

**FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS**

**Monday, January 13, 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 met to present the Road/Shop report.

**Senior Bus**-They are waiting for the brake control module for one of the Senior buses.

**Sheriff pickup**-They had to go through the rear end on the Sheriff pickup; also plan to go through the brakes.

**Small pickups**-They are continuing to work on the little pickups.

**Hotsy-Wymont**-Bobby will pick up the old steamer that was remanned for the Landfill this week. The Landfill will need a new fuel tank for this. The cost to repair it was \$800.00.

**New Loaders**-The new Loader for the Road Department and new Compact Landfill loader are in Dickinson.

**Building**-They measured out an area where they could possibly place a new building at shop yard.

**Plow truck**-They still have heard no news on the plow truck.

**Landfill equipment**-Alba feels they will be able to care for the equipment better when the new shop is complete so they can house their equipment and clean it with the steamer.

**Oils**-Commissioner Baldwin discussed synthetic oils and the merits when used in equipment. Alba stated they do use in some equipment and it is better.

**Servicing**-Discussed servicing the loader that will be traded from the Road Department for the new loader, or, should they leave it and let RDO service it. Alba stated he would discuss this with Mark Feland, RDO first.

**9:10 AM Jon Brosz**, Brosz Engineering joined the discussion.

**New lighting**-The new lighting in cold storage is very sensitive. Will contact Barth Electric for sensitivity issues and will wait to do the other cold storage building until they see how this works.

**Road Work**-They are graveling on the Anticline Road. Ice on the Roads is a concern.

**Bridge Work**-The Contractor needs to be contacted about Landowner dirt payment. The Contractor did not get a price from the Landowner so that is why the contractor did not pay for the dirt. Contractor understood the Landowner said "just go get the dirt" but, the Landowner now wants paid for it at \$1.00 per yard.

**Carter County**-Bridge-Brosz took a large deduct off the Contractor payment of \$11,000 for workmanship and \$10,000 for work not completed.

**Landfill**-The surveyors are at the Landfill today to finish up; they hope to have it finished by the end of this week or early next week.

**Stockpile**-Most of the fill by the upper lake was removed by the Road Crew. Jon informed the DNRC and they were okay with it.

**Upper Lake Project**-The next phase of the upper lake project is the NRCS; Brosz sent NRCS a written letter and they were okay, until DNRC sent a 3 page letter regarding extras they think we need to do; Jon does not feel it is needed. Shannon Hewson, Brosz has been working on this project with them.

**Pennel Road**-Commissioner Ranum discussed the new culvert installed by State of MT-DOT and asked if there will be more water to put pressure on the Bonnievale Road Bridge. Jon will review it when they come back from Ekalaka.

**Man Camp**-TransCanada wants to increase the Man camp by 25 acres.

**Lagoon Cells**-The City of Baker is going to talk to Baucus about this.

**New cell**-This cell will increase the capacity by 1300 people. Commissioner Ranum asked what they will do when the population increases like projected. Jon stated he and Lance are looking at a system to clean the water and get rid of the water quickly; they are looking into using some water at the Gazebo and the Softball fields.

**Creek Channel**-Discussed the erosion and washing behind NAPA, Get Em Here, etc. The group discussed they hope to be able to clean the channel and closely monitor the retaining wall. Jon stated he, Lance and Desiree' are going to come up with a plan to try to clean the channel.

**Box culvert**-They discussed the box culvert by Reynolds; discussed moving the culvert and putting in a larger culvert.

**10:00 AM-Elin Westover**, Extension Agent

**Office hours/days**-Elin is moving to Ekalaka and would like to change office hours and days. Elin would like to work in Carter County on Fridays. Elin got this approved by Larry Brence, who is her Supervisor. Elin would come up on Mondays, take the County car down on Monday and back on Wednesday.

The Commission felt this would be no issue as long as Fallon County is being covered. This will be revisited in March

**Signs for the Basement**-Commissioner Ranum asked Elin if she would check into signs for the basement Departments and the County will pay for the signs.

**Market Steers**-Elin has the equipment to ultrasound the market steers for 4H. Elin will be billing \$6.00 per head for this as that is what it costs her.

**Annual Reports**-Elin presented annual reports from her programs

**Safe-Serve**-Elin had a good response on the Safe-Serve Program.

**Winter Ag Series**-This will be held the end of the month in both Ekalaka and Baker.

**Clover Buds**-January through the end of March along with Master Gardener program.

**ATV Safety Course**-Elin is planning an ATV Safety Course for Spring.

**Department Head Training**-Elin will have to do further research on some training courses.

**Office**-The productivity in the office is doing quite well.

**Ekalaka**-They need a Weed Coordinator in Ekalaka.

**10:45 AM-Rich Batterman**, County Attorney and **Greg Cade**, Universal Field Service-TransCanada/Keystone XL Pipeline

**Separate lease proposal**-TransCanada would like to lease an extra 25.5 acres which is not part of the 80 acres already leased. This area will not be to house contractors but for equipment storage, fuel storage, etc. Rich feels it would be exempt from some items; Rich stated they need to go to the Planner with this and she will more than likely send it to Susan Swimley and Tara DePuy to inform them and get it handled.

Rich will be meeting with the Attorneys on Thursday. Commissioner Ranum asked about the lease agreement with Ron Haar. This will have to be addressed with Ron but felt they could work that out. Rich discussed access to the parcel. Greg feels it would be an extra access off Highway 12. Remediation would be another question Rich would have and would discuss with the Planner.

**New Lease agreement**-The new lease agreement was reviewed; Rich can at least start that process. Greg will find out about the access question from his Supervisor.

## 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 FOLDER ITEMS**

The Commission was notified via email from Mike Stevenson of the issue they are having with the jail sprinkler system. Discussed the need to replace the old dry head system with a wet system as no one makes dry head systems for Detention Centers.

The Commission was notified of an upcoming Public Hearing being held by the Planning Board on January 27, 2013 at 7:00 PM for granting of a variance.

The Commission was notified of a Public Hearing being held by the City Council February 5, 2014 at 7:30 PM for Zoning/Rezoning.

## REPORTS/FLYERS/MINUTES

**Field Report #9-** Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design submitted his field report for the Dispatch/Sheriff Remodel project from January 9, 2014.

**Detention Center Report-**November, 2013-14 Prisoners held for 183 days-42 Fallon County; 97 City of Baker; 30 Carter County and 14 Department of Corrections. Total Revenues-\$3,300.00-\$2,250.00 from Carter County and \$1,050.00 from Department of Corrections.

**Detention Center Report-**December, 2013-11 Prisoners held for 205 days-87 Fallon County; 87 City of Baker and 31 Carter County. Total Revenues-\$2,325.00-Carter County.

## MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

**State of Montana-Gas Tax Funds-January, 2014-\$4,135.39**

**2:00 PM Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder joined.

**2:00 PM Lance Wedemeyer**, Public Works Director and **Desiree' Thielen**, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator joined.

**Creek Channel-**The bank behind NAPA and Wood Rental property is sloughing. Desiree' will take pictures and feels we need to apply for permits to do Emergency Bank stabilization and work in the channel. Desiree' will be on the phone with the Corp and others to try and get a meeting set up with everyone. They will have to be careful how the channel is repaired as not to open the flow up downstream by Fire Hall, etc. We will want to fix our problem without creating more issues.

**Baker Lake-**Desiree' has heard nothing.

**AMFM-**(State Department) Desiree' stated this was designed to help Flood Plain Managers. Desiree' will be the designated Flood Plain Representative but Desiree' would like someone else to be on it as well. Lance stated he is also going to the conference.

**3:00 PM Sandy Kinsey**, Mental Health Board Member met to report.

**Report-**Sandy reviewed reports with the Commission; the Commission liked receiving this information and would appreciate getting this same information. Sandy explained she likes to be an informed Board Member and will assist in keeping the Commission informed.

**Protocol-**Sandy discussed the protocol for Mental Health at Hospitals. Sandy will get the information to our Hospital.

**Budget-**Discussed placing extra funds in the Mental Health budget.

**4:00 PM Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to approve the minutes from November 12<sup>th</sup> with correction stated by Commissioner Randash: During the BNSF meeting in the Library Basement, Tom Roberts, MT-DOT asked what the current length of the "**siting**" in Baker was. Commissioner Randash stated the appropriate verbiage is "**siding**". The minutes will be corrected to reflect this. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to approve the minutes from November 18, 2013 as submitted. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURN

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to Adjourn until Tuesday, January 21, 2014. **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