in Carter County. It needs to state that no decision has been made on Elin's part whether or not she will be working in Carter County permanently and will not be done as of May. She will be starting another part-time job in May; however, they had just wanted to see if a part-time position in Extension could be explored. Larry and Elin proposed creating a part-time position in Carter County and separating the two counties Extension Offices. The Commission had not yet made a decision at the time of these discussions. The Recording Clerk would like to apologize for any misunderstandings regarding these minutes.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to amend the minutes from April 8th, 2019, with the proposed changes. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

3:00 PM Kim Cuppy, Public Health Director; Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

Review Job Description Including Baker Lake and Upper Gate- Rich Menger, Sanitarian, holds the certification of a registered Health Environment Specialist. Kim would like to know more of Rich's role with Baker Lake, as she is his supervisor and is unsure of his specific duties. This discussion will need to be re-scheduled, as Rich did not attend the meeting.

3:15 PM Kim and Julie left the meeting.

3:55 PM Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager; Wendy Wagner, Eddie Coulter, Pat Ehret, Fair Board Members; Andrea DeGrand, Newell Broadcasting joined the meeting.

3:57 PM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.

4:00 PM Alyse Webber, Fair Board Member joined the meeting.

Capital Item Purchases- The Fair Board has purchased a TORO Workman and a Bobcat Predator Lawn Mower from Midland Implement. These expenses were not approved by the Commission. Any item over \$500 is to be approved before purchasing. These items were taken out of the Capital Outlay Budget. Commissioner Ranum informed the Fair Board that even though it is in the budget, it is to be approved by the Commission before purchasing. They would also like the minutes from Fair Board meetings to be sent to them every month.

4:08 PM Commissioner Baldwin and Brenda left the meeting.

Fallon County Clean-Up Days- Fallon County Clean-Up Days will not interfere with Baker Clean-Up Days. It is put on by Newell Broadcasting. They would like to hold it at the Fairgrounds. The date of the event is unknown at this point. Both the Commission and the Fair Board agreed.

4:15 PM Andrea, Shyla, Eddie, Alyse, Wendy and Pat left the meeting.

4:55 PM Commissioner Ranum left the meeting, therefore recessing for the evening.

EVENING RECESS

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

2:00 PM CONVENE

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

2:00 PM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder; Julie Straub, HRM; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder; Peggy Hagadone, Member of the Public; Jerrie Newell, Clerk of Court; Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff; Julie Post, Deputy Treasurer; Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney joined the meeting.

Salary Commission- Brenda handed out the past summaries of salaries, wages and benefits, as well as revenues and expenditures. Previous salaries were looked into. Interest received at the bank this year is much higher than the past years. Brenda reviewed a 4-year expenditure reported by each department and specific line items. Revenue sheets were broken down by fund. The cost of living adjustment is 2.4%, which is an average of 75 cents per hour in wages. From November of 2011 to January 2019, the County has given the City of Baker a total of \$5,918,280.00. The Town of Plevna has received 3.75 million for their water and sewer project. This decision for today will only impact the Elected Officials and their deputies. Jerrie stated that she feels that it is time for a decent increase, as all departments have worked hard and are cutting their expenses to help the County. Commissioner Rost

explained that he would like people to continue doing the job well enough to help the tax payers and that it is an honor to be an Elected Official.

Jerry made the motion to give Elected Officials a \$1.00 an hour raise. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any discussion; in which Commissioner Baldwin stated that everyone has done a great job trimming their budgets and expenses consistently. He is not in favor of the \$1.00 an hour raise, but is in favor of a raise. Commissioner Ranum called for any other discussion; in which Trent stated that sometimes he feels the County goes backwards. The County is not meeting the cost of living each year and retirement funds are going backwards. Commissioner Rost feels it is wrong to take money from taxpayers to give raises. Trent stated that all employees are also taxpayers and the County is consistently giving back to the citizens. Commissioner Rost does not want to end up going upside down in the budget at a later time.

2:34 PM JoDee Pratt, City Mayor joined the meeting.

Commissioner Rost would like to amend the motion and to strike out a dollar and motion for a 33-cent increase for Elected Officials. Commissioner Ranum asked for a second, receiving none. The amendment died due to lack of a second.

The motion on the table is still for the \$1.00 an hour raise. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; in which Trent stated that raises do not need to be kept consistent from year to year. The group reviewed previous years raises, as it has consistently been below the cost of living.

Commissioner Ranum called for any other discussion; being none. 5 Ayes (Jerrie, Julie P., Trent, Commissioner Ranum, Peggy). 3 Nays (Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Rost, Darcy). The motion failed due to a lack of majority of Commission vote.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to give Elected Officials a 75 cent an hour increase in pay. Trent seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any discussion; Darcy stated that this would cover the cost of living increase. Commissioner Ranum called for any other discussion; being none. 7 Ayes (Darcy, Trent, Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Ranum, Julie P., Jerrie and Peggy). 1 Nay (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

2:57 PM Peggy, Jerrie, Julie, Trent and Darcy left the meeting.

SID Meeting- JoDee informed the Commission that the City is having a meeting tonight with the homeowners for the section of the City of Baker east of Highway 7. They will discuss possible SID's for the repair of the City streets. JoDee would also like to know if the County will be able to help with the cost. Commissioner Rost will recuse from that answer because he owns land in that area. The other Commissioners did not respond.

3:04 PM JoDee left the meeting.

3:08 PM Brenda and Debbie left the meeting.

3:14 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to recess the meeting. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any further discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

EVENING RECESS

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

1:00 PM CONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Member; Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk/Secretary

ABSENT: Roy Rost, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CLOSED/PERSONNEL

1:02 PM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

1:13 PM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

1:15 PM Commissioner Baldwin 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 Rost). The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Wednesday, April 24th, is both the Health Fair and Administrative Professionals Day.

The Senior Citizen Meeting took place on Wednesday, April 24th at 2:00 PM at the Senior Citizen Center.

On Saturday, April 27th, the Murder Mystery Dinner was held at the Fallon County Fairgrounds.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairman

Minutes:

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

Attest:

s/Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder