

Monday, October 27, 2014

**9:00 AM CONVENE**

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

**9:30 AM Jasen Wyrick**, Wyrick Construction met to discuss various projects

**Fairgrounds**-Jasen will check to see if the Fairgrounds Cold Storage building needs more fill.

**Cemetery Project**-Jasen stated in order for the project to be completed they have to reseed and mulch (mulch has to be crimped) and the fence will also need to be placed by Rieger Fencing.

**10:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer**, Road Foreman and **Alba Higgins**, Shop Foreman joined

**Road Report**

**Feed Mill Bridge**-They are working on the Feed Mill Bridge.

**Fletcher Creek**-Bobby has not made a site visit to the Fletcher Creek Bridge yet.

**Cemetery**-The drainage project looks good.

**Gravel**-Jasen stated he has areas where he can get more gravel

**Coldwell Pit**-Bobby stated he ordered 10,000 cu.yds. of gravel from the Coldwell Pit.

**Culverts**-The Road crew installed the culverts behind the Cabin Creek Plant. Tomorrow they will place another culvert on Yellow Brick Road.

**Shop Report**

**LTAP Training items discussed/reviewed:**

1. Road Stabilizers;
2. Using powdered out scoria and mixing it with gravel;
3. Writing bids and what you can and cannot do;
4. Right of Ways-County's need to make sure all trees are out of the County right of ways, it is not mandated, just recommended.
5. Short culverts that cause washing;
6. Weight limits on bridges;
7. They also showed a piece of equipment that takes the wash boards out of roads.

**Chipper**-Waiting on parts for the chipper and they are not sure of the cost at this time.

**Maintenance**-Other than that they are just doing regular maintenance.

**Oil filter bid**-Alba has not had time to visit with NAPA about the bid with them and get it set up.

**Bridge work**-They have knocked all the surfacing off the bridge that goes past the Dan Thielen residence. Need to replace the surfacing and place a weight limit sign. This is one of the roads Hiland is using for their pipeline.

**10:30 AM Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering joined.**

**10:40 AM Bobby and Alba left the discussion.**

**Cemetery Project**-The Cemetery project is finished but Jasen Wyrick, Contractor told the Commission Jon had not viewed the project yet. Jasen also told the Commission the project will need to be seeded and Wyrick Construction had placed the waddles for erosion purposes.

**Fletcher Creek Box Culvert project**-Jon stated everything is looking really good. They are over half finished. The Contractor would have poured today but the batch plant is broke down. They are hoping to be done by the 5<sup>th</sup> depending upon the batch plant.

**Feed Mill Box Culvert project**-The last pour would have been today but they are hoping for tomorrow at noon. The mud has been very good from the plant so far and hopefully will continue that way so the Contractor can get the dirt work finished. They feel after the mud work is finished, the dirt work should be finished within 5 days. Jon stated they (Brosz) are having issues getting a permit from MDT for the approach for this box culvert. MDT wants the County to remove the guard rail because they feel it is a safety hazard. Brosz sent them a message saying they did not see how it was a hazard; this was also not in the bid, it is MDT's Right of Way and was never brought up until now. The Commission will await MT DOT's response.

**SID 34 & 35 (City of Baker's East Side Sewer and Water Project)** The Contractors for this project will install the lift station this fall, at the minimum.

**Lagoon project (City of the Baker)**-Smith Company, Butte, MT (Contractor) is almost finished with the dirt work, then they will wrap it up for the winter.

**Upper Dam**-Jon is concerned with the timeline. The Completion date was to be the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. They will get most of the dirt work finished, pump the water and muck out today. When finished with the Feed Mill project they will work on the Upper Dam until finished. The Contractor is asking for a 4 week extension; this is a \$1,000 per day penalty. Jon is concerned because of the unfinished work they also have in the Town of Plevna. NRCS and DNRC will both be sending inspectors down for this project. Jon needs to visit with Diamond J and find out what their projected timeline is. Commissioner Baldwin stated we have to be sure the projects are completed with high-quality workmanship.

**North Baker Drainage**-Letters were sent out Friday to WBI, etc.

**NAPA Retaining Wall**-They are moving forward with the retaining wall project.

#### **11:05 AM Health Insurance Committee-Selena Nelson, Debbie Wyrick, Alba Higgins**

**Insurance Premium Holiday**-Proposal is for two months---November and December. The Committee has spoken to EBMS and they have given the go ahead.

**Selena's concerns**-David and Selena talked this morning and decided FMC would agree to do whatever Fallon County decides to do. Selena just feels it should be fair across the board to everyone. Selena definitely feels Fallon County should not pay for 2 months premiums to allow us to lower the reserves.

**Decisions**-The County will not pay the November Premium. The group will revisit the premium holidays in November, with scenarios and possible financial ramifications.

#### **12:00 PM RECESS**

NOON RECESS

#### **1:15 PM RECONVENE**

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

#### **1:15 PM Scott Rabbitt**, Park Supervisor-Park Updates

**Skate Park/Pump Track**-Scott discussed signage for the Skate Park and Pump Track. The Contractor for the Pump Track left last Wednesday. The Contractor for the Skate Park left Sunday. Scott needs to get topsoil so he can complete the landscaping.

**Splash Park**-The bid specs and construction documents came in for the Splash Park. The Commission asked Scott to bring those documents in for the Commission to review first; then he can put this project out to bid.

**1:25 PM Scott left the discussion.**

#### **1:30 PM PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AGREEMENT**

**David Turch Lobbyist Agreement**-After reviewing the agreement, the Commission agreed to proceed to engage in David Turch's services to advise, counsel and represent Fallon County principally but not limited to, affairs with the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government. The Agreement will be recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office after signatures are obtained by David Turch.

#### **1:40 PM Barry Damschen**, Contract Engineer for the Landfill

**Landfill Expansion**-Barry phoned in to ask if he could hire Adam Thompson to do the surveying for the Landfill Expansion project. The Commission granted permission to proceed.

**Landfill Consulting Agreement-Amendment #11**-The Commission signed the Amendment to Barry's Agreement which will allow Barry to prepare an update to the landfill design and Operation and Maintenance Plan at the Landfill. The agreement will be recorded in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

#### **1:45 PM PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared for Public Comment.

**2:00 PM MOTION**-The Commission discussed the Sanitarian Bid and the Sanitarian Application received. Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to table the decision. Commissioner Randash seconds. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**2:45 PM Mary Grube**, Planning Secretary

**Planning Interlocal Agreement**-The agreement was not available for review.

**Plat Status Report**-The Commission reviewed the Plat Status Report submitted by Mary.

**Planning Department Report**-The Commission reviewed the Planning Department Report submitted by Mary.

**Staff Reports**-Mary explained the Staff Reports need to arrive sooner than Faron Henderson, Contract Planner has been sending them.

**Sanitarian**-Mary asked if the Commission had decided what they were planning to do about the Sanitarian position. The Commission stated they are still discussing it. Mary feels the one we have now is good to work with and she responds in a timely manner.

**Work load**-Mary feels the County work is slowing down and the City work is going to start increasing.

**3:30 PM Tim Barkley**, Sheriff and **Trent Harbaugh**, Undersheriff

**Salary**-Tim explained Brenda Flint, Clerk/Detention Center Staff took the training to be a certified Detention Officer. Tim and Trent would like her wages to increase to the Clerk wage. The Commission agreed to pay Brenda the same wage as the Clerks are paid. The Commission stated they would like to wait until the next Sheriff comes in and brings the addition wage request to them which would be in the next Fiscal year. Commissioner Ranum suggested they fill out an employee evaluation for Brenda and bring it back.

**3:45 PM COMMISSIONER FOLDER REVIEW**

**JP Office work, Windows and Eaves Project**-Stevenson Design asked if the Commission was ready to proceed with any of these projects. Windows will go to bid next spring; Proceed with JP Office (with the exception of cutting through the brick for the window, at this time); soffit and insulation around the entire courthouse-the decision is to wait on this.

**Basement Signs**-The Commission was notified by Elin Westover, Extension Agent the basement signs are in their office waiting to be hung. Commissioner Ranum stated the project was assigned to the Outside Maintenance Department.

**Parkview/FMC Storm Drainage**-The Commission was notified Stevenson Design is working with the Contractor to get this project completed.

**Sewer SID**-The lift station should be completed this fall.

**Impact Funding Letter**-Commissioner Ranum signed as Chairperson the Impact Funding Letter that will be sent from Eastern Montana Counties and Municipalities, to Governor Bullock and Montana Legislators. The letter is requesting them to approve legislation that increases the State of Montana's investment in infrastructure for eastern Montana.

**MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

**Food & Consumer Safety Revenues**-September 30, 2014-\$310.25

**REPORTS/MINUTES**

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

**FAIR BOARD MINUTES**-September 29, 2014

**AMBULANCE REPORT**-September, 2014-\$22,655.00 Charges; \$8,346.57-Payments; Medicare/Medicaid Adjustments-\$6,481.82; Collections Paid-\$210.58

**4:00 PM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman** phoned in and stated he spoke to the MT DOT about placing a delineator or something equal to that at the Y on the 101 Road.

**4:30 PM MOTION**-Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the June 2—5, 2014 Commissioner Proceedings with spelling and grammar corrections. Commissioner Baldwin seconds the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

**4:50 PM-Amber Lawlar**, Public Member

**Sewer Line West of Baker**-Amber stated they finished the sewer line at the Feed Plant. Amber will present the itemized bill to the Commission for discussion.

The Commission will review the itemized bill and proceed as advised by the County Attorney.

**5:00 PM ADJOURN**

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

ADJOURN,  
s/Deb Ranum, Chairperson

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder