

Monday, December 22, 2014

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT Deb Ranum, Chairperson; **William L. Randash**, Member and **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder. **Steve Baldwin**, Member excused to be out of state.

9:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman

BID DECISION from December 15, 2014.

If the County decides to trade the (2) MACK trucks, the Volvo is the cheaper bid. Volvo can meet the delivery deadline.

If they do not trade the MACK trucks, the Freightliner is the cheapest bid; it would be July before the new trucks would be here.

MOTION-Commissioner Randash made the motion to accept the bid for 3 Freightliners from I-State at \$108,317.00 per unit and keep the 2 MACK trucks. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

MACRS (MT Assoc. County Road Supervisors) Convention

Bobby stated he would be taking Mark Sieler, Acting Road Foreman with him and wondered if any of the Commission would want to attend. Commissioner Ranum would not be able to attend.

Commissioner Randash might go and would have to wait until Commissioner Baldwin comes back as he may also wish to attend.

Road Work-All trucks are out hauling on the Willard Road.

Lift Certification-Alba reported the lift on the truck and at the shop need to be certified.

Alberts Subdivision-Bobby stated the roads in the Alberts Subdivision need to be built by someone other than Fallon County.

Fletcher Pay Application-Change Order 3-F – Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Complete Change Order listing for Fletcher Creek Structure Project. This will become part of the original plan and specifications, just as if printed and bound therein, and takes precedence over any items that may conflict.

10:05 AM-Ararat Krikorian

Mr. Krikorian wanted to file a complaint against the Health Department. He tried to get a shot this morning and they asked him to come back as they were in a meeting. The Commission assumed it was because the Health Nurse was interviewing but the Commission will do some checking and apologized.

10:05 AM Barbara Ketterling, Treasurer/Assessor

Impact Funding-Barb wanted to know where to put the extra impact funding. The Clerk and Recorder will let Barb know which fund(s) to place it in.

10:30 AM Richard Menger, Sanitarian

Report-2014 Inspections-100% complete; there probably will no longer be 52 places to inspect next year because several have closed down.

2015 licenses-So far 33 have licensed for 2015.

Subdivisions-Rich is working on getting caught up on Subdivisions; there is a large one coming up on the West side of Baker. His only concern with that one is the placement of the storm water retention ponds.

10:45 PM County Rural Fire Chief-Tom Muckle spoke to Commissioner Ranum and stated he is relocating in Baker after the first of next year. Tom stated he appreciated the opportunity to remain the County Rural Fire Chief and looks forward to being more active again.

11:00 AM Angie Rabbitt, Recreation Director Report

Weather-Angie reported she has had nice weather for various programs.

Program flyer-Angie presented her latest program flyer for review.

Theatre-Angie could not get a date scheduled to go out of town with the youth this year; she will try to figure out something else for them.

Movie Night-No dates are working out for movie night; the 1st night was good (about 40 attended); the 2nd night (only 15 attended) but there was also bad weather that night. Angie would like to try to have an outdoor movie this summer at the Amphitheatre.

Baker Jam-This annual event is scheduled for March 28th and March 29th and has about 34 to 35 teams.

Shakespeare in the Park-Angie would like to try to bring it back through the Recreation Department since the Chamber is no longer doing this.

Parade of Lights-This was well attended; they handed out 300 bags of candy.

11:15 AM Tim Barkley, Sheriff

Lawsuit-Tim was informed The Humane Society lawsuit was dismissed.

Ice on Tower-Tim explained the tower froze up and the ice shards/chunks were dropping; discussed possibly quadranting (sectioning) off half of the back-parking lot when this happens. At this time it would leave no parking in the back as the project is taking up a majority of the parking lot. Tim stated he backs in to the east side parking lot but due to the children across the street it still causes possible response hazards.

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

12:00 PM Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance

Ambulance Trailer-Joe wanted to know where EMS should park their new trailer. The Commission responded they could take it to the County Shop. Joe will let the Ambulance Director know that.

12:05 PM RECESS

Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

NOON

1:15 PM RECONVENE

PRESENT Deb Ranum, Chairperson; William L. Randash, Member and Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder

1:15 PM-Mona Madler, SMART; Mary Grube, Planning Department and Clayton Hornung, Mayor-City of Baker

CTEP Project-Mike Day, Territorial Land Works sent the CTEP project paperwork to Mona.

Community match-County needs to approve of the match by responding to David Holien's email. Mona put an advertisement together to get an RFQ for the CTEP Project; and will just need to add a date and time. There will need to be a Committee assembled to come up with project suggestions. Committee Representatives will be: Scott Rabbitt-City of Baker; Mona-County; Steve or Karol Zachmann; Larry Dahl and Penny Benner-Town of Plevna. The Committee will bring recommendations before the Commission before selection.

Creek Channel-Mona has been working with the MSU Students who have looked into ways the County/City could start working on the Creek Channel. MSU contacted Peaks to Plains, Architectural firm who deals with these items. Peaks to Plains met with Mona and presented a proposal as well as speaking to Shannon from the Army Corp of Engineers.

Donation-TransCanada wanted to donate funds to the Community; Mona put some costs together (\$5,000) for the 1st phase of work to the Tributary. TransCanada instead donated \$6,500 to Phase I of the Tributary clean up. Mona asked if she had permission to work with Peaks to Plains and MSU on the Tributary work. Commissioner Randash feels she needs to contact Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering as they are working with the Corp of Engineers and others on this project already. Mona will contact Jon Brosz.

2:00 PM Records Disposal-On the agenda but chose to discuss when all Commissioners are available.

2:00 PM KLJ Planning Agreement-The Commission received the recommended changes, received from County Attorney, Batterman, for the KLJ Planning Agreement. The Commission will review and discuss when all Commissioners are available and share recommended changes with KLJ.

2:15 PM Bruce Ketchum and Robert Neumann, Public Members and Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman

Neumann Pit-Bruce wondered about the process of purchasing gravel from the Neumann Pit. Bruce had asked Hufford's if they would crush for them on their property but Hufford's said they had no time. Bruce would instead like to purchase 500 yards of crushed gravel from Bob. The County would pay Bob what they owe less the 500 yards. The Commission stated they would need to visit with Rich Batterman, County Attorney about this. Bob stated he was agreeable as long as it was in the contract. Bobby stated the County received 10,000 yards more than they had expected. In looking at the agreement it was overlooked that Bob wanted to reserve 500 yards from the pit. The Commission was agreeable and further stated Ketchum's would need to pay for the crushing of the 500 yards also. The Commission will contact the County Attorney but feel this will not be a problem.

2:45 PM Commissioner Meeting

FOLDER REVIEW

MISCELLANEOUS

RESIGNATION-The Commission received a letter of resignation from Vera Abrams as the Airport Secretary. The resignation will be effective December 19, 2014.

Jon Tester Response Letter-The Commission received a response letter from Senator Tester thanking the Commission for contacting him regarding their support of the Keystone XL Pipeline. Senator Tester shares the Commission's support for this project and will continue to work toward the building of a safe pipeline that protects private property rights.

Justice Court Calendar-Nicole Benefiel provided her Justice Court Calendar to the Commission for October-December, 2014.

Drinking Water Quality Report-The Commission received a copy of the Drinking Water Quality Report from the City of Baker. The water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

JP Printer/Wiring-The Commission granted permission for Nicole to purchase a new printer for the JP office as well as completing necessary wiring in their new office. The wiring was included in the budget and there is enough funding to purchase the small printer Nicole was requesting.

Sheriff Project/Roof issue-The Commission made the decision not to sign the final change order for the Sheriff Project until the loose insulation on the Sheriff Roof is securely tightened. Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design contacted Kevin Wood, Project Manager for Dick Anderson Construction notifying him of the Commission's request. The Commission is aware there is a 20-year manufacturer warranty on the roof however they still requested the loose insulation be secured. Kevin stated they would take care of this matter as soon as weather permits.

Powder River Training Complex Expansion-The Commission received an email from John Campbell, True Oil Company Pilot sharing all of his concerns about the PRTC expansion. Campbell states his observations were based on personal experiences and the opinions stated were his personal opinions. Campbell points out many inaccurate statements made by the Air Force in the PRTC Environmental Impact Statement Executive Summary.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Continental Resources-November, 2014 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,096.93.

HB 124 Entitlement Funds-\$135,178.59

REPORTS/FLYERS/MINUTES

Treasurer's November, 2014 Revenue Report-\$5,419,538.87

3:00 PM COMMISSIONER PROCEEDING APPROVALS

MOTION-Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the July 21 and July 28, 2014 Commissioner Proceedings as written. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

3:20 PM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Builders Risk Insurance-Debbie stated the cost for the Insurance for the Dispatch/Sheriff/Outside Maintenance Project, from December 10, 2014 until the final project is complete, would be \$1,944.00. Jim Leischner, Insurance Agent felt the insurance would have cost the County \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the entire project. Jim was going to contact Mike Stevenson to see if it is really necessary.

Decision-Brenda will contact Kevin Wood, Dick Anderson Construction to see if we need it right now since the project is pretty much complete.

3:30 PM CLOSED-PERSONNEL

4:10 PM Willie Benner-Mayor-Town of Plevna and **Mary Grube**, Planning Secretary

County Planning Board-Willie would like permission to use the County Planning Board as Plevna needs to get some zoning in place. Willie stated the problem is Plevna will not be able to come up with more people for Committees. Plevna will need a (3) member Zoning Commission but does not need a Board of Adjustments per Mary. Mary stated that comes from Montana Code Annotated. The Commission agreed to allow the Town of Plevna to use the County Planning Board. This would be completed by way of an Interlocal Agreement.

Rate increases-Willie stated Jason Rittal, EPEDC Executive Director is working with the Town of Plevna to redo the Average Median Income level to see where the Level is at currently; this will allow them to try to get their target rate changed.

Water Project-The Town of Plevna is now engineering Phase II of the Water Project. Diamond J, Project Contractor has roads and valve work to complete so Plevna has withheld some money for that.

Plevna Main Street-Willie stated Plevna's Main Street is a Highway all the way up to Wynona's turn off; however, MT DOT is only taking care of the road up to the School. The Highway Department does take care of it but Willie wanted to make sure the State was not making the County take care of the services. The Commission felt the County is not taking care of the services but would need to double check with Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman.

4:40 PM Willie Left the discussion.

4:40 PM Mary Grube, Planning Secretary

Weekly Planning Department Report-Mary submitted the report to the Commission.

Flow charts-Mary is working on a flow chart for Minor Subdivisions for each Local Governing Body. Mary will also work on one for the Major Subdivisions.

5:00 PM ADJOURN

Commissioner Randash made the motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Ranum** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays.

ADJOURN
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder