

Monday, November 17, 2014

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

**PRESENT** Deb Ranum, Chairperson; **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Members and **Brenda J. Wood**, Clerk and Recorder

**9:00 AM Barb Lechler, Fairgrounds Manager**-Meeting Moved to 10:45 AM

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**9:15 AM Jerrid Geving, Lani DeBuhr and Wanda Pinnow**, Fair Board Members

**Trip**-Jerrid explained the Rodeo and Stock Contractors (PRCA) are trying to get more small venues (i.e. Baker Fair) to go to Las Vegas to attend the meetings they hold there, which are close to the NFRA Rodeos. The Board would like to try to get more information on how to draw and keep contestants at our rodeos. They also have other acts and venues to gather ideas for our Fair. This would be held December 1, 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Fair Board would like to send Jerrid.

**Decision**-The Commission granted permission for Jerrid to attend.

**New Exhibit Hall**-Commissioner Ranum asked about the Boards thoughts and time frame for the new exhibit/vendor hall. Discussed the condition of the current building, projected thoughts for the building regarding uses and projected costs. No decisions and will bring further discussions before the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Jasen Wyrick**, Wyrick Construction-Waiting to hear from Brosz Engineering for the Beach Pit gravel yardages. Jasen will come back when the Road Department is in to meet with the Commission.

**9:30 AM CLOSED-PERSONNEL**

**9:45 AM CLOSED PERSONNEL**

**10:00 AM Mark Sieler**, Acting Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman

**Beach Pit**-1,488 yards and 9,900 yards; Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering will measure the balance.

**Trucks**-(4) trucks headed for sand, (3) headed back; (1) is froze up-they are going to have to start alcoholing their air systems.

**Snow removal**-Road Crew member is removing the snow on the black top areas. They will mix sand with salt, will prepare the sand truck to sand roads, such as the Anticline.

**Landfill Dozer**-The D7 is finished.

**Wing**-They have one blade winged-up.

**Blades**-They have two blades jelled-up in the yard right now.

**Diesel Fuel**-Farmers Union is trying to get some #2 Diesel Fuel here; they should have enough #2 Diesel until Wednesday.

**Landfill**-Just got fuel last week; Alba is hoping they have gotten their fuel mixed. The shop is still working on the Landfill chipper.

**Wangs**-Hufford will be paid for what is crushed; the Commission will contact Brosz to measure the pile.

**Lighting**-Alba is getting a quote to have new shop lights installed.

**Truck specs**-They got the basics done for this and will bring them over for the Commission to check.

**Search and Rescue**-Alba stated they need to do something with all the Search and Rescue equipment. Scott Rabbitt, Park Supervisor has no room in his building during this time of the year.

**10:45 AM Barb Lechler, Fairgrounds Manager**-Meeting moved from 9:00 AM

**Stalls for Rodeo**-The Fairgrounds has about 38 stalls available for the roping this weekend. The fee was discussed; charging a \$10.00 overnight fee and they will pay for the stalls whether used or not. The Commission feels they need to charge additional for cleaning, etc. Barb wondered who should be in charge of coming in during the middle of the night. Further clarification on this will be needed. They will be charged for both upper and lower stalls. They will get some pricing together to bill Clayton Graham

and Chuck Graham as they will pay from their roping proceeds. Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance and DuWayne Bohle, Special Projects will help set up at the Fairgrounds.

**11:00 AM CANVASS OF ELECTIONS**

<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Amanda Curtis	Democrat	162
Steve Daines	Republican	913
Roger Roots	Libertarian	64

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

Mike Fellows	Libertarian	42
John Lewis	Democrat	169
Ryan Zinke	Republican	907

**SPREME COURT JUSTICE #1**

W. David Herbert	Non Partisan	154
Jim Rice	Non Partisan	745

**SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #2**

Lawrence VanDyke	Non Partisan	587
Mike Wheat	Non Partisan	357

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, DISTRICT 16, DEPT 1**

Shall Judge Michael Hayworth of District 16, Dept. 1	<b>YES</b>	<b>731</b>
Of the State of Montana be retained in office for another term?	<b>NO</b>	<b>166</b>

**STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 19**

Bill McChesney	Democrat	201
Frederick Davis Moore	Republican	905

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 37**

Lee Randall	Republican	860
Dixie Rieger	Democrat	263

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1**

Deb Ranum	Republican	996
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**COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER/SUPERINTENDENT**

Brenda J. Wood	Republican	1,047
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**SHERIFF/CORONER**

Timothy R. Grube	Independent	154
Trenton Harbaugh	Republican	1005

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Darcy Lynn Pankratz	Republican	1023
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**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

Write-Ins		25*
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**COUNTY TREASURER/ASSESSOR**

Barbara E. Ketterling	Republican	976
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**JUSTICE OF PEACE**

Nicole M. Benefiel	Non-Partisan	668
Sharae Putnam	Non-Partisan	457

**FALLON COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONER**

John Beach	Non-Partisan	701
Sandra N. Kinsey	Non-Partisan	685
Martin J. Nelson	Non-Partisan	516

**TOWN OF PLEVNA LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONER**

Write-Ins		19*
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**CITY OF BAKER LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONER**

Carson Beach	Non-Partisan	381
Chad Wade	Non –Partisan	426
Write-Ins		11*

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 45-CHANGE THE NAME OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE**

YES	439
NO	544

**CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM NO. 126 – ENDING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

YES	560
NO	463

**11:45 AM CLAIMS APPROVALS**

The Commission reviewed and approved claims through the lunch hour. The total claims reviewed and paid totaled \$967,675.56 and are filed in the Clerk and Recorder’s office.

**1:00 PM Mary Grube, Planner Secretary – Planning Department Updates**

**Planning Department Report**-The Commission reviewed the November 17, 2014 Planning Department Report

**Plat Status Report**-The Commission reviewed the Plat Status report and asked questions regarding progress.

**1:20 PM Debbie Wyrick, Selena Nelson and Alba Higgins, Members-Health Insurance Committee**

Selena presented her Health Insurance Premium Analysis report to the group.

\$1,078,140 Balance in the trust fund, which is well over the amount of funding we should be holding in our account. The Wellness Committee discussed giving a premium holiday for the employee and their insureds. Also, starting January, 2015 the Wellness Committee would like to give (employee only) which is a \$20.00 premium, a 6-month premium holiday, if they are in the Wellness Program.

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to accept the Committee’s proposal of 1-month premium holiday for employee and their insureds and 6-month premium Holiday to those employees on the Wellness Program. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried unanimously.

**2:10 PM ELECTION RECOUNT – Public Administrator and Town of Plevna-Local Government Services Commissioner Races due to tie of write-in votes.**

**RE-COUNT and APPOINTMENTS**

**\*Re-Count 11-17-2014**

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

**Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to appoint Albert “Rich” Batterman to office of Public Administrator. All motions for nomination ceased. The Commission cast their votes. Clerk and Recorder read the votes aloud, of which it was unanimous to appoint Albert “Rich” Batterman to the office of Public Administrator. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Albert “Rich” Batterman Appointed by Canvass Board (County Commission)**

**\*Re-County 11-17-2014**

**TOWN OF PLEVNA-LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONER**

**All appointed by Canvass Board (County Commission)**

**Vivian Panasuk-Eligible most votes**

**Emiliana "Emily" Domer-Drawn by lots**

**Gene Vennes-Drawn by lots**

**\*CITY OF BAKER LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSIONER**

**No Recount but information was provided to the City of Baker to appoint based on their criteria**

**Rick Schell 3 votes- is also a City Councilman**

**Brandon Schmidt 1 vote- Is also a City Councilman**

**Devon Banister 1 vote-Is not a registered voter; Jade Boggs 1 vote; Matt Culvert 1 vote; Cameron Espinosa-registered as Kenneth C. Espinosa 1 vote; Jodee Pratt 1 vote; Tim Robinson 1 vote; Steve Zachman- spelling of Zachmann incorrect 1 vote.**

**FOLDER UPDATES**

**COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

**3:50 PM Commissioner Baldwin** made the motion to approve the June 16, 2014 minutes with corrections to Grammar and Spelling errors. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Randash** made the motion to approve the June 23, 2014 minutes with corrections to Grammar and Spelling errors. **Commissioner Baldwin** seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Agreement-**The Commission reviewed the draft agreement between Fallon County and Wayne L. Mangold for IT services. The Commission felt they should schedule the agreement to be signed in the near future.

**Agreement-**The Commission asked if an agreement needed to be completed between the City of Baker and Fallon County to turn the Golf Course sewer line over to the City of Baker. The County Attorney and Sanitarian are working on this matter.

**Property Taxes-**Commissioner's received information from Cindy Irgens, Clerk regarding the balance of taxes remaining on the books September 30, 2014. 2013-Real Property Taxes-\$4,252.63; 2014 Personal Property Taxes-\$55.67; 2014 Mobile Home Taxes-1<sup>st</sup> Half-\$438.18; 2<sup>nd</sup> Half-\$10,311.63 (due 12-1-2014). The balances are so much lower than they were several years ago.

**Ambulance Intergovernmental Governmental Transfer (IGT)-**The Ambulance Fund paid \$152.24 to the Department of Health and Human Services to receive a supplemental payment of \$447.76.

**Retirement Complex/FMC Drainage Project-**David Espeland, CEO-FMC stated Diamond J had made a valiant effort in completing their portion of the drainage project before snow fall; there may still be a few items to complete. David was unsure if Dick's Heating and Cooling had activated the snow melt system as of yet. Sunday Morning, Nov 9, 2015 David completed a small inspection and noticed most of the downspouts had been connected to the underground pipes. It had been raining during the night and wet snow was falling that morning and it appeared that everything was draining properly and there was no water inside the building. David did not check the basement at that time but will do so this week.

**FAA Federal Financial Report-**Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Federal Financial Report for Baker Municipal Airport Grant #3-30-0004-017-2012.

**REPORTS**

**The Commission reviewed and approved the following reports:**

**Landfill Aging Report-**The amount owed to the Coral Creek Landfill as of 11/12/2014 is \$73,971.58 of which almost half of that amount owed is from Conoco Phillips.

**Treasurer's Cash receipting report-September, 2014-\$1,167,969.66**

**Special Project Maintenance Report-November 5 and November 13, 2014**

## REVENUES

**Bowers Oil and Gas, Inc.**-September, 2014 Oil and Gas Revenues-\$3.06

**Kristopher Hanson**-Septic Permit-\$50.00

**JK Cattle, LLC**-Septic Permit-\$50.00

## ROAD EASEMENTS

**The Commission signed the following Road Easements:**

**Terry A. Anderson** – An Agricultural Improved Road in Section 10-8-60

**Kaaren Clara Witte** - An Agricultural Improved Road in Section 10-8-60

**Susan R. Jones** - An Agricultural Improved Road in Section 10-8-60

**Thomas J. Hawkinson** - An Agricultural Improved Road in Section 10-8-60

## ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

The Commission signed an Encroachment Permit for Denbury Resources to cross Mink Trail Road with a water pipeline. Denbury had asked to bore the road but the Commission stated because it is not a main County road they would grant permission to trench across the road as long as a small trencher was used.

## CLOSED-PERSONNEL/HIPAA

## RECESS

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

RECESS

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

The Commission attended CTAP (Community Technical Assistance Program) Training in Miles City, Montana.

ADJOURN

s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder