

9:00AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

9:00AM COMMISSION WORK SESSION

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT- The Commission received a letter from Willie Benner, Town of Plevna Mayor, recommending the Commission appoint Penny Benner to serve on the Planning Board as a representative of the Town of Plevna.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to appoint Penny Benner to the Planning Board as a representative for the Town of Plevna with a term that expires July 31, 2017. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

BARRY DAMSCHEN CONSULTING AGREEMENT- The Commission reviewed and signed the Barry Damschen Consulting Engineering Agreement Amendment No. 13 authorizing Barry Damschen Consulting to provide Landfill Engineering Services to the County from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

LIBRARY BUDGET TRANSFERS- The Commission reviewed and approved Stacey Moore, Library Director's request to transfer funds between Library accounts.

BOARD AGENDAS/MINUTES- The Commission reviewed Board Agendas and Minutes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/NOTICES- The Commission reviewed Department Reports, Newsletters and Notices.

EMAILS- The Commission reviewed emails sent to them from State agencies and other entities that required no discussion, action or decision.

9:45AM PLEVNA ZONING-INTERLOCAL

Present: Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant; Jodi Miller, Town of Plevna Clerk/Secretary

Mary Grube said the Town of Plevna is beginning to work on their zoning and they would like Mary to assist Jodi Miller with the Staff Reports. Mary said she discussed this with Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager, and was advised to ask the Commission for permission to help Jodi. The Commission gave permission.

Mary and Jodi told the Commission Plevna is in need of a second well to serve as a backup and will be including this in Fallon County's Growth Policy.

10:00am- Mary Grube and Jodi Miller left the meeting.

10:00AM ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Present: Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering

ROAD UPDATES- Bobby Wiedmer told the Commission the cost to chip and seal 5.2 miles of road this year will be approximately \$150,000. Bobby said \$100,000 of it will come out of this year's budget and the remaining \$50,000 will come out of next year's budget. Bobby said the cold mix will be approximately \$34,000 also. Bobby said the areas that will be chip and sealed this year are parts of Little Beaver Road, other roads and the Gazebo Parking Lot. Commissioner Ranum asked Bobby to fill in the holes in the south parking lot of the Court House and he said he will.

PROJECT UPDATES-

Cooper Bridge- Shannon Hewson gave the Commission the Bridge Inspection for the Cooper Bridge showing the sufficiency rating of the Bridge was 47.8% in 2012. Bobby said the condition of the Bridge has only gotten worse since 2012.

Green Acres Road- Bobby said the Green Acres Road will be re-graded from intersection U.S. Hwy 12 west approximately 1 mile. Shannon asked the Commission if they would like to meet with the landowners that use this road to discuss the project and the Commission said yes. The landowner meeting was set for Monday, May 2, 2016 at 10am and Lani DeBuhr will mail out the invite letter and easement to each landowner.

Baker Lake Drainage- Shannon said he is beginning to do the City Park Bridge design work to include in the Baker Lake Drainage Plan and will bill the City of Baker directly for the time spent doing it.

10:45am- Bobby Wiedmer and Shannon Hewson left the meeting.

10:00AM AMBULANCE BID OPENING

Present: Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director; Lori Balcer, Sawtooth Emergency Vehicles

Commissioner Ranum opened the Ambulance sealed bid received from Sawtooth Emergency Vehicles and read it aloud. The base price for a 2017 Osage 168 Module Ford F-450 Diesel Ambulance is \$213,900 with a Ford GPC Discount of \$3,600. Accessories included in the bid are a Stryker Power Load w/ Power Cot Adaptor Kit for \$24,300, 5 Point Seat Belts (2) on Bench Seat (1) CPR Seat for \$2,800 and Glove Holders (2) above Rear Door for \$400. The total bid price is \$237,800.

The Commission noted the bid came in considerably higher than the \$180,000 that was budgeted for the Ambulance. Lori Balcer said it is because have to abide by new Governmental Regulations that have increased the cost across the state. Lori suggested the Commission speak with the person that handles the Workman's Compensation Insurance as the County may qualify for a discount if the Ambulance is equipped with the Stryker Power Load since it diminishes the possibility of EMT injuries related to lifting patients.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to table awarding the bid until Commissioner Baldwin is present and can review the bid also. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

11:25am- Lisa Mitchell and Lori Balcer left the meeting.

11:30AM PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Present: Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant

The City of Baker wrote a letter to the Commission recommending a role change of present Planning Board representatives Gary Irgens and Lisa Espeland due to Gary moving out of city limits. The City of Baker recommended Gary Irgens become a County Representative on the Planning Board and Lisa Espeland become a City Representative on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to change Gary Irgens from a City Representative to a County Representative on the Planning Board and to change Lisa Espeland from a County Representative to a City Representative on the Planning Board. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

11:45am- Mary Grube left the meeting.

11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment.

12:00PM NOON RECESS

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

1:15PM RECONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1:15PM MINUTES APPROVAL FOR WEEK OF APRIL 11-15, 2016

The Commission reviewed the Commission Minutes for the week of April 11-15, 2016.

Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 11- 15, 2016. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

1:30PM STUDY COMMISSION APPROVAL TO PAY FOR SERVICES

Present: Sandy Kinsey, Study Commission Member

Sandy Kinsey gave the Commission updates on what the Study Commission has been working on, the status of the current members and what they are doing to improve their meetings and accomplish their goals. Sandy said the County Study Commission and the City Study Commission were recently combined. Sandy asked the Commission if they could hire someone to type the minutes Sandy takes during their meetings. Sandy said they have money in their budget for it and the Commission gave permission.

2:05pm- Sandy Kinsey left the meeting.

2:05PM NURSING HOME DISCUSSION

Present: David Espeland, Fallon Medical Complex CEO, Selena Nelson, Fallon Medical Complex CFO

David Espeland and Selena Nelson met with the Commission to discuss the Hospital Board's support of Fallon Medical Complex (FMC) moving from the Nursing Home Model to the Critical Access Model. David said moving to the Critical Access Model would entail decertifying the Nursing Home section of FMC. David said many small communities in Montana are going this route of decertifying their Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and moving towards larger Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). David said this is being done to ensure the long-term survival of their facilities as CAHs are paid on a cost basis where as SNFs are only paid a flat rate per diem. David said FMC's projected cost savings would be approximately \$500,000

per year if they too went this route. David said the change would benefit the patients also as all rooms could become private rooms, resulting in a much greater comfort for the patients and allowing FMC to provide a higher level of customer service.

David said they currently have 25 CAH beds and 15 SNF beds. David said the CAH beds can be used for both acute patients and swing bed patients who are typically long term care patients. David said swing bed patients receive the exact same services as SNF patients, there is just a different payment source and reimbursement methodology. David said in this process they would lose 15 long term care beds but could gain 10 of those beds back under a different program. David said in the event FMC needed to get certified again it would only cost \$10,000 to \$25,000 which is small in comparison to the yearly savings of being a Critical Access Hospital rather than a Nursing Home.

Selena gave staffing and recruiting updates. Selena said they are exploring using a model that rotates physicians similar to the one Bowman, ND is using.

2:45pm- David Espeland and Selena Nelson left the meeting.

2:45PM APRIL CLAIMS APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the April Mid-Month Claims in the amount of \$970,968.91 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

4:00PM FAIR FOOD BOOTH REVIEW

Present: Terry Sukut, JGA Architect; Mike Vandever, JGA Architect; Bruce Kolasch, American Lutheran Church Pastor; American Lutheran Church Members: Phillip Huft, Fred Housvicka, John Geving, Owen Stieg, Jaime Goerndt; Rich Menger, Sanitarian; John Brosz, Brosz Engineering

Terry Sukut and all those present met to discuss and make final decisions regarding the Fair Food Booth Project before it goes out to bid and the summary points of discussion were:

- The goal is to have the project go out to bid shortly after May 1st with a deadline for bids to be received by June 1st.
- The current buildings will be demolished right after the 2016 Fair.
- The goal is to have the buildings up and closed in by the end of fall so construction of the interiors can occur during the winter months.
- Terry recommended the County purchase all equipment so it can be used by other entities with the liability of equipment staying with the County. Terry said the Lutheran grill will be the exception.
- The group went through the equipment lists and finalized what will be included in the buildings. Terry said he will begin working on obtaining competitive pricing on the equipment.
- Terry is working with the Montana Health Department to ensure the buildings meet their specifications.
- The decision was made to have both buildings lease pop machines from Coke and Pepsi rather than purchasing the machines. The reason for this is purchasing the machines would be expensive and if they are leased Coke and Pepsi will be responsible for the maintenance of the machines.
- Rich Menger suggested purchasing an ice dispenser since the leased pop machines do not have a top-load ice dispenser. Rich said he suggested this as it is a more sanitary way of getting ice than using cups or scoops to scoop it out of an ice cooler. No decision was made on purchasing an ice dispenser at this time.
- Bruce Kolasch thanked the Commission for the work they are doing and said they will be happy with whatever they are given.

4:52pm- Bruce Kolasch, Rich Menger and all American Lutheran Church Members left the meeting.

John Brosz, Terry and the Commission discussed the grade of buildings and the best way to approach this part of the project.

5:00pm- Lani DeBuhr excused herself from the meeting.

The Commission, Terry and Mike Vandever continued to discuss the details of the project.

5:30pm- Terry Sukut, Mike Vandever and John Brosz left the meeting.

5:30PM ADJOURN

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays.

ADJOURN
s/Deb Ranum, Vice-Chair

MINUTE TAKER:
s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, 2016

9:00AM MACo PCT REGIONAL TRAINING IN MILES CITY, MT

Commissioner Randash attended the MACo PCT Regional Training in Miles City, MT.