

FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Monday, March 10, 2014

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash and **Steve Baldwin**, Members

9:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman; **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman met for the weekly reporting.

Freightliner-The truck should be close to being finished (in Billings).

Truck #214-This is one of the MACK trucks with transmission problems. The cost for new may be \$7,000 or less if that is not needed.

Kois-They are still waiting on some more parts for the snow plow truck before it will be completed.

Jon Brosz and **Shannon Hewson**, Brosz Engineering and **Iven Felt**, Cemetery Caretaker joined the discussion.

The group discussed the drainage project scheduled for Bonnievale Cemetery.

Jon explained how the engineering designers feel this project will proceed.

9:15 Deb Ranum, Chairperson joined the discussion.

Iven left a quote received for a new tractor for the Cemetery. Iven left the discussion.

Back to the Road Report:

Roads-The Road Crew is driving roads to look for wash overs, etc.; they will start repairing those areas and blade other areas tomorrow, unless it rains.

Landfill-The Landfill needs more scoria; they are going through about 3 times the scoria they used to.

Scraper-Alba reported the scraper needs pilot valves for the control assembly but he cannot get new ones so will have to rebuild the assembly.

Small Landfill Loader-The broom from the skid steer will fit the small Landfill loader; Alba is going to try to get it functioning so they can use it at the Landfill.

Air-gate cylinders-They are trying to get barrels for them as rocks are penetrating the fiberglass.

Software Company-They received no word from Jaypro regarding the software updates.

Cart-The Golf Course is purchasing a new cart; the County Shop will get the old cart.

10:10 AM-Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker

Tractor Quote-Iven will check on the size of the tractor at the Hospital to see if this would be something he could use instead of purchasing new.

11:00 AM Travis, ABC Windows of Bismarck, ND reviewed a quote he submitted to replace the Courthouse windows.

The Commission agreed to proceed with the install process as the quote was under the threshold requiring Fallon County to bid the project.

RECESS

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

NOON RECESS

1:00 PM RECONVENE

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

1:15 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Butori-Dale explained if the July 4th Fireworks are ordered early, they can get a discount of 25% if they are also paid earlier. Fireworks Committee will pay for a portion and hopefully the Community

will help pay for at least half. Dale will try to get some funds from the City of Baker as well. The Commission agreed to contribute toward the Fireworks.

1:30 PM Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker returned. Iven stated the old Oliver tractor (used at the Cemetery) needs a new clutch. Iven reviewed the tractor at the Hospital and felt it may work for the Cemetery. Iven explained the Hospital tractor has no mower but it has a loader on it. Commissioner Ranum will have Alba come and get the Oliver for repairs.

2:00 PM Desiree' Thielen, Planner/Flood Plain Coordinator

DNRC Fire Regulations-Fallon County will need to amend the Subdivision Regulations to include this.

CTEP-Plevna and Baker projects using CTEP funds; Desiree' brought the agreement for the Commission to review and sign. The Commission would like to have the County Attorney review it first. The County's portion toward the projects will be \$14,574.00.

Report-The Plat status report was reviewed.

Interlocal Agreement-Briefly discussed the Interlocal Agreement between Fallon County and the City of Baker for Planning services.

Position-Desiree' discussed her need to budget for a new position for her office

Board of Adjustment-Discussed the Airport Board being the Board of Adjustment of all zoning in the County. The Airport Board has agreed to do this.

Zoning Commission-The Planning Board will be the Zoning Commission.

Inspections-Desiree' explained Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering; Lance Wedemeyer, Public Works Director and Desiree' will inspect the upper and lower dams and Desiree' will get the reports to the Commission.

Work Plan-Desiree' discussed the work plan for the Spillway and Creek Channel. Desiree' will get a meeting scheduled so they can get everyone together. Discussed getting the property surveyed and whose responsibility it will be to pay for the repair of the properties.

Map-Desiree' will complete cross-indexing the cattail pictures in relation to the map of Baker Lake.

Training-Mary and Desiree' will be attending training in Sidney so the office will be closed.

3:00 PM-Richard Griffith, Griffith Steel met to discuss the Shooting Range Building Project.

Richard brought in possible Shooting Range building designs he received to review with the Commission.

3:15 PM-Mike Kirschten, Shooting Range Board Member joined.

Grants-Mike and Deb Kirschten will apply for grants for the building as well.

3:30 PM Willie Benner, Mayor-Town of Plevna; **Jason Rittal**, Executive Director-EMEDC and **Ryan Rittal**, Stahly Engineering presented the progress report on the Town of Plevna Water Project.

Bid Prep-Preparing to go to bid for 1st phase depending upon TSEP.

Financing-Starting to work on 2nd phase for financing purposes.

Median Household-Using the 2010 census they would have to raise their water and sewer rates \$90.00 more per month, per household in order to be grant eligible.

Costs-The total cost to complete the balance of Phase 1 and Phase 2 is expected to be approximately \$2,312,000.

Chlorination-The group discussed a chlorination system.

Plevna Fire-Discussed a new well drilled by the Plevna Rural Fire Department. Willie is not sure what the status of that is right now.

They are in hopes to complete their project in the 2014-2015 FY but if the funding does not happen by then they would probably have to put the project off.

4:00 PM Mike Gunderson met to discuss a few items of business.

Encroachment Permit #586 was approved for Mike Gunderson to trench across the Yellow Brick Road and DuCharme Access for a water line. This would be a sleeved line, the road would only be open for about one hour, or less. \$150.00 was paid.

Cattle guard Policy-Mike would like a cattle guard on Sandstone Road; Mike owns the land on both sides. The reason he would like to place a cattle guard is because the fence is in poor condition and he would have to fence 2 miles of road. Mike would pay for the cattle guard if the county would put it in.

As of now our policy states you cannot place a cattle guard to prevent fencing. The Commission will have to view this area first.

Approach-Mike would also like an approach placed on the short cut to the Golf Course. The Commission will have Bobby look at it.

Surfacing-Mike stated the Road to his house needs surfaced. The Commission will have Bobby look at it.

4:30 PM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman returned.

Mike Gunderson questions. Bobby will review the items discussed with Mike Gunderson and discuss again with the Commission.

Box culverts-The Commission would like Bobby to decide on the next 3 box culvert placements. These would be the next 3 in the worst condition.

Cemetery tractor-Discussed having the County Shop look at the Oliver tractor for the Cemetery as Iven feels it needs a new clutch.

New employees-The Commission granted permission to hire 2 Full Time Crew members to complete the crew.

MISCELLANEOUS

Boiler Operator License-The Commission received a copy of Lynda Herbst's Boiler Operator License.

Gas Tax Map-The Commission reviewed the annual Gas Tax Map for Road Mileage. Commissioner Ranum, signed certifying the map for FY2015.

DPHHS Contract-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson Amendment #1 to the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) Contract which increases the original contract by \$3,121.00.

Truck By Pass-The Commission wrote letters to Honorable Eric Moore, Mike Tooley, MT DOT Director, Honorable Representative Lee Randall and Shane Mintz, MT DOT District Manager to request approval for a study for a truck by-pass.

Message-Commissioners were notified by David Espeland of a heating issue in PVC 1. The Electrician notified the Maintenance Department the recirculation pump had failed.

Lease-The Commission received a copy of an Assignment and Assumption of Lease and Consent to Assign Lease between Yellowstone Foundation Properties, LLC and Audrey and Dru Burk. This was to inform the Commission, as it pertains to the land where the Choat Scoria Pit is located.

REVENUES

Sands Oil Company-January Oil and Gas Royalties-\$57.84

REPORTS

Plat Status Report-16 plats/COS's in various progressive stages.

4:45 PM Museum Employee

The Commission approved the Museum to hire a Full Time, Seasonal employee.

5:00 PM ADJOURN

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

ADJOURN
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

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