

Monday, March 9, 2015

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin and Deb Ranum, Members

FOLDER REVIEW

JOURNALS

#443-Move claim from Plevna Fire – Fund #7200 to Plevna Fire Capital Projects – Fund #7201- purchased item was budgeted in Fund 7201.

REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS

The Commissioner reviewed and/or approved the following and are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

TREASURER's Report-February, 2015 Cash Receipts-\$485,714.36

Fair Board Minutes-January 13, 2015

DuWayne Bohle, Special Projects Technician Reports-March 5, 2015

Commissioner Proceedings-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the February 23, 2015 and March 2-March 5, 2015 minutes with spelling and grammar corrections. Commissioner Ranum seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

State of MT-DPHHS-2nd Payment, earmarked alcohol tax funds

AGREEMENTS

Federal Aid Agreement-The Commission signed in approval the Federal Aid Project Agreement between the MT DOT and Fallon County to reconstruct the existing gravel roadway and two bridges over the Beaver Creek in Ollie, MT. The Commission also received copies of the preliminary plans for this project.

10:00 AM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined.

10:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman

ROAD/SHOP/BRIDGE REPORT

New Pickups-Alba discussed purchasing new pickups (Government Discount) to replace the old pickups used to pull behind the blades. Alba explained his reasoning is because of the costly maintenance spent on all of the old vehicles they are currently using. Alba stated they would need 6 new pickups with manual transmissions. The Government rate for each pickup is close to \$20,000 each. Commissioner Ranum shared her concerns of pulling new pickups behind the blades. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there may be something they could put off purchasing until next year (as an offset). Commissioner Randash stated possibly could purchase 2 this year, 2 next year and so on. Alba and Bobby feel they can get a better rate when purchasing more. They could use some of the vehicles in other Departments (around town) and sell the rest at Auction. Commissioner Baldwin would like to see the numbers first; all Commissioner's agreed. Alba stated they would probably have to go to bid.

Fuel tank-Will pick up the fuel tank for the truck John Miller drives.

Recalls-Discussed a few vehicles that have recalls; Alba will take care of this.

Landfill loader-They are having problems getting the Landfill Loader to report via satellite.

Maintenance-They are changing oil and working on tires for various trucks.

Road work-Graveling roads in Ollie, the road material in that area should be gone in a couple of weeks.

Road Material-Will get in touch with Wyrick Construction to discuss purchasing more road material.

Mulching-Bobby stated they will start doing some mulching on Westmore Road which will slow down the need for gravel on that road.

Anticline Road-Commissioner Baldwin felt the Anticline Road was in pretty good condition, except the north end. Commissioner Ranum stated they still need to cover the scoria with gravel.

Blue Ford-Upon further checking on cost of repairs for this pickup, the decision was not to repair as it will be too costly.

Elin Westover, Extension Agent

Commissioner Ranum asked Elin to join the Commission.

Training-Elin can get Dan Clark, Local Government Center to present the Board Training again to all the Boards and the Study Commissions (going to try to include Plevna Study Commission as well).

Livestock handling workshop-This workshop will be held in June and Elin is working on a grant to pay for this workshop

11:00 AM Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager and **Barry Damschen**, Damschen Consulting

Landfill work pickup-Steve is looking for parts for the rear end of the Landfill pickup.

Master Plan-Adam Thompson surveyed the County land; Barry came up with a draft plan with Tom's assistance; Barry then revised that plan. Expansion plan was reviewed with the Commission

New area-With the proposed expansion the Landfill should last 41.0 years with the figures based upon 12,000 tons per year. This will all be completed as an update as it will all be within the licensed area. DEQ will have to review the final plan. Barry stresses filling the leased area so as not to shorten the life of the new area. The E & P waste is kept in a small area due to fire purposes. Dependent upon the price of oil the County may get more E & P waste. The DEQ will approve the plan by the end of this year.

Plans-Barry plans to review the updated plans with Tom for further changes; they will also review and update the Maintenance & Operations Procedures as well. Commissioner Randash asked if moving the scale is part of DEQ approval; Barry stated it is not.

Old Shop-The old shop will have to be moved as well; at this time they are not sure where they will place it. Will try to move the scale house over so the scale will remain operational during the transition period. The restroom will have to be hooked up to septic. They will wait to move this for 3 to 4 years.

Leachate line-Need to make sure the county fills the leased area to get that area built up so the water drains properly.

Dirt-They will need 512,000 yards of dirt to complete all of this; they will only have 265,000 yards of soil available. Will need another 247,000 yards over the next 40 years. The Commission has off site dirt available now that can be used for cover.

Permitting-Barry stated there will be no new permitting, just send in the plan and feels there should be no other costs other than that.

New Agreement-Barry raised his agreement by \$100.00 this year. The new agreement amount will be \$5,200.00. Commissioner Randash signed the agreement which is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Tipping Fees-Commissioner Randash explained the plan the County and City has which will reimburse individuals that have demolished properties and have reclaimed those properties. Once they reclaim their properties and the City or County sign off on them they are entitled to a partial refund of tipping fees. They are in hopes the reimbursement of tipping fees will encourage individuals to clean up their properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

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1:15 PM RECONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash, Chairman; **Steve Baldwin** and **Deb Ranum**, Members

1:15 PM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder joined

1:15 PM Rich Menger, Sanitarian

Lutheran Stand-Rich has spoken to **Julie Stanhope**, Parish Secretary and **Phyllis DuCharme**, Board Member about this project and they are on track with the new stand.

Plevna Garage-Rich has spoken to Patrick Jeppeson, (owner of the old Plevna garage). Rich stated the owner has been pleasant to work with. Rich gave him a few options; repair the roof or remove the building from the premises. The Fire Department may want to use it as a practice area but they would have to look at this very carefully first. Rich also gave the owner extra time to do what is necessary.

Drainfields-Rich stated at this time he has 21 drain fields to complete.

Grain Elevators in Plevna-Commissioner Baldwin questions whether they should be inspected or if anything can be done with them. Rich stated if the Commission wants him to inspect them he certainly would. Rich also stated it is hard to get the Railroad to do anything with their properties. The Commissioner's are concerned with health and safety matters as individuals have been going inside the elevators.

Continuing Education-Rich has completed all of his continuing education credits needed for the next 2 years.

Subdivision Training-Rich stated after speaking with the officials in Helena it may only take him 6 months to complete the training process necessary for him to sign off on Subdivision Plats.

Tipping Fees-Commissioner Randash explained the tipping fee reimbursement process and how this could be an incentive to the gentleman from Plevna to clean up the old garage.

1:25 PM Joe Janz-South Sandstone Project

Agreement-The group discussed the agreement between the County and FWP for the project at South Sandstone. What was agreed upon earlier and what ended up being in the signed contract were two different things. The County has paid \$35,000 more than what was agreed upon.

1:50 PM Vern Stark, David Meccage and Dennis Koenig, Baker Fire District Board Members

Search and Rescue-The group discussed the Search and Rescue folding in with the Baker Fire Department. Vern stated due to the manpower he feels it is the best thing as the Fire Department has more manpower.

Side by Side-They plan to purchase a side by side for the Fire Department which will also work for Search and Rescue.

Four Wheeler-They have agreed the Four-Wheeler would work for Search and Rescue because it is dangerous to use in fire-fighting. **Dale Butori**, Weed Supervisor would like the pump and tank from the Four Wheeler to use in the Weed Department; they are willing to give the pump and tank to the Weed Department or any other Government Entity needing it.

Research-They are planning to go through the equipment from Search and Rescue and check on Insurances and Workmen's Compensation as well.

Training-Some of their current individuals are trained for rope rescue but they may not pursue underwater rescue. Will check with volunteers to see if anyone wishes to train in it.

Enclosed Trailer-They plan to use this for Search and Rescue wet suits, ropes, etc. they would like to insulate it also so it can be used if they need to take someone in out of the weather. They would then need a trailer for the side by side (bumper pull car trailer for that).

Radios-The radios will be changing over to narrow band. They feel they may need to put another tower up North to accommodate the radios. They will have to wait until they know more about the radios. They already have poor coverage and that is before they get the narrow band radios; they will research costs of the towers.

Budget-They budgeted for a building, a tender and a pumper. They feel some of these items will not be completed this year. Turk feels they should wait on the building until they are sure of the size, and what they want to place in it, what areas will be heated and what areas will be cold storage, etc. Discussed placing foam in the new building as well and the oil companies possibly furnishing the foam.

Pumper-They are still researching the best type of pumper truck to purchase as well (to accommodate the needs of various types of fires) as well as the height of the buildings. Researching ladder and platform style pumpers.

Transfer-They budgeted for a \$300,000 transfer in this budget year. They would also like to move \$90,000 from their communication budget to Capital Projects as they feel it will not be spent in this fiscal year. The Clerk and Recorder explained if that transfer was not budgeted they would have to hold a Public Hearing to accommodate the transfer, otherwise the unspent funds will remain in their regular budget and could be budgeted as a transfer next year.

Practice Burn-The Fire Department received a deed to property in Ollie, MT which housed the old School. The Fire Department was worried about people going in and out of the school and the liabilities that were assumed by the Fire Department so they did a scheduled burn January 15th. Griffith Excavating first knocked the school down then they did a controlled burn.

Radios-Discussed the importance of communications during a fire and the fact they will probably purchase radios and hand-helds.

Budgets-The Commission discussed future budgeting and the fact the price of oil and the Legislature will affect what the Commission will be able to allow.

Mutual Aid Agreements-Discussed drawing up Mutual Aid Agreements with other counties as other Fire Departments are struggling (manpower) especially in North Dakota.

2:25 PM Tom Bruha, Fire Chief joined.

Foam-The group again discussed foam purchases as they are running low on foam. Tom discussed the foam having a shelf life and the research he is doing on the best type of foam to purchase for most fires. Tom explained foam is like a fire extinguisher, some accommodate certain types of fires while others accommodate all types of fires. Tom wants to get the biggest bang for the buck to fight different types of fires.

2:35 PM Ken Griffith, Public Member

Nelson Plat-Ken asked about the status of the Nelson Plat. The Commission will find out and let Ken know.

3:00 PM Faron Henderson, Contract Planner; **Jodi Miller**, Town of Plevna Clerk; **Kevin Dukart**, City of Baker Clerk, **James W. Papez**, PE; **Joele Rieck**, PLA-Peaks to Plains Designs

CTEP Project Kickoff- Informational meeting

Site reviews-James and Joele stopped to review both sites (Plevna and Baker) before the meeting.

Plevna Light-They spoke to the Plevna Superintendent of Schools regarding the location of the light.

Plevna Park

Fence type – The group feels chain link will be the best. Peaks to Plains will contact BNSF regarding height restrictions, etc.; BNSF will also need to sign off on the project; discussed acquiring a long term lease with BNSF for the Park area. Phone numbers for BNSF will be given to Peaks to Plains by Commissioner Baldwin. Discussed finding the property line; Jodi will find the lease to get the lot description.

Period Lighting-LED lights were recommended by Commissioner Baldwin. The lights will be strategically placed around the park; near the buildings, volley ball court and picnic areas. Jodi recommended historic lighting. Peaks to Plains will send the information to Mona and she will take the lights around to various individuals for their consensus. **Light ownership**-They will be Town owned and metered through MDU. Outlet receptacles on the light poles was discussed; they will have them priced out as an option.

City of Baker

Sidewalks-Kevin felt it would be best to have the sidewalks at the curb to be consistent with how newer sidewalks are now placed. There may be some poles that are in the way; will need to decide how to accommodate that.

Drive approaches-Kevin stated the City calls for approaches to have a “standard opening” in the ordinance. Will need to decide if they will be placing new drive approaches for those homes that do not have them. There are 14 homes along that street. Discussed asking what the landowner wants; if they want them they can pay for that or if within the budget could possibly be included in the project; that decision can be made later. This could get costly because you have to break the curb and build the approaches.

Drainage-The drainage issues will have to be addressed with Lance Wedemeyer-City of Baker-Public Works Director.

Budget-If this project goes over budget and something has to be cut, discussed what could be cut. Mona feels that no matter what, Plevna’s projects should be finished. Mona stated there is some funding left from the Millennium project; approximately \$9,000.00. Mona is also looking into the names of donors that contributed that were missed.

Project schedule-MDT will review first; go out to bid June 1st and construction completion should be October 1st of this year.

Plans-All preliminary plans will be sent to Mona and reviewed by the Commission or Local Government.

Timeline-3-6 weeks for MDT to review; 3 week bid process and 1 week for MDT to award the bid. ROW check lists mostly (these are projected timelines only).

Public Meeting-Tonight at 7:00 PM in the Library basement. Mona sent a letter to the property owners so they were informed and will hopefully attend.

CLOSED SESSION-PERSONNEL

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

4:30 PM Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor, and **Julie Straub**, Human Resource Manager was asked to join.

Assistant (Lead Worker)-The Commission granted permission to hire, from within the crew, an assistant at .50 cents over and above their regular pay.

Licensing Fees-Dale asked if the County would reimburse that person for the State licensing fee. The commission agreed to reimburse. Dale stated this person has to take the State Weed Sprayer test. Dale will report this to his Board at the meeting tonight.

4:40 PM Dale left the meeting.

Supervisor training-Julie discussed the training the Commission would like Supervisors to attend in Miles City. Julie stated she teaches this training and some of the items in this training are not accurate. Commission stated they had committed to send Supervisors to this training so that all of the Counties could receive the benefit of the training and MACo would pick up the cost of the training. Julie stated she will add to the training by updating the Supervisors on the new laws.

4:45 PM Gun Range-The Commission was notified Stan Heiling, Gun Range Systems will be here tomorrow to show everyone how the Gun Range will be maintained.

4:50PM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder/Insurance-Discussed previous damage to the Health Nurse building to find out if the Commission felt it should be repaired, etc. Commissioner Baldwin will look at it tonight and report back.

4:55 PM Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor called to ask if the Assistant's wage would start as soon as the decision is made on who that person would be or if they have to wait until July 1st. The Commission stated the wage could start as soon as the decision is made on who will be the Assistant.

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s/William L. Randash, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder