

Monday, October 6, 2014

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash and Steve Baldwin, Members and **Brenda J. Wood**, Clerk and Recorder; **Deb Ranum**, Chairperson excused for the week to be out of State.

TIMESHEETS, PAYROLL AND WITHHOLDINGS for September, 2014 were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$465,158.51 and are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

9:45 AM ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

#604-Commissioner Randash signed encroachment permit #604 for Denbury Resources to bore Shell Oil Road with a flow line located at section line common to Sections 4 & 9-7-60. \$150.00 encroachment permit fee was received.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS

Public Notifications and comment sheets were sent to Landowners regarding the revision for the AG LANE Structure Replacement. Notices were required to be sent regarding the project and the intent to revise the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodway, generally located at the stream crossing of Ag Lane Road.

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

Bracket Butte Road-This road is washing in an area; Bobby will take a look at it again.

Bruce Ketchum-Would like 20 truckloads of gravel from the Neumann Pit. Commissioner Randash phoned Bruce and told Bruce, the County is not allowed to do that.

Wang Pit-Hufford Construction has about 4000 yards crushed already.

Fletcher Creek Project-HCL, LLC has the precast finished they will pour the floor for the end walls today.

Feed Mill Bridge-Diamond J feels they may be ready to pour the floor of the Feed Mill Bridge today. They are dumping the excess dirt on the Wang pasture. Bobby phoned Dean Wang to make sure it was not a problem.

Cargates and Culverts-They are cleaning cargates and culverts.

Mowing-There is one mower in Commissioner District 1 and then they will be finished mowing; which should be this week.

Culvert-The culvert by Spiffy's will be finished this week.

Bus routes-They are working on the bus routes; Johny Creek Trail and Shell Oil Road are still being worked on.

Auction-Alba stated they have most everything in the yard that will be in the auction; Kinsey Auction Service is busy tagging items. They are keeping the Schools and Hospital separate from the other County Departments. The cars will be ready for the auction; the tin from the Fairgrounds was hauled in and the Road Department will haul the RR ties in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillian Leischner-Lillian met to discuss the elevator at Parkview. Lillian suggested having a handicap button on the west door, as this door is heavy, making it hard to open. This would be most helpful when the elevator is not operational. This will be discussed further; no decision was made at this time.

Back to Alba

Old Pickup-Sheriff Department older pickup could be sent to the Landfill or Community Service.

Search and Rescue Building-Could remove items and give that building to the Parks Department as soon as everything is removed.

Bobby additional reporting

West Willard Road-They are hauling to the West Willard Road, Rick Wiman is laying material and David Hall, Rollie Maier and Kendall Sieler are hauling material to the road.

Neumann Pit-There was some scoria in the gravel pit but they can blend it.

11:00 AM HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

PRESENT-Debbie Wyrick and Alba Higgins, Members

Trust Fund-Debbie discussed decreasing the amount we have in our trust fund. Levitt Great West was asked what the largest amount of money we should have on account and it was stated \$500,000 to \$850,000 was a comfortable amount. Debbie explained currently we have \$1,096,698.23.

Premium Holiday-Discussed using some of the funds by allowing a premium holiday. If this was given to both Fallon County and Fallon Medical Complex it would amount to approximately \$130,000 to \$167,000 and this would benefit both the County and the Employees. Debbie stated Selena Nelson, Insurance Committee Member has concerns because it would be a taxable benefit. Debbie stated Selena had explained an issue with some employees that received a give card and were taxed on the benefit; it caused some hard feelings.

Discussed giving the Premium Holiday to reduce the funds in the Trust Fund. Alba felt the months of November and December would be great due to the holidays.

FMC has (2)-2 party; 10 family and 52 singles this will affect.

County has (4)-2 party and 6 singles this will affect.

Debbie stated they will need to check on the taxable benefits for the employee and meet again next week when Selena is here. They will need to check on the legality issues as well and will have to find out if the retirees need to be considered into the equation as well. The claims are up about \$100,000; prescriptions are up a little but the felt that would happen with the free generic.

11:55 AM Jon Brosz, Brosz Engineering

NAPA Retaining Wall-Jon brought a proposal to have a geotechnical analysis completed for the NAPA retaining wall. The purpose of this is to drill two (2) borings to depth of 25' below existing site grades (unless auger refusal occurs) at the proposed retaining wall structure. The samples will be obtained for laboratory testings to evaluate the subsurface conditions at the sites. A report by a registered professional engineer will be prepared based on the information submitted.

The Contractor feels they can accomplish the work within 3 weeks of notice to proceed at a cost of \$3,675.00. The Commission will review and send a copy to Jon when approved and signed.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** stepped down from the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays and 1 Absent.

Noon Recess

1:15 PM RECONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash and Steve Baldwin, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

SEPTEMBER, 2014 CLAIMS APPROVALS

The Commission reviewed and approved the September 30, 2014 claims in the amount of \$1,298,038.71 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

3:00 Clayton Hornung

Alleys-Commissioner Randash asked about the alley near Lyle Neary. Clayton stated Peccia and Associates is going to include the street by Lyle Neary in their quote along with the other alleys.

This would be a cost to the County, as well as Neary's and one other landowner who are in agreement to split the costs.

Planner-The City is looking into all options available as far as a Planner is concerned. The City is looking into setting up a Zoning Commission as they not sure if it would be part of the Planning Board.

Lagoon-The City is still running into issues as far as the deadlines for the lagoon are concerned. John Beach waived his rights regarding the water well issue. They are hoping to have the lagoon completed by 2015.

Sanitarian-The Commission is in the process of hiring for this position.

4:25 John How, KLJ

CTAP (Community Technical Assistance Program)-Funding was granted by the State of Montana for various training and studies. Fallon County chose Affordable Housing studies; Planning Board training; Subdivision training and assistance with Ordinances/Special Use Permit and Variances.

Planning Staff-John was doing a follow-up on the discussion regarding provision of Planning Staff. KLJ has the capability to offer Interim Planners. They could be down to assist with Planning on a contract basis, etc. KLJ has hired Forrest Anderson who will be here as of November 3, 2014. The Commission will discuss and let John know.

4:30 PM COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the May 12-14, 2014 and May 19-23, 2014 with grammar and spelling corrections. **Commissioner Randash** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

Recess

Tuesday, October 07, 2014

9:00 AM RECONVENE

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

COMMISSIONER MEETING

NAPA Retaining Wall-Commissioner Randash signed, as Chairperson, the NAPA Retaining Wall Geotechnical Analysis Agreement with American Technical Services, Inc. as presented by Jon Brosz yesterday. A copy of this agreement is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

The Commission reviewed the following revenues received.

State of Montana-DOT-October, 2014 Fuel Tax Revenues-\$4,139.00

Denbury Resources-August, 2014 Oil and Gas Royalties-\$8,473.98

Century Construction-October, 2014 Property Lease-\$400.00

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Compliance Certifications-**Commissioner Randash** signed the Compliance Certifications to be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers for Division and Sunnybank Roads.

MTFWP Shooting Range Development Grant-The Commission received a copy of the FWP shooting range development project grant agreement, signed by Mike Kirschten, Applicant-Chairman of the Shooting Range Board. The grant, in the amount of \$25,150.00 is to be used for project purposes only. The funding is to be used toward the roof system of the new rifle range building.

2015 Extension Services Agreement-Agreement was completed and mailed 10-8-2014

Change Order-Retirement Complex change order to add additional sidewalk and curb and gutter to the Storm Water project in the amount of \$9,985.00 was approved.

Draft Environmental Assessment-The Commission was notified by FW Parks of the Environmental Assessment to propose the disposition of 145 disease-free bison from the state to augment or create existing bison herds. The Commission was given the invited to read the EA and comment by no later than October 30, 2014.

Notice of Petition and Opportunity to Comment-The Commission received a notice from the Public Service Commission allowing any interested person to comment on whether the Bull Mountain's garbage hauling service is exempt from Class D motor carrier certificate requirements based on Montana Codes Annotated.

BLM Wind Project Comment Period-The Commission received notification from MACo that the BLM is seeking public comment on their West-wide Wind Mapping project.

DEPARTMENT MINUTES/REPORTS/FLYERS

Fair Board-August 4, 2015 and August 18, 2015 Fair Board Minutes

Baker Rural Fire District-September 4, 2015 Minutes-Warrants issued in the amount of \$20,818.34

Plevna Rural Fire District-September 11, 2015 Minutes-Warrants issued in the amount of \$6,173.19

JOURNAL ENTRY

Journal#183-Commissioner Randash signed Correction Journal moving various invoices from various accounts to other accounts and some to other funds.

10:00 AM PUBLIC COMMENT

No one attended Public Comment.

10:30 AM The Commission left to attend the Montana Petroleum Association meeting in Miles City, MT.

3:30 PM The Commission returned from the MPA meeting in Miles City.

Sage Grouse Funding

Commissioner Baldwin made a motion to send funds to Western Alliance to assist with the scientific study and answer the questions the Counties have on the Sage Grouse. Commissioner Randash stepped down from the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

Baker Lake

Commissioner Baldwin emailed pictures of the Baker Lake to Monica Heimdal, EPA to show how the Lake is revegetating.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

Recess

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

9:00 AM RECONVENE

PRESENT-William L. Randash; Steve Baldwin, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

9:00 AM COMMISSIONER MEETING

Sanitarian Job Description-The Commission reviewed the Sanitarian Job Description.

10:00 AM PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Due to conflicting scheduling the Planning Department was unable to attend the meeting.

10:15 AM BAKER CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY

Commissioner Randash signed, as Chairman, the Funding Agreement between Fallon County and the MT Department of Transportation for the Baker Corridor Planning Study. The estimated total cost of the study is \$174,020.70. Fallon County's portion of the cost will be 20% or \$34,804.14 with MDT to provide the balance of the funding.

The goal of the study is to assess current and projected conditions in the Baker area and to identify a package of improvement options addressing the identified needs. The study will examine freight traffic through the downtown area, as well as the internal transportation network, highway issues, and other identified transportation needs. The study will identify alternative routes and attempt to minimize the cost of any selected route while considering and avoiding environmental and social constraints. The study will be scheduled over a 12-month period and will utilize Quantum route optimization software to develop and evaluate road alignment scenarios.

County Attorney Batterman signed as to the legal form of the Agreement.

A copy of this agreement is filed in the Clerk and Recorder's office.

11:00 AM AMBULANCE BOARD MEETING

Present-Peggy Bagley-Smith; Mike Reddick, Teddy Stoddard, Steve Stanhope, Jim Lunde, Board Members and Fred Thomas, Ambulance Director.

Future EMS Garage Proposal-The group discussed placing a new Ambulance Garage next to the old yellow hangar by the Airport. They would like to build a 7500 sq. ft. Garage that would house a training area, wash bay area, parking bays, outside parking areas, decontamination center, bunk area for overnight stays and north/south drive through doors.

There would be easy access to the east side of town, close to the airport; could place a helicopter pad at the airport and access the pad through the north gate and felt they would not have to go through the stop lights (for safety and time saving factors for life saving events). They would like to have room for 7 ambulances (this garage is based on the blueprint from Bozeman, MT).

Capital Improvement Project-Commissioner Baldwin stated the County is in the middle of working on a Capital Improvement Project.

Other Discussion-Fred stated this facility could be shared with a helicopter service. Peggy stated her attendance at Emergency Service Meetings recommends you not keep all of your Emergency Services in one area. The Commission discussed getting a quote from an architect. Also discussed this facility being used as a Regional Training Center.

Personnel-Peggy stated she feels the Ambulance Crew is progressing as a group and feels they have come a million miles. They have also updated equipment, public image has a better vision, risk management is better, personnel issues, training and staffing are ongoing issues.

Public Service-Commissioner Baldwin discussed everyone needs to remember they are part of a Public Service Organization.

Everyone left the meeting.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** steps down from the chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Noon Recess

1:00 PM The Commission attended the Fallon County Auction at the Fallon County Road Department.

4:00 PM **William L. Randash** and **Steve Baldwin**, Members and **Brenda Wood**, Clerk and Recorder returned from the County Auction.

Sanitarian Job Description-The Commission completed the Sanitarian job description.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Recess

Thursday, October 09, 2014

9:00 AM RECONVENE

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

9:00 AM Commissioner Meeting

10:00 AM Fallon Medical Complex Monthly Meeting

PRESENT **David Espeland**, FMC-CEO; **Selena Nelson**, FMC-CFO was unable to attend due to training.

Parkview's-Lillian Leischner, Parkview resident met earlier in the week with the Commission to state it would be nice if there was a handicapped door installed on the west side of PVC. The door is heavy and David stated he had met with Mrs. Leischner as well. David stated after the Contractors are finished with the drainage project they will work inside and include the door in with that contract.

Drainage Project-David stated he and Chad, Stevenson Design reviewed the drainage work; the water is not draining. Chad identified a lot of areas where they will have to remove the concrete panels and start over again. This cost will be absorbed by (Diamond J), contractor for this project.

Hydronic System-It was suspected that the PEX tubing was not hooked up correctly since the system is not working as designed. As of this time David stated they will not know if it will work properly until returning to cold weather. They suspect the PEX tubing needs to be reversed on the system manifold. The engineer did have a drawing and some specs for the system, but left some of the specs open for interpretation. Commissioner Baldwin is concerned about holding the correct person accountable.

Basement project/Long term care-They had the sewer pipes scoped and for the most part they look pretty good. They are still not sure what to do as they cannot sleeve the pipes because of the corners. David felt they would bid the project between Late November or December and start work in Spring.

Financials-Patient days are down.

Assisted Living-The group discussed the possibility FMC may have to send their employees to assist at Assisted Living Facilities. Commissioner Baldwin asked if the liability lies with the Hospital; it was felt so.

Providers-They are short of providers due to those out due to surgeries, etc. They have had providers come down to help them out.

Education funding-Discussed FMC helping to fund education for those that want to go into a health care related field. David and Selena explained the individuals have to come back and work to repay the loan, unless they leave, they then have a promissory note to pay.

Parkview Change order-This would be to have STAR complete an extension of copper piping for the snow melt system-\$9985.00.

SMART BOARD DEMONSTRATION

11:10 AM-Liz Cunningham and Crew

HIPAA compliant/encrypted

Half day training is included in the cost of the hardware

The cost per user is \$250.00 per month which will decrease the more users that are added.

RECESS

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess. **Commissioner Randash** seconds the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays.

Noon Recess

1:15 PM RECONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash, Steve Baldwin, Members and Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

1:15 PM Barb Lechler, Fair Manager; Jerrid Geving, Courtney Dietz, Wanda Pinnow, Lani DeBuhr and Pat Ehret, Fair Board Members

Expenses/Revenues-Discussed the expenses and revenues for the Fair.

Arena-They would like to square-up the North end of the arena to make it better for the rodeo contestants; the arena is also short. Discussed using panels rather than rebuilding the fence. They will have to deal with the electrical when reworking the arena. Wanda would like to visit with others at the Fair Convention. Jerrid stated he has also discussed this with Mosbrucker.

Crows nest-Wanda stated they would like to move it back entirely to allow the announcer to see what the riders are doing. Also discussed contacting an engineer to get their thoughts.

Electrical Issues-They will have some electrical issues to deal with when moving the arena, etc. but will get that ironed out when and if it happens.

Alleyway-Discussed placing an alleyway to rotate the steers around so you are not shutting things down.

Rodeo Office-They would like to move the Rodeo Office to a different location. The current office leaks and has a lot of mud in it from run-off, etc. Will get size and cost information as soon as possible. They would also like to install more lighting in that area as it is quite dark at night.

Rodeo-Working to try to get better attendance at the Rodeo's. Lani stated she felt a contributing factor was getting the word out to name contenders.

Ambulance-Discussed visiting with the Ambulance Board about having the ambulance there more during the Fair. Group also discussed they understand they are short on Ambulance Attendants.

Signage/Disaster Plan-Pat spoke of the need for more and better signage on the grounds and the need to have a Disaster Plan in Place. Suggestion was to also find out from Chuck Lee, DES/911 if the area under the grandstands would be considered an emergency shelter.

Directory-Lani discussed placement of a Directory would also be helpful. Chuck was contacted and will meet with Barb to look at the grounds and the grandstands after this meeting.

Exhibit Hall-The group would like to add a building the size of the existing hall. Discussed this consisting of showers, family restrooms, concession bar, storage and would be helpful during elections. The Commission discussed placing this in the Capital Improvement Plan but will first wait until the legislative session is over. Commissioner Randash asked if they would make this a multi-purpose building. The Fair Board stated, yes.

Convention-No Commissioners were planning to attend.

Lutheran Stand-The Commission stated the County will pay for the building.

Sidewalk-The group also discussed placement of sidewalk from County shop to the Fairgrounds.
2:55 PM The Fair Board and Fair Manager left the meeting.

3:05 PM Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance

Storage building-Joe stated they have cleaned the building behind the museum so Outside Maintenance is able to store more items. The salvageable items will be stored in the Museum basement.

3:10 PM Commission went to review the Enos Road and other county roads.

4:55PM Returned to check for other messages, etc.

ADJOURN

5:00 PM There being no further business, Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Randash seconded. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays.

ADJOURN

s/William L. Randash, Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder