

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 Baldwin made the motion to accept the minutes from March 11-15, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

9:58 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.

Road Department Updates- The Road Crew is busy hauling gravel right now. Bobby stated that they will be blading the roads this spring.

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

Iron Horse Park- Shannon would like to know what the contractor will be responsible for and what the County will be able to provide for the improvements of Iron Horse Park.

10:09 AM Chuck Pearson, JR Civil joined the meeting.

10:10 AM Vicky Dickinson, Compliance Investigator for NW LECET joined the meeting.

The County will be able to grade the area and put the topsoil in. The contractor will excavate the sidewalk and pour the concrete. The Road Crew can have it graded and put it into place. Bobby thinks it should only take a couple of days and will plan to have it done by June 1st.

Fishing Docks- A call for quotes on the steel superstructure for the fishing docks will need to be advertised soon. The structure details were discussed. The quotes will be due by April 1st at 10:45 AM.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to Call for Quotes for the Construction and Delivery of a T-Shaped Fishing Dock. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

10:20 AM Mary Grube, Administrative Planning Assistant joined the meeting.

10:26 AM Kirby Bethington, Diamond J Construction joined the meeting.

10:30 AM – North Plevna Bridge Big Opening-

Plevna Road North Structure Replacement

COMPANY	LOCATION	TOTAL BASE BID W/ALTERNATE A	TOTAL BASE BID W/ALTERNATE B	TOTAL BASE BID W/ALTERNATE C
DIAMOND J CONSTRUCTION	MILES CITY, MT	NO BID	\$630,000.00	\$562,648
YODERIAN CONSTRUCTION	STANFORD, MT	NO BID	\$698,198.75	NO BID
NORTH STAR CONSTRUCTION	SPEARFISH, SD	NO BID	\$701,694.00	\$811,280.50
JR CIVIL, LLC	SHERIDAN, WY	\$1,007,236.69	\$793,150.95	NO BID

Shannon opened the bids for the Plevna Road North Structure Replacement Project. There was a total of four different bids from Diamond J Construction, Youderian Construction, North Star Construction and JR Civil, LLC. The bid amounts and details were read aloud. Shannon will review the bids and will come back to Commission on Monday, March 25th with a recommendation.

10:40 AM Kirby, Chuck and Vicky left the meeting.

10:47 AM Jay Gregory, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

10:48 AM Melissa Rost, Museum Curator joined the meeting.

10:51 AM Bobby, Shannon and Mary left the meeting.

Permission to Hire Seasonal Employee- Melissa would like to ask permission to hire Traci Bruha for the Seasonal Museum Aide Position. Her hours would be flexible at 24 hours a week.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to hire Traci Bruha for the Seasonal Museum Aide Position. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

Museum Updates- Melissa attended the Tourism Workshop and the Grant Writing Workshop in Miles City that was put on by Visit Southeast Montana. The free digital marketing tools learned will be able to be put to use. There could potentially be some outreach for the Museum with the Travel Blog Exchange, which will be held in Billings this September. The Museum website will be running before summer. Discussion on the information Melissa gained from the Digital Marketing Workshop, as well as the Taxidermy Workshop. Steer Montana will be getting a makeover this week for his 96th birthday. Jenn Hall from Ekalaka will be coming to update and repair the taxidermy. At the board meeting on Wednesday at 4 PM they will be reviewing the duties of a board and re-evaluating and revising the mission statement. The next Fun Friday will be held on March 29th.

11:22 AM Eric Kary, Golf Course Superintendent joined the meeting.

Direct Electric was able to wire one of the electrical boxes and will be coming back to do the other one. Melissa would like to ask permission for the Museum to be open on Saturday, March 30th for Baker Jam. Commission gave their approval.

11:24 AM Melissa left the meeting.

Recruit or Recall of 4th Seasonal Position- Derek VanZee will be teaching Driver's Education from June to the end of July. He will not be able to be re-called for the full-time position at the Golf Course. Eric would like to start advertising for the 4th seasonal position. Commission agreed.

11:27 AM Eric left the meeting.

11:28 AM Jay left the meeting.

11:28 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.

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1:33 PM Lynda Herbst, Inside Custodial Supervisor joined the meeting.

Air Duct Cleaning- Lynda showed the Commission the pictures from the duct cleaning that has taken place the last couple of weeks. The work is expected to be finished this week.

1:34 PM Dustan Davis, IT TECH joined the meeting.

1:40 PM Lynda left the meeting.

Online Auction Updates- Dustan showed the Commission what the County Online Auction site looks like as of now. He reviewed the new user registration and the bidding process. Individuals who do not have internet are more than welcome to use the Library computers. Dustan will be working with Stacey Moore, Director of Library Services, as she will be helping individuals with questions. The users have to agree to the Terms and Conditions before bidding on an item. Items may also have a minimum bid. Multiple test auctions have been completed.

1:54 PM Chuck Lee, DES-911 Coordinator joined the meeting.

Dustan is expecting that the first auction will be held at the end of May or early June. Different scenarios were discussed in an effort to fix any malfunctions that may cause issues. Dustan will continue to work on the site and fix any bugs before moving forward.

2:09 PM Dustan left the meeting.

Agreement for Siren on Existing Tower- No agreement has been signed for the siren on the existing tower. Chuck explained the issues that are involved with the agreement. Commissioner Baldwin suggested paying monthly for the siren as before and not moving forward with the agreement at this time.

2:14 PM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.

2:15 PM Chuck left the meeting.

Insurance Question- Debbie asked the Commission a question regarding the Parkview Apartments roof and insurance.

2:30 PM Debbie left the meeting.

Commission Work Session

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas. They also reviewed and approved Fair Contracts for the upcoming year. The Commission approved a letter of support for the Eastern Montana Drug Task Force. Commissioner Baldwin was informed that TransCanada will be flying around the area on April 10th-24th to check for raptor nests; therefore, there may be helicopters hovering at 300 feet at various times.

2:45 PM Robbie Christiaens, Parks Manager joined the meeting.

Parks Updates- Discussion on the areas at the Parkview Apartments that Robbie has been removing snow from. Everything has been going well. Julie Straub, HRM, and Robbie are meeting tomorrow to discuss how many employees would be necessary for the summer seasonal positions. Robbie would also like to ask another person also be certified for the Splash Park. The Commission showed Robbie a diagram of what is happening at Iron Horse Park, including the picnic shelter and the fishing pier. There will be no need to purchase grass seed right now, as there is a good stockpile. Robbie is checking into different companies to find out where it will be cheapest to buy fertilizer. He will start attending meetings with Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering, to go over the Lake and the upkeep for the improvements.

3:12 PM Robbie left the meeting.

3:20 PM JK Kinsey, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

3:23 PM Mary Grube, Administrative Assistant Planner joined the meeting.

3:24 PM Sandy Kinsey, Mary Graham, Members of the Public; Rich Menger, Sanitarian; JoDee Pratt, City Mayor joined the meeting.

3:28 PM Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff joined the meeting.

3:29 PM Susan Swimley, Land Use Attorney joined the meeting via phone call.

Water Rights for the Upper Lake- TransCanada has asked the County if there would be any water that they would be able to use for testing purposes of their pipeline. The Commission responded that their main priority with water is to fill Baker Lake and are not looking to sell any water before that happens. Susan explained that as of Friday, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals stated that they stand with the Federal District Court order that states the progress of the TransCanada pipeline will be postponed at this time. She doesn't believe there is anything that the County needs to do at this point regarding moving forward with selling any water. It should not be an issue at this time. Discussion on what is included into water rights. It will be up to the County whether or not they could or even should get involved with the water selling process when the time comes. Susan, nor the County, will not be taking any further action at this time.

3:42 PM Susan hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

3:44 PM Mary G., Rich, Trent, Sandy, Mary G. and J.K. left the meeting.

3:53 PM JoDee left the meeting.

The Commission reviewed and approved the Mid-Month Claims for March 2019 in the amount of \$314,453.39. They are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

4:13 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

The City Council meeting took place on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM.

The Fallon County Safety Meetings were held on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Steer Montana got a makeover for his 96th Birthday Celebration that was held at the O'Fallon Museum on Thursday, March 21st from 12:00 – 5:00 PM. Coffee and cake were served while Jenn Hall from Carter County Museum did the taxidermy restoration work.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairman

Minutes:

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

Attest:

s/Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder