

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

CONVENE

10:00 AM-Fallon County Commission Office

PRESENT

Deb Ranum, Chairperson; William L. Randash and Steve Baldwin, Members and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder.

BID OPENING

Waste Handler/Dozer -10:00 AM-Commission Office

PRESENT

Mark Feland, RDO; Kevin Sedgwick, T & E and Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman
Commissioner Ranum read the following bids aloud.

JD950 JWH-\$475,600.00

Buyback-3 year-\$251,500
4 year-\$214,500
5 year-\$183,000 Delivery date of June 19th

CAT D7E-\$602,074.00

Buyback-3 year-\$314,550
4 year-\$283,095
5 year-\$251,650 Delivery date of July 25th

Both bidders offer training for service and operation as stated in the bid specs.

10:23 AM-Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager joined the discussion.

Each bidder met separately with the Commission.

Mark and Kevin were told they would be contacted later regarding the decision made as the Commission needed to get back on schedule.

ROAD REPORT

Bridges-Bobby stated a Representative of Keystone Pipeline notified him there are 6 bridges Keystone Pipeline wants to remove and replace (at their cost); (2) on Pennel Creek, Sandstone Creek, Coal Bank Creek, Soda Creek and Dry Fork Creek. Bobby firsts wants Brosz Engineering to do hydrology studies before proceeding. This will be discussed further.

Rip/Rap-Commissioner Ranum stated Jasen Wyrick has rip/rap for projects.

DISCUSSION ON WASTE HANDLER

Commissioner Baldwin received information there are 60% fewer moving parts on the CAT and the CAT can make up the difference in price difference in 2 years through fuel cost savings. John Deere-Discussed the LeBar parts may be hard to get. No decision as of this time.

SMART DIRECTOR UPDATES

11:10-AM-Mona Madler, SMART; **Don Wood**, Lake Advisory Board.

Mona started with her updates and will move to the Lake discussion.

Stanhope Sewer and Water-Jason Rittal, Executive Director EPEDC and Mona are working with Stanhope S/W on the sewer project.

Plevna School District-The school has some land they would like to develop for housing; Mona is working to find funding for this project. Commissioner Baldwin discussed Plevna's issues regarding they have no zoning in place. Mona stated the Preliminary Engineering Report will cover that in the market analysis. The School put a request in to Big Sky Trust Fund; Plevna School itself has 20% funding to put toward this project.

Main Street Upgrades-Mona discussed upgrades to Main Street store fronts; she and Laurie Mackay had discussed this with the Commission several months ago. They have a survey set up to give to the business community regarding this project. They will see what happens from there.

Chamber of Commerce Director-The new Director was hired and will start March 6, 2013. Mona is now the President of the Chamber and is very happy a Director was hired.

SMART Building-Bids were put out to upgrade the storefront for the SMART building. No one picked up a bid.

Baker Lake-Mona spoke to Liz Chang, Representative for Max Baucus; Liz approached Mona about the Lake and stated she would like to do whatever she could to assist. The group discussed approaching the issue through mitigation by possibly purchasing the Red Butte Dam and planting cattails.

Mary Grube, Planner-Secretary joined the discussion-11:30 AM.

Upper Lake Stages-Commissioner Baldwin stated the Commission and others are working on the lake in stages. The upper dam will be repaired first. Last summer/fall the silt was removed; the balance of the repairs are to be made this year. The NRCS and DNRC will write letters in support in hopes of progressing work on the lake.

Drain Lake-The group discussed possibility if the lake were to be drained.

General Discussion-Commissioner Randash stated the Sanitarian had been working on the health issues involved related to the lake. Commissioner Baldwin hopes by doing everything correctly there will be a more positive outcome and that is why they are trying to work with the proper authorities and progress in stages.

Re-permit-Mary stated Sam Johnson feels if the permitting process were to be started over again by the City and the County it would move along this time.

Commissioner Ranum will phone Sam and Michele Liemeux. Mona and Don left the discussion.

MOTION

11:55 AM-Commissioner Randash made a motion to purchase the John Deere Waste Handler/Dozer, from RDO, for the Landfill. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The repurchase program was discussed. RDO and T & E will be contacted by the Clerk and Recorder.

SPEED LIMITS

County Roads-Speed limits on County roads were discussed.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

CLOSED-HIPAA

MOTION

Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Randash seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Noon Recess

RECONVENED

1:00 PM-Commissioner's Ranum, Randash and Baldwin reconvened.

MOVING OUTSIDE BUILDING MAINTENANCE SHOP

Joe Janz-OBM supervisor met to discuss a location to place the OBM building during the Dispatch remodel. Decision was made to move the building near the Museum. Joe stated this building does not need a floor because the area it will be placed is protected and the new OBM shop should be finished by the end of summer. Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator joined the discussion. Discussed burying electrical when tying the temporary set-up into the Museum; the building will also be attached to the ground. After Joe moves into his new building possibly the building could be taken to the Cemetery or another Department for storage purposes; if not, can be sold at the County Auction. Chuck suggested possibly asking the question at the Department Head Meeting to see if someone else has a use for it.

MOTION

Commissioner Baldwin made a motion that Joe be allowed to move the OBM building across the street near the Museum and will decide where to take it after summer purposes. Commissioner Randash seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously,

DISPATCH BID ACCEPTANCE

1:23 PM-Chuck Lee, DES/911 Coordinator met to discuss the bids for the Dispatch Remodel. Bids were submitted as follows: General Contractors Co of Billings, MT-\$460,388; Outback Construction-Billings, MT-\$468,392; High-Tech Construction-Billings, MT-\$496,153; Markovich Construction-Butte, MT-\$534,000; Rotherham Construction-Bozeman, MT-\$548,900 and Fisher Construction-Billings, MT-\$568,600. On February 14th, Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design read the bids aloud and Chuck recorded the bids.

The Commission will discuss the bids further.

TV BOARDS

Plevna TV Board-Chuck wanted to make sure he was able to sign checks for the Plevna TV Board. Chuck is able to do so as he is a member of the Board.

CLAIMS APPROVALS

The Commission approved the February Mid-Month claims in the amount of \$605,832.60 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

2:00 PM COUNTY LESEE MEETING

Glen Hough and **Don Rieger** met regarding the David B Mackay lease with the County.

General-The county lease is fenced on two sides; is fenced in with 4 private pastures located in the middle. 2-(1/2) sections; 2 irregular shaped sections and 1 full section. One parcel has a County road through it making that the only parcel that is not land locked. AUM's and the type ground contained in this lease were discussed. There is a variation of land, inclusive of grass, badlands, rocks, etc.

Purchase-Commissioner Ranum asked if they thought Mr. Mackay would be interested in purchasing this land. When asked years ago, he was not and they were not sure if he would be interested now.

Terms-Discussed going to a 6 year lease; Lease fees-The Commission felt they would not raise them this year but would run them concurrent with State rates.

Don feels it should be treated the same as BLM rather than State. Don wondered if Mackay's subleasing to him was an issue. The Commission felt it was not.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karol Williams-Discussed an incident that occurred on **Roxy Lane** involving speed. The Commission explained the County Roads do not have specific reduced speed limits so therefore run concurrent with Highway speed limits or 65 MPH night; 70 MPH day. The Commission stated they have been discussing placing speed limits on county roads. The Commission explained they would have to hold a public hearing. Karol is concerned about all the children in the area on Roxy Lane. The Commission stated they will work on this issue.

3:00 PM COUNTY LESEE MEETING

Glen and Duane Rugg met regarding their lease with the County.

General-The county lease covers 480 acres, it is not fenced and there is no water. When considering AUM's they use the leased land like the overall land. Per the 2001 appraisals the land was valued at 70.00 per acre; the land is land locked and no access to the County land. Tunby's border the east side and Rugg's border the other 3 sides.

Purchase-Asked if they would be interested in purchasing the County land; the Rugg's felt they would be.

Terms-Commissioner Baldwin explained this would be a 6 year lease; Commissioner Ranum explained it would be signed by all 3 Commissioner's. This year's lease would be the same amount as the current lease. Glen asked if the AUM would go down if the price of cattle went down; Commissioner Ranum stated the Commission had not discussed that but felt it would not.

Road Abandonments-Duane asked about the County Road Abandonments and stated Short Cut Road needs resurfaced. Duane would prefer it to be resurfaced with gravel if at all possible. They have two roads on the same pasture so have more dust than normal. Steve will contact the Road Foreman to see when they will be in the area.

3:55 PM-Commissioner Randash was excused for the day.

CLOSE MUSEUM

Jody Strand, Museum Curator met to ask permission to close the Museum so she and John Logsdon, Museum Assistant can view the Museum in Bowman, ND. Jody would also like those Museum Board members interested to attend. Permission granted. Advertise the closing; they would like to leave before the next paper would be out. Permission granted to advertise this on Channel 3.

4:05 PM-COUNTY LESEE MEETING

Tom Sparks met regarding his lease with the County.

General-There is no County Road on this leased land; it is land locked; surrounded by his private land; Hagadone's and the Grazing District and there is no water on this land.

Terms-Commission stated they would like to change the County leases to 6 year leases. Tom asked if they would leave the lease amount the same as last year. The Commission plan to leave the lease amount the same as last year and raise it next year by \$1.50.

Purchase-Commission asked if Tom would be interested in purchasing the leased land. Tom stated he would be interested. Discussed further clarification needed on the current leases.

Pipeline update-Tom stated they are working with Debra Bell, Belle Fourche Pipeline. Debra explained to Tom they are actually hung up in Wyoming so there is more time for the Fallon County Landowners to work on the lease agreement. Tom will keep the Commission informed.

ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT

The Commission signed the Addendum to the County Superintendent of Schools agreement, extending the agreement to June 30, 2013 and is recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

MOTION

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the February 4th – February 7th minutes with the following corrections:

- 1) Parkview I Elevator modification-Clerk and Recorder was unsure if a decision was made. The decision was made not to proceed with the modification at this time. This correction was made.
- 2) Spelling and grammar corrections made.
- 3) Left the word "with" out of the sentence pertaining to the new prospective Doctor likes to work "with" people of all ages, especially the elderly. This correction was made.

Commissioner Ranum vacated the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Cooperative Agreement between the MT Dept of Public Health and Human Services and the Board of Health. This agreement establishes a payment schedule for disbursing funds to the Board of Health and to facilitate payment of funds to support inspections of licensed establishments. This covers the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The original was sent to MT DPHHS for their signature and a copy is in the Clerk and Recorders office.

EASEMENT

The Commission received the signed Landfill Spur Road Easement located in Section 9-6-60 from Craig and Wanda Pinnow. The Commission signed the Easement in approval; this is recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

MISCELLANEOUS

Permission was granted to have a Contractor change light switches for the new City Judge Office and the Family Services Office to allow them to be separate.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Bowers Oil and Gas Inc.-December, 2012-Oil and Gas Royalties-\$96.29

REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS

The following were reviewed and/or approved by the Commission:

Plevna Rural Fire District Report-January, 2013-Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,184.05

Weed Board-December, 2012 Minutes

Library Board-January, 2013 Minutes

MOTION

5:50 PM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn until February 25, 2013. Commissioner Ranum vacated the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion carried. Adjourn-5:50 PM

ADJOURNED

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder