

Monday, August 26, 2013

CONVENE 9:00 AM

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

9:05 AM **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

9:05 AM-Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director phoned in and stated the 2005 Ford Ambulance is in need of repairs; Lisa is going to schedule it for necessary repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris and Bobby Kruger would like to purchase land adjacent to their property. The area they are talking about fills up with water and they have maintained it for several years. Commissioner Randash suggested that the land be tested as there is Brownfield money for this. Commissioner Ranum stated it is a long process to take it out of park status but the Commission will find out what they need to do.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Belle Fourche Pipeline Encroachment Permits-Discussed whether or not Fallon County should go with the majority of Landowners or those that are not going to sign. Commissioners Randash and Baldwin feel the County should join the majority and should not hold up the County easements.

Museum-Discussed the stabilization plan which should stabilize the Museum for at least 50 more years at a cost of \$100,000. Commissioner Ranum supports the plan to stabilize the Museum as long as we can.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

10:00 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met to present the Road Report.

MACR's Convention-Bobby asked if he would have permission from the Commission to be a District Representative for MACRS (MT Assoc. of County Road Supervisors). The Commission stated they felt that would be a good idea.

Mowing-They are mowing now.

Blading-Blading the Anticline Road

Dust Suppression-Discussed the dust suppression "trial run" placed on a County road by a local contractor; it appears to be working well.

Stacker-The new stacker is here but the crew has to be trained before using it.

966 loader-Strobe light and roof was beaten by hail; ordered new roof and strobe light. This will be paid for by the County due to the deductible amount.

Scraper-Alba stated they plan to repair the scraper this fall/winter.

Pits-The group discussed budgeting for a new truck and loader.

Vassar Bridge-Bobby has discussed work on the bridge by the Vassar property with **Steve Stanhope**, Fidelity representative.

Budget-The group discussed budgeting for a new truck and a loader.

Plow truck-The plow truck that was purchased is in Billings.

Hail Damage-The building at the old Landfill received hail damage as well.

Skid steer Building-Alba asked permission to have electricity hooked up to the skid steer building. Permission granted.

New Trucks-The new trucks received updates in Billings.

CLOSED SESSION-PERSONNEL

High School Rodeo-There is no one to work the track for the High School Rodeo.

11:00 AM-The Commission convened in the Library Basement for the monthly Dispatch/Sheriff Remodel meeting.

12:30 AM-Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Noon Recess

1:15 PM RECONVENED

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

1:45 PM-Public Comment-No one appeared.

2:00 PM-Lynda Herbst-Public Health Cleaning quote was discussed.

Valve quote-Lynda stated she is waiting on Star Service.

Carpet for Department of Revenue Office-The Commission agreed if the DOR wants new carpet they were fine with that; if not, wait until later.

Courthouse Windows-Lynda has received only one quote the other Company has not had time to prepare a quote.

2:25 PM-Johnny Henson-Public Health Cleaning quote was discussed.

3:00 PM-Matalyn Onstad and Jessica Hubley, Liberty National Life Insurance Company Representatives presented their insurance product to the Commission. They will call later and schedule a time to meet with the Employees.

3:30 PM-AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to appoint Dale Hinton to the Airport Board, replacing Dan Cox, who resigned from the Board. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

3:40 PM-Johnny Henson revisited the Public Health cleaning quote.

4:00 PM-Lance Wedemeyer, Public Works Director; **Clayton Hornung**, Mayor-City of Baker met to present the monthly report.

FEMA-Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering is waiting to get a response from FEMA after resubmitting paperwork for the City of Baker's new lagoon cell.

Projects-Lance and Clayton stated they appreciate the suggestions given to the City by the County to work with RDO on a buyback plan for their equipment.

New water tank-They have had no problems with the new City water tank.

TransCanada-The City was told TransCanada is on hold until 2014.

Water test-The City's water test came back very good.

Maintenance programs-Lance now has maintenance programs in place for everything.

Animal Shelter-The group needs to discuss this further.

4:35 PM-CLOSED-PERSONNEL

4:45 PM-CLOSED-PERSONNEL

JOURNALS

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the following Journals.

FY2013-Journal #659-To record FY2013 Compensated Absences in the County Books

FY2014-Journals #45-#98-Roll FY2013 balances forward to FY2014.

REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS

Planner Plat Status Report-12 COS's/Subdivisions in various progress statuses.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Ranum signed the Agreement for Oswood Construction to remove and install reinforced concrete box culvert on Sunny Bank and Division Road.

Commissioner Ranum signed the Health Insurance Renewal Paperwork to be sent to EBMS.

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the request for reimbursement in the amount of \$83,865.00 to be sent to the FAA for the Airport Runway project.

The Commission received notification of proposed licensure of a new land application site for the disposal of septage and gray water, as well as the Environmental Assessment. The proposed site is located on private property approximately four miles northeast of Baker, off Schoolhouse Road.

The Commission received a quote from Upland Home Maintenance and Repair LLC to repair the Lambert House. It was determined the County would wait to repair until a final decision was made on possible relocation of the House.

The Commission was notified by Chuck Lee of a modification to the EMPG FY2012 grant affecting July, 2012-September, 2013-Total addition funding of \$21,867.24.

REVENUE

High ground Service LLC-Subdivision Review Fees-\$545.00
Tri-State Services LLC-Septic Permit-\$50.00
Baker Air Service-County Portion August Fuel Sales-\$352.01

EASEMENTS

The Commission signed the following Road Easements:

Arthur and Kathy L. DeGrand-Dukart Access –Sec 13-5-60; Hidden Water Trail-Sec 7-5-61 and Ag Improvement-Sec 18-5-61. The Easements are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess until Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

9:00 AM RECONVENE

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

Construction Meeting (Dispatch Addition) meeting updates-Phase 2 has been framed and closed-in, but settlement of the foundation on engineered fill has brought a halt until they figure out a fix. Phase 1 of the project is nearly complete, working on a plan to remove the towers ASAP so they are able to get going on Phase 2.

9:30 AM Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor met to update the Commission on a few items.

Fish Kill-The group discussed the fish kill in the Baker Lake.

Spray Season-The spray season is going well; the Road Department was happy with the work accomplished.

Chemical –Dale stated the chemical sales to the Landowners was up this year from last year.

Seasonal Workers-Will be leaving soon; one may come back to assist with fall shut down work.

Fall Work-Dale stated they are completing fall spurge work.

Weeds on County Roads-The group discussed the Roads handled by the Road Department; Dale explained the Road Department is also able to spray the roads because licensed chemicals are not used to spray the roads.

9:55 AM-Ken Dockweiler, Belle Fourche Pipeline Representative met to update the Commission on the last meeting Belle Fourche had with various Landowners.

Tom Sparks, Barney and Shelley Dean and Jeff Hadley, Landowners and **Rich Batterman**, County Attorney joined the meeting.

Ken explained he has not had a meeting with the Landowners to discuss further changes. Ken stated he is meeting with the County Commission to see about getting the County to sign Right of Way Easements/Encroachment Permits.

Discussion-Commissioner Randash asked the landowners if they had pipelines running through their property and had problems with the pipelines. Jeff stated he had not; Tom stated he and Todd Barkley have had problems. Commissioner Randash stated he was ready to sign. Commissioner Ranum stated she is ready to sign the encroachment permits, not the easement.

Ken stated he brought three (3) versions of the easement with him; Donald Mackay has the County Lease.

Shelley explained the Grazing District Association has 30 members. Shelley would ask the Commission not to sign the first easement. Tom stated he would like it if they would not sign the 2nd or 3rd versions of the easement until the Landowners have a chance to work with their Attorney.

Tom explained the Landowners are not ready to sign the easements and was appalled that Ken was meeting with the Commission anyway. Tom feels in 1 ½ to 2 weeks this process could be finished.

Commissioner Randash wondered if they could get the two attorneys (Belle Fourche and Landowners) together to work things out. The Landowners Attorney received the new document this morning and had not had time to review it. Commissioner Randash stated he would retract his statement and agreed he would not sign the Encroachment Permits.

Ken would ask the County Attorney address the easement, etc.

Tom asked, why the concern in having the County sign first, other than it looks better to have the County sign if Belle Fourche decides to condemn.

Ken stated he does not feel there is a connection to Fallon County and the Landowners.

Rich feels the document is a blanket document and the indemnity language is protected and it is written quite well. Possibly Belle Fourche and the Landowners could meet next week. Rich would be willing to work with the Landowners as well as the County.

Tentatively scheduled a meeting the 30th day of September with Belle Fourche and the Landowners. Rich will send the Road Haul Agreement to Ken to review.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

Solar Bee (Aerators)-The Commission agreed to proceed with a plan for improving the use of the aerators on the Baker Lake.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn for the week. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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