

**FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS**

Monday, January 06, 2014

**9:00 CONVENE**

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

**9:30 AM Tim Barkley**, Sheriff met to discuss remodel project.

**10:15 AM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**10:15 AM Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman; **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met to present the Road/Shop Report.

**Senior Buses**-The Sprinter is now working; they now have the other Senior Bus in for repairs.

**Kois**-Snow plow still has not been received; had problems with the other two plow trucks this morning (guessing it is due to condensation).

**Building**-Discussed putting up another building at the County Shop for various county vehicles.

**Location**-next to the newest building; have already paid to move the utilities for the new building.

**Landfill Road**-1/2 mile left; will then move to Anticline and other roads.

**Tires**-Tire Rama will buy casings from the County at approximately \$80.00 per casing, then the County can purchase new tires for \$5.00 more than what it would cost to recap.

**Tire Cage**-The cage has not been received yet.

**Lights**-Barth Electric finished lights in shop building; Permission granted to replace mercury lights in the other cold storage building.

**11:00 AM**-The Commission reviewed timesheets and approved December, 2013 Payroll and Withholdings in the amount of \$416,142.58 and are filed in the Clerk and Recorders office.

The Commission reviewed and approved the December, 2013 Claims in the amount of \$567,418.83 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorders office.

**11:50 AM-Mike Kirschten**-Shooting Range Board Member met to discuss possible Indoor Shooting Range Building.

**RECESS**

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to recess for lunch. **Commissioner Baldwin** 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

**1:15 PM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**1:25 PM-Rich Batterman**, County Attorney met to discuss various project updates.

**2:15 PM Tom Sparks**-Tom reported an update on the Bridger/Belle Fourche Pipeline. They have decided to go through on the old Butte Pipeline easement.

**2:45 PM Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met to discuss equipment purchase.

**Snow Blower**-They would like to purchase a snow blower for the skidsteer. This could be used at the County Shop, Airport and Coral Creek Landfill could use it as an attachment to their loader. They feel

the approximate cost would be \$9,900.00. The Commission would like a few more quotes before purchasing.

**3:15 PM-Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor met to present updates.

**Skate Board/Bike Park**-Scott contacted Chad Wade and Carson Beach to look into the building aspects of the Skate/Bike Park. Scott also contacted a professional to come and view various areas to find the best location before proceeding.

**Security Cameras**-The group again discussed information received from Scott previously regarding security cameras. The cameras will store 30 days recorded information. **Commissioner Randash** made a motion to allow Scott to purchase and have security cameras installed at the County Parks (Gazebo, Ball field and Playground areas). **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Spray Park**-Scott shared information received on a spray park.

**Park Survey**-Discussed doing a survey on the County Parks; this would include the Plevna Park as well.

**3:30 PM-Rich Batterman** County Attorney met to update on various items of business.

**TransCanada**-Rich will contact the land attorneys regarding issues with the man camp Subdivision by Lease or Rent.

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#### **4:00 PM Ambulance Board Hearing**

**PRESENT Lisa Mitchell** and **Bridgette Schwartz** attended the hearing.

There being no Public Comment the Commission agreed to form a five (5) member Ambulance and advertise for Board Members.

#### **RECESS**

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

Recess

Tuesday, January 07, 2014

#### **9:00 AM RECONVENE**

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

**9:20 AM Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor updated on Skate Park and Security Camera projects.

#### **10:00 AM CLOSED-PERSONNEL**

**10:30 AM Lance Wedemeyer**, Public Works Director met to present his report to the Commission; updates on various projects and thank the Commissioners for all their assistance. Discussed issues with a sander but are getting some much needed/updated equipment.

#### **COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS**

The Commission reviewed and approved the November 4, 2013 Commissioner Proceedings

**10:45 AM Commissioner Randash** made the motion to approve the November 4<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Proceedings as submitted. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried Unanimously.

**10:55 AM Commissioner Baldwin** was excused to leave early.

**11:00 AM Angie Rabbitt**, Recreation Director met to present her monthly report.

**Fitness Instructor**-Angie received approval to hire Kim Cuppy as a fitness instructor.

**After School Program**-Angie plans to ask the School Board if she could have permission to use their facilities to hold the After School Program 5 days per week.

**Parenting Classes**-Angie is trying to line up meals for the Parenting Classes she is holding to date she has Heiser's Bar donating pizza and the Catholic Ladies will provide a meal. Angie has 12 parents signed up for the classes.

**Alberta Bair Theatre**-Has 39 children signed up for this trip. They ended up with one (1) extra sponsor; has chaperones' to assist; they are able to take a cruiser and should be home for supper. The event takes place January 27<sup>th</sup> (no school this day).

**Cross Country Skiing**-Luke Hauke is the trainer for this. The day of the class did not have many attend due to very poor weather conditions.

**Basketball**-This event started last night for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders- the class was full; Kindergarten starts tonight.

**Tumbling**-This class will start soon.

**Basketball League**-6 teams total

**Baker Jam**-This will take place March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## RECESS

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

Noon Recess

## 1:00 PM RECONVENE

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

**1:15 PM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**1:15 PM Richard Griffith**, Griffith Steel and **Mike Kirschten**, Shooting Range Board Chair met to discuss possible Indoor Shooting Range project.

**Building**-The walls would have to be concrete due to the use of bullets (basically maintenance free). The building inspector's main concerns would be a handicapped entrance; restrooms and bullet-proof glass. Richard is not sure about ventilation but feels it can be done less costly than the architect's figures. Three phase electrical is not necessary but feels it would be beneficial.

**Range master**-This could be a member of the club and would only need to be present when someone is in the building.

**Liability**-Commissioner Baldwin discussed liability to the County. They will need to check with Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder/Insurance regarding these issues.

**Employment**-Commissioner Ranum asked if it would be necessary to have two employees. Mike felt some could be done with volunteers (evenings and weekends).

**2:00 PM Jody Strand, Museum Curator** met to discuss the Museum building.

**The Museum** is listed on the Historical Registry. Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance feels some extra framing and floor jacks could be used to help secure and sturdy the Museum.

**Donation**-Jody stated they received a \$4,000 donation from Sheila Verke. Jody would like to know if the Commission would like her to use the funds to preserve the Museum or Lambert House. The Commission prefers it be used on the Museum. Jody will contact Joe Janz to use the funds for necessary supplies.

**Lambert House**-Jody suggests getting someone from Sherwin Williams to come and look at preservation. Permission granted. The Lambert house also needs new windows.

**Duffield School House**-No one knows how to repair the roof; it still sags.

**3:00 PM-Debbie Wyrick**, Deputy Clerk and Recorder met to discuss the decision for Monday, December 9, 2013 weather (Snow Day or not). Will discuss and let Debbie know.

## CLOSED PERSONNEL

## 3:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for public comment.

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to appoint Robert Boggs to the Council on Aging Board. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**3:50 PM Commissioner Baldwin** excused for the balance of the day.

**3:55 PM-Clayton Hornung**, Mayor-City of Baker met for monthly reporting.

**Sewer Line to Golf Course**-Brenda sent a lot of paperwork to County Attorney that she had hoped would help. The Planner also felt she had information the County Attorney needed. Will have to find out from Desiree' or Rich where they are at with this.

**Dog Pound and Vehicle Impound**-They are looking at different locations for this, possibly near the old Bethel hangar.

**Park Assistant**-They are reviewing the job description.

**Equipment**-The Commission and Mayor discussed sharing equipment. All agreed this would be a benefit to both parties.

**Creek Channel**-No word on this yet.

#### **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.

Recess

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

The Commission attended the Wellness Meeting, with the Wellness Committee, in Miles City, Montana and will reconvene at 9:00 AM Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Thursday, January 9, 2014

#### **9:00 AM RECONVENE**

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

**10:15 AM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**10:15 AM-David Espeland**, CEO-FMC and **Selena Nelson**, CFO-FMC

**Public Health**-David stated the heating is now working.

**PVII and Public Health**-David explained they need to have the circuit boards updated for heating and cooling. This would be 4 at \$1,500.00 each. Permission granted to take care of this.

**Housekeeping**-Discussed housekeeping bills for Parkview's and Public Health. The Commission recommends capping the cleaning hours at 12 hours per week to clean Parkview I & II. If extra cleaning is necessary, permission can be granted.

**Boiler**-The leak in Parkview boiler is condensate which was found to be from a faulty build of the boiler.

**Snow removal**-Without a complete crew they are having problems keeping up with snow removal. Discussed using a different piece of equipment for snow removal; possibly swapping their skid steer with another piece of equipment the County may have. David stated FMC is willing to share their equipment with the County.

**Financial Audit Report**-The report was reviewed with the Commission by Selena.

**Cleaning Personnel**-Discussed how many FTE's were eliminated by the contract cleaning. David stated he felt none.

#### **RECESS**

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

Noon Recess

#### **1:10 PM RECONVENE**

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

**1:10 PM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**1:10 PM Mona Madler**, SMART/Port Authority; **George and Anita Bailey**, Part Owners-RENO, **Don Rieger**, Associate; **Tom McNabb**, MSU Faculty Member (Community Design Center/Architecture Program); **Joan McNabb**, Consultant; Anita is also a Real Estate Consultant; **Zach Griffin** works for PCS Broker and is also a partner in RENO as a Real Estate Consultant; **Jeremy Gongora** is a recent college graduate and works with **George and Zach**.

**Power station**-Would like to capture and utilize flare gas.

**Data Centers**-Cloud bank storage facilities could come on board with this to use the extra energy. They are working with David Sabe who has a data center (i.e. Microsoft or Google).

**Electrothermal storage**-Heating bricks by using grid excess energy. Mona explained the Port Authority is working on this concept with them. MDU and Denbury are very interested in the project. The group asked for Commissioner input or suggestions regarding land, etc. for the project.

**Housing project**-Discussed the housing project on 6th Street West and the Plevna School Project.

**Tom McNabb**-Discussed doing a model of the Community using various items projected for the Community.

**2:15 PM-Terry Sukut**, JGA and Associate

Discussed the damage to the Grandstands roof from the hail damage last fall.

#### **Commissioner Discussion**

**Parkview II**-Will discuss placing plug-ins at Parkview II with Barth Electric.

**Gun Range**-Discussed sending out a survey or placing a question on the ballot regarding interest in an Indoor Shooting Range. The decision was made not to place the question on the ballot but possibly conduct a survey.

**3:00 PM Sandy Kinsey**, Mental Health Board Member was unable to attend her scheduled meeting.

**3:40 PM-Nikki Slagter**, BRAVV Board Member met to give the Commission an update on their new program. BRAVV (Baker Resource and Advocacy for Victims of Violence) still does not have 501(c)3 status. They may eventually not have a need for the office set up in the basement. They would however like permission to paint the door to the office. Permission granted. They will keep the Commission informed of any pertinent information.

**4:10 PM-Phoned Rich Batterman**, County Attorney. Rich will return the call.

**4:20 PM-Rich** returned the Commissioner's phone call. Rich is waiting to hear back from Belle Fourche Pipeline on the Road Haul Agreement. Rich feels we need to get the agreement signed.

#### **COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

The Commission agreed to pay for the Landfill cat to be spayed and vaccinated.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE**

**Denbury Resources**-October/November, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,201.08

**Baker Air Service**-October-December, 2013 Hangar Rent-\$2,356.00

**Continental Resources, Inc.**-December, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,823.53

**State of Montana**-December, 2013 Subdivision Review Reimbursement-\$706.00

**Sands Oil Co**-November, 2013 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$153.85

## REPORTS/MINUTES/FLYERS

The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following:

**Landfill**-Annual Revenue Report-\$813,474.44

**Seniors in Action Flyer**-January, 2014

**Planning Board Report**-October 28, 2013

**Plevna Rural Fire District**-December, 2013 Minutes-Warrants issued in the amount of \$554.00

**Baker Rural Fire District**-December, 2013 Minutes-Warrants issued in the amount of \$5,266.29

**Plat Status Report**-December 30, 2013-17 Plats/COS's in various stages of progress

**Field Report #26**-Dispatch Addition-Most of the work is complete, waiting for kitchen cabinets, trim, patching and painting to be completed.

**Field Report #8**-Sheriff Addition-framing exterior walls, decisions made on flooring colors, windows, etc.

**Ambulance Service Minutes**-January, 2014 unapproved minutes.

**Construction Meeting Minutes**-December 31, 2013 Dispatch Addition minutes

**Landfill Methane Report**-Methane summary, 2013-Small traces of methane detected in well #1. This well was left in the monitoring network since it is between the waste pit and the office.

**Landfill Inspection Report**-Barry Damschen reported the Landfill has gone through major changes over the past 7 years with the closing of the Petrocomp Area. There was a leachate removal line constructed and new detention pond improvements; the start of handling contaminated soil and E & P wastes. The hard work of the Landfill Manager and employees of the Landfill was commended by the Landfill Engineer.

**Fallon County Ambulance Financial Report**-December, 2013-14 Runs; charges-\$18,070.00; Payments-\$4482.40; Adjustments and those sent to Collection-\$4642.29.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Commission signed the Agreement for grading and snow removal at the South Sandstone Reservoir between Fallon County and MT Fish Wildlife and Parks. The agreement is on record in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

The Commission was informed the Department of Livestock-State of Montana released the most recent Quarantine for Fallon County effective 1-6-2014.

The Commission signed the proof of notification letter from Resource Acquisition Services on behalf of Denbury Resources. The letter notifies landowners of 3-D survey phases scheduled to begin in 2014, when weather permits.

The Clerk and Recorder was granted permission to purchase a new Document Scanner in the amount of \$6,999.00. This will be paid for from the Record Preservation Fund. This allows scanning of 11 x 17 documents such as maps, etc. attached to documents. This would also accommodate other large, older documents to be scanned and digitized.

**4:30 PM Jason Hirst**, Assembly of God wanted to have permission to have (contained) open fire pits at Iron Horse Park on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Commission granted permission as long as they do not do so on the Baker Lake. Jason stated they will also have fire extinguishers on hand.

## ADOURN

There being no further business **Commissioner Randash** made the motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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