

Monday, July 21, 2014

9:00 AM CONVENE

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

9:00 AM Mona Madler, SMART Director was unable to attend her meeting due to scheduling difficulties.

9:15 AM Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance

Dispatch/Sheriff Remodel (Landscaping)-Discussed whether to place more parking or grass on the Southwest side of Outside Maintenance shop. Joe stated he would rather do the work as long as it will be coming out of his budget. Clerk and Recorder will contact Mike Stevenson, Stevenson Design and let him know they will not need to have the Contractor do the landscaping for this project.

Heat Tapes-The Heat Tapes on the roof were never replaced.

Air Conditioning-Joe will take care of the air-conditioning (filters, etc.).

Old Building Maintenance shed-This is now located behind the metal Museum building; Joe would like to use it for items he does not use during current seasons. Joe stated the Museum has never used it for Museum items. Commissioner Baldwin feels the shed can be shared. Commissioner Ranum discussed contacting the Museum Board first to see if that is okay.

9:30 AM APPROACH PERMITS

Permit #102-Commissioner Ranum signed this permit for Hiland Crude to place a new approach on Cabin Creek Road, to access a valve site, with conditions.

1. Width of approach must be 32' (where it leaves the road).
2. Culverts must be installed if necessary.

Permit #103-Commissioner Randash signed this permit for Hiland Crude to place a new approach on the Willard Road, to access a new valve site, with conditions.

1. Width of approach must be 32' (where it leaves the road).
2. Culverts must be installed if necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Goldenwest Electric -Pay phone dividend \$69.59

MISCELLANEOUS

Predator Control-Commissioner Ranum, signed as Chairperson, the **Memorandum of Understanding** for the MT Wool Growers Association Predator Control.

Airport-The Commission was notified by the FAA, the Baker Airport has been identified as having an existing (RTTF) (Residential Through the Fence) Access. This was identified as the old yellow hanger on the NW side of the Airport. Evidence of Compliance has to be completed by October 1, 2014. The Airport Layout will also need to reflect the RTTF Access.

Ambulance-Commissioner Ranum, signed as Chairperson, the Ambulance Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement.

Gun Range-Commissioner Ranum signed granting permission to allow a phone line to be installed for the new Gun Range building.

JOURNALS

Journal 615-Move invoice from Capital Projects to General Fund.

Journal 616-Move invoice from Data Processing to Parks-operating supplies

Journal 617-Move invoice from DES Cap Mach & Equipment to DES Operating Supplies

Journal 618-Move invoice from Lake Purchased Services to Capital Projects

Journal 619-Move invoice from Road Capital Outlay to Bridge Capital Outlay

Journal 620-Move invoice from Weed Operating Supplies to Weed Capital Outlay

Journal 621-Move invoice from Airport Building to Airport Construction in Progress

Journal 622-Move invoices from Bridge Capital Outlay to Bridge Other Purchased Services

Journal 623-Move invoice from MCH to Public Health Nurse Budget

Journal 624-Move invoice from Golf Course to Park Budget

Journal 625-Adjusting entries made to correct an error from previous administration; when Clerk and Recorder made adjusting entries found they had already been made.

Journal 626-Transfer funding from 911 to General fund for Dispatch Services for FY2014.

Journal 627-Move portion of invoice from Gas Tax to Road Fund.

Journal 628-Move invoices from MCH to Public Health Nurse due to lack of WIC budget.

MINUTES/REPORTS/FLYERS

The Commission reviewed and/or approved the following:

Fair Board Minutes-June 30, 2014

Chamber Chatter-July, 2014

Planning Department Newsletter-July, 2014

10:00 AM-Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman

Plevna Fire-The Plevna Fire Department needs a small load of gravel for their tank project.

Road off of Roxie Lane-Discussed road maintenance to a business that is located off Roxie Lane.

Approach Permits-Discussed approach permits for Hiland Crude on Cabin Creek and Willard Roads.

Ollie Road-The Road Crew is mulching Ollie Road.

Pipe rack-Alba and Mitch are almost finished building the pipe rack.

Maintenance-One Mack truck is waiting to be repaired/one trailer is also waiting to be repaired.

Fairgrounds-John Deere mower for the Fairgrounds was repaired.

Scoria-Hauling road material from the Wenz Pit.

Gravel-Hauling road material from the Pinnow Pit until finished.

Dust Control-Need to put a thicker coating on the road. The Sandstone Road is still dusty but it has more stabilization. Dust control costs \$20,000 per mile; the less costly dust control does not work as well.

Cemetery Road-West of Plevna-Residents would like water on this road. Bobby stated it would do no good as you would have to do it again the next day. The public needs to drive slowly when driving past the residences on all unpaved County roads.

Tronstad Gravel Pit-Weed Board denied the County opening this gravel pit due to the knapweed found. Weed Supervisor has been asked to come up with a 5 year plan to keep the weeds down.

Fletcher Creek Bridge-May be able to get the cost down \$100,000 if the County completes the roadwork.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

10:45 AM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Insurance Claim-Kahuna Beach Performers were allowed to use private individual's speakers. The speakers were ruined; this was turned in to the County's insurance, against instructions; the insurance company will withdraw the claim. The Commission agreed the County will have the individual submit a claim for the speakers and the County will pay it through the Accounts Payable process.

11:00 AM Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering

Flood Plain Regulations-Jon has had no time to review the Flood Plain Regulations.

Fletcher Creek-The Commission agreed to leave the bid as is; the County will not do the work as it will not save us the \$100,000 originally thought. May save some but it would pull our road crew off of much needed projects. Discussed the high cost for this project but justified because this is a dangerous bridge; the Commission feels they have no choice. **Commissioner Randash** made the motion to accept the bid from EHC, LLC to remove and replace the existing structure known as Fletcher Creek Bridge in the amount of \$548,933.36 plus additional cost of box culvert \$68,000 and engineering of \$30,000.

Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. No further discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

11:15 AM CLAIMS APPROVALS

The Commission started to review and approve the July mid-month claims.

11:45 AM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Insurance question-Should we insure the new stage for the Fairgrounds. Decision was not to insure the stage.

11:50 AM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to go into a **CLOSED-PERSONNEL** session. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

CLOSED-PERSONNEL

12:05 PM 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 and **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder

1:15 PM Mike Carlson, New Harvest Energy

Discussion-Mike stated he is still researching wind energy trying to attract wind developers to the area. They are just now starting to get the interest back from the developers after the stock market crashed. Mike stated Fallon County is probably one of the best Counties for wind energy due to the power grid; Fallon County is closer to the Eastern grid.

Towers-The State of Montana-DEQ gives Mike a lot of used towers which is what he used most often. The Rustad Tower is the only one left that was placed by Fallon County and feels it should be removed as we have sufficient data; we only need 2 to 3 years of data. Mike feels the cost to remove the tower will be approximately \$1000.00.

Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman was asked to join.

Data-Mike removes the chip and sends it to the State of Montana; the State stores the wind data.

Towers-Mike feels there are 5 towers stored at the County Shop. Bobby stated they are located at the old landfill as they were tired of cleaning around them at the Shop. Mike would appreciate some help taking the Rustad tower down later this fall. The Commission granted permission for the Road Department to assist with removal of the tower from Rustad's. Bobby and Mike can go through the towers and see what is salvageable. Mike does not feel there is a need to continue wind gathering in Fallon County at this time. The wind data is available from the DEQ.

1:45 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared for Public Comment.

2:00 PM CLAIMS APPROVALS

The Commission finished the July mid-month Claims Approvals in the amount of \$346,510.26 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

3:00 PM Shane Peterson, Diamond Resources; **Sunny Shepherd**, Sr VP-Hiland Crude; **Mitch Weigt**, Land Coordinator Hiland Partners; and **Rich Batterman**, County Attorney

Dust-Commissioner Baldwin stated the Commission is concerned about the dust and asked if they plan to place water on the roads in front of the residences. Shane stated they know it is an issue and do plan to take care of that.

Impacts-The group also discussed the impacts to the County roads. The Commission stated the material on Calumet Road is getting beat down. The group stated the Calumet Road is not being used by them but felt it was being used by Bridger (Belle Fourche) Pipeline.

3:15 PM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman joined.

South Plevna Road-Their portion is only on the pavement, not past the pavement.

Road Conditions-The group discussed documenting the condition of the roads.

Map-The roads marked in Green will be used by the Pipeline. Cap Rock, Anticline and Cabin Creek Road had some gravel work completed within the last couple years. They are installing pipe now and will start reclamation within the next month and then will seed in the fall.

Burnt Station Road-They are not using the portion where the bridge is located.

Weight-They have approximately 80,000 to 85,000 lbs. running across the roads.

Repairs-The County's practice is to have the Road Crew repair the roads and the Contractor will pay the County for damages. Diamond Resources wonders how Fallon County will determine who caused the road damages in comparison to Bridger (Belle Fourche). Rich stated the County uses a study that was completed by an engineer. They could compare the roads Bridger (Belle Fourche) has already been on and possibly cost share with them.

Road Haul Agreement-Diamond Resources has concerns regarding the Road Haul Agreement. They will review the roads now and possibly close up the length of keeping the bond open. The group left the meeting with the exception of Rich.

3:55 PM Rich Batterman, County Attorney

Land Sale-Rich stayed to discuss the County land sale. Rich stated the County can no-sale the land if they do not get what they want for the land. The County could then sell it for 70% of the appraised value.

4:00 PM Chris Heiser

Chris was unable to attend his scheduled meeting.

4:30 PM Resolution of Intent to Repeal Light Industrial Zoning

Desiree' Thielen, Planner and **Mary Grube**, Planner Secretary attended.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to sign the Resolution of Intent to Repeal Light Industrial Zoning. **Commissioner Randash** seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution 7-21-2014 is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Flood Plain Regulations-Desiree' stated she had a good talk with Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering and they will be making some changes to the Flood Plain Regulations.

LoHof/Arnold Administrative Report-The Planning Board will need to review it. The only thing Desiree' found and discussed with Adam Thompson, Surveyor is the fact the current Subdivision Regulations do not allow for private drives on the plats, as they have asked for. There may be some revisions made to the Subdivision Regulations in regard to Private Drives.

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

There were no proceedings prepared for approval.

ADJOURN

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

Adjourn.
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder