

August 11, 2014

9:00 AM CONVENE

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

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

10:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman-Road/Bridge/Shop Report

Crusher-Started using oil (about 4 gallons per day); going to try replacing the turbo first. The crusher has 4500 hours on the meter as of this time. Need to decide if the Commission wants to replace the engine or quit crushing. Feel it would cost \$20,000.00 to replace engine (long block). Discussed placing the conveyor in the County auction or sealed bid, as it is new. Bobby stated he would rather not crush anymore as he does not feel it is a savings to the County.

Pinnow Pit-Bobby feels it is getting closer to being completed but the County has until October 1, 2020 to complete and reclaim the pit.

Stage-Discussed the stage for the Fairgrounds. It is felt the stage is now too large to pull with the existing tractor.

Mower-The Fairgrounds has 1 mower that is down but they are mowing with another one.

Road Mowers-The Road Department mowers are ready to go with the exception of the newest mower.

Repairs-Truck 196-Replacing the clutch in truck 196.

Landfill Dozer-John Deere wants an oil sample so will need to service.

Landfill Scraper-Need new tires for the scraper.

10:35 AM-Don Buerkle, Fair Board Chairman joined to discuss the stage.

Old stage-The old stage will be used Friday night.

New Stage-Thankfully the new stage will be pulled by a tractor donated by Horizon Implement of Miles City. The stage is almost finished; Baker Metal will finish steps. The stage pulls good, turning is the issue. Don will make a test run with the tractor. Don left the conversation.

Sage trail-This road has been smoothed out. Bobby will remove the signs.

Latigo Trail-Have received complaints this road is dusty.

10:55 PM Joe Janz joined

Fletcher Creek Bridge-The Commission reviewed this bridge.

Zupanik's cattle guard-They will need to contact Bobby because they have to purchase the cattle guard.

John Beach cattle guard-Cattle guard may need to be cleaned as the cattle get out (old Cretsinger place).

Bridge-The Bridge on State land on road to Steffes' was discussed in great detail. No decision.

Cattle guards-Bobby stated the cattle guards are not holding up to the Pipeline traffic.

Road Haul Agreement-Hiland still does not have a road haul agreement with Fallon County. The gentleman that went with Bobby to drive the roads Hiland plans to use did not feel they would overlap with the other oil companies.

11:30 AM PM Joe Janz-South Sandstone Project

FWP-The Region 7 Manager for FWP (Kenneth M. Backes) stated the 124 permit for the South Sandstone project is not necessary. However, FWP also has authorization to review project applications regarding MT DEQ 318 Law. FWP waived the 318 permit but recommended implementation of conditions.

Joe will contact Jason Senn, FWP on the project at South Sandstone. Joe will ask them to wait until after Labor Day Holiday to start unless the contractor can get one side completed before the holiday.

SAFETY INVESTIGATOR/ASSISTANT-Joe Janz submitted his resignation from this position.

11:30 AM-Mona Madler-SMART-Unable to attend the scheduled meeting this afternoon.

Letter of Support-Commission signed a Letter of Support, for a housing blight grant, Mona had prepared;(Planning Grant through DNRC).

Economic Development District/Urban Renewal Tax Increment District-Mona discussed the Tax Increment District for the Core area of Baker and would like to include the 6th street project into the district.

Budget time-Mona would like to ask for the Commission's continued support with SMART funding.

Veteran's Memorial-Commissioner Ranum discussed the Veteran's Memorial being turned back to the County as Drury Phebus is concerned about the continued upkeep, etc.

11:45 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

Noon Recess

1:15 PM RECONVENE

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

1:30 PM-Kodie Olson, Little Beaver Soil Conservation District

Vehicle Use- LBSCD used to have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NRCS for the use of vehicles; NRCS has shut that down so is wondering what the county could do for her since the LBSCD is a County Board. The County will visit with the County Attorney and Insurance. Commissioner Baldwin discussed maintenance of vehicles as well. Kodie stated when she plants trees, she does that as a Contractor. Kodie left the meeting.

1:45 PM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder/Insurance

Vehicle use by County Board-Debbie was consulted by the Commission; Debbie stated in regard to use of County vehicle by a County Board; this is not the County's practice and feel it is not in the County's best interest. If a County Employee were to be driving the vehicle with the Board Member, or other individual(s), in the vehicle would be the best case scenario. The Commission will contact the County Attorney as well and will let Kodie know what they find out.

2:15 PM BUSINESS AS NEEDED/DEPARTMENT HEADS/CLOSED SESSIONS/REVIEW BUDGETS/FOLDER REVIEW

Human Resource Position-The Commission feels we are ready to advertise.

Elin Westover, Extension Agent

Commission asked Elin to meet to discuss the Extension Secretary assisting in the Planning Department. Elin stated she was not interested in doing that at this time.

MINUTES/REPORTS/FLYERS

The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following:

Baker Rural Fire District Minutes-August 7, 2014-Warrants were written in the amount of \$58,653.29

Stevenson Design Field Report-August 6, 2014-Sheriff Addition

Stevenson Design Construction Meeting Report-August 6, 2014-Sheriff Addition

Stevenson Design Construction Meeting Report-August 6, 2014-Dispatch Addition

JOURNALS

The Commission reviewed and approved the following Journals:

#653-FY2014 Weed Inventory adjustments

#654-Move claims from WIC to Public Health

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Sands Oil Company-June, 2014 Oil and Gas Royalty-\$229.11

MISCELLANEOUS

Letter of Support – The letter was written to DNRC regarding working with our local Economic Development Authority to seek a Planning Grant. The grant would be to address developers concerns about the potential environmental risks associated with new development on the highest priority properties. This would help in the effort to address the housing shortages in the County as well.

Courthouse Windows-The Commission received information from Stevenson Design regarding window types for the Courthouse. Stevenson Design recommended Pella Impervia fiberglass windows similar to those installed in the gym at Longfellow School. No decisions at this time.

3:00 PM MONA MADLER

Met earlier today due to a timing conflict.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Commission will attend the District Meeting in Miles City tomorrow. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM and will be held at the Town and Country Club.

4:35 PM Commissioner Ranum was excused for the day.

4:45 PM - Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor

Gravel/Scoria Pits-Dale discussed various pits within the County and the Weed Plans that have to be considered for each pit.

Chemical-The Commission discussed purchasing large amounts of chemical in the Fall/Winter months. Dale stated they are informed of price increases and if a chemical may be in short supply for the next year. If Dale can save the County money on purchasing during this time of year he will do so and if an effective chemical is in demand and supplies may be short, he will make those purchases based on that as well. Discussed chemicals freezing during the winter months. Dale stated yes some chemicals can freeze, i.e. Tordon can freeze but it does not lose its effectiveness. Other chemicals do not freeze and on the other side of things some break down in the sun within minutes.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to Adjourn. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURN
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST
s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder