

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015

8:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT William L. Randash, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Member, Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

ABSENT Deb Ranum, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

8:00AM- MINUTES APPROVAL

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept the minutes with revisions for the week of June 8th- June 12th, 2015. Being there was no second, Commissioner Randash stepped down from being chair and seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept the minutes with revisions for the week of June 15th- June 19th, 2015. Being there was no second, Commissioner Randash stepped down from being chair and seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

8:15AM- SHERIFF BUDGET DISCUSSION

Present: Trenton Harbaugh, Sheriff

Capital Improvement Plan- Trent reviewed the set rotation for the Sheriff Department's new trucks in the Capital Improvement Plan and said he approved of it.

Jail Cell Repairs- Trent gave the Commission estimates from Zachmann Construction Services to make necessary repairs to Cells C3 & C4. The amount of estimates are \$9,834.50. Trent will have these repairs done in the next Fiscal Year.

Jail- Trent gave the Commission the jail rosters for 2010 to 2015 that show the jail was 92.8% occupied with prisoners being housed 1495 days out of 1610 days. The past few weeks where the jail has been empty is not normal as these rosters show.

Trent is still working with Food Services of America to provide dinners for the jail. These meals are signed off by a nutritionist and they would be cheaper than the meals they are getting now.

Trent gave the Commission an estimate for the TimeKeeping system he is wanting to install to account for the prisoner checks electronically. The estimate is \$3,758.27.

Detention Officers- The Commission and Trent discussed Detention Officer duties and coverage of the jail. The Commission told Trent they asked 5 outlying counties if they had 24/7, 365 day a year coverage of their jails and all of them responded yes, they do have 24/7, 365 day coverage. Trent said he knew that and that Powder River County is the only county that doesn't and they are struggling with it just as Baker is. Trent said hiring 4 detention officers would give 24/7 staff coverage of the jail with the officers working 12 hour shifts. He said if one of the detention officers was unable to work due to being on vacation or being sick a deputy could be rotated in to cover the jail. Trent said even though 24/7 staff may seem expensive the liability they could face if someone were to be hurt or killed would cost much more.

Trent gave the Commission a staff rotation plan for the 4 detention officers working 2080 hours per year for them to review. He discussed different job duties the officers could do if the jail is empty such as cleaning and filing and said he is confident he would be able to keep them busy.

Commissioner Randash asked Trent if the County could house other county prisoners and be reimbursed for it to help offset the cost of detention officers. Trent said they have contracts with Carter and Slope County and may be able to house their prisoners but said it is not a money making endeavor. They discussed the benefits and drawbacks to housing state and federal prisoners. State prisoners have a low set rate to house prisoners so it costs the county more money than they would be reimbursed for. Federal prisoners would pay a higher rate but the risk is having very dangerous prisoners sent to our jail.

8:50am- Trent Harbaugh left the meeting.

8:50am- Deb Ranum joined the meeting.

9:00AM- ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Present: Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman, Mark Sieler, Road Foreman

New Pickups- The pickups are rigged and 3 more hitches are being built for them.

New Blade- Alba is working on getting the bid specs drawn up to purchase a new blade.

Auction Items- Alba was considering sending the white Ranger to the auction but has decided he would like to keep it to use with the mowing tractors. The Commission said they agreed with that plan.

Chipper- Alba is waiting for parts from Pro-Tech Diesel for the chipper.

Chips- The chips are in and Bobby is still trying to set a definite date for the chip sealing to be done.

Blades- Rollie Maier's blade will have its tires replaced this month.

Loader 930K- The new loader was delivered last week.

Radios- Alba will order 4 radios. One radio will be put in the new loader and one in Mark Sielers' pickup. The Commission asked Alba to order them new handheld radios also as their radios are outdated.

Road Budget- Alba is still working on his budget for FY 2015-16. This year he is putting a separate line item for weed spray chemicals since the cost of the chemicals are so high. Alba asked the Commission if they wanted to set up the blades with reversible blades for snow removal. The cost is \$25,000 per blade and Mark said they work very well. Commissioner Baldwin asked if it would save on time when plowing snow and Mark said no but it would plow the roads better. Commissioner Baldwin asked if the weight from the extra blade would stress the machines and Mark said no it wouldn't.

Weed Truck- A Weed Truck has a coolant leak and will be going to Bowman Ford for repairs.

Blading- 4 blades are out today working on the North Plevna Road, Big Hill Road, and Anticline Road.

Crushing- The Wang pit is still being crushed.

10:35am- Alba Higgins and Mark Sieler left the meeting.

10:35AM- COMMISSION BUSINESS/WORK SESSION

REC DEPARTMENT CLAIMS APPROVAL-

The Commission Reviewed and Approved the Rec Departments claims in the amount of \$5,122.51 and they are filed in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

AGREEMENTS-

Prince Lease Agreement- Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Plant Site Lease Agreement with Prince Inc. effective June 8 to July 8, 2015.

Fidelity Lease Agreement- The Commission signed the Storage Tank Site Lease Agreement with Fidelity Exploration & Production Co. effective June 8, 2015.

PROJECTS-

NAPA Auto Parts Retaining Wall Project- Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Notice of Award to Diamond J Construction for the NAPA Auto Parts Retaining Wall Project.

Stahly Engineering's Construction Inspection and Administration- Commissioner Randash, as Chairman, signed the Stahly Engineering's Construction Inspection and Administration Authorization for the Iron Horse Splash Park and Bath House Project.

MISCELLANEOUS-

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at Airport- Commissioner Ranum received a voicemail from Tom Muckle, Rural Fire Chief, on 6/9/15 stating Eric Listle with BLM in Miles City said they are no longer going to have a permanent base at the Baker Airport but would like to have a spot to use there when in the area for their filling operations. The Commission discussed charging BLM when they use the Airport area to try and recover the cost of the concrete that was poured at the Airport specifically for them.

Baker Lake Mitigation- The Commission discussed hiring Tom Parker with Geum Consulting to do the Baker Lake Mitigation. They discussed discontinuing using David Turch and Associates services if Tom Parker is hired.

REPORTS/MINUTES/AGENDAS-

Special Project Report- DuWayne Bohle, Special Projects Technician, submitted a Special Project Report dated 6/18/15 to the Commission. The report is filed in the Clerk & Recorder's Office.

Town of Plevna- Plevna Water Phase 2 Project Updates for weeks 06/08/15 and 6/15/15.

Fair Board- Fair Board Agenda for June 22, 2015 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE-

The Commission received a letter from Brosz Engineering Inc dated June 16, 2015 giving the measurements for the gravel piles at the Wang Pit. Gravel Pile 2 has 8300 yards and Gravel Pile 3 has 4,900 yards.

The Commission received a preliminary list of items being sent to the County Auction from Lani DeBuhr to review.

The Commission received an email from Montana Association of Counties (MACO) dated June 19, 2015 regarding their Budget and Financial Information. The email with the budget information is filed in the Clerk and

Recorder's Office.

10:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT

10:50am- Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager, joined the meeting.

Hail Damage- Tom Kachel brought in pictures of the old landfill building that received hail damage this weekend. He is going to let Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder know.

11:00AM FAIR ARENA AND HOSPITALITY TENT UPDATES

Present: Jerrid Geving, Lani DeBuhr, Pat Ehret, Wanda Pinnow, Fair Board Members; Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff; Eddie Coulter, Public Member; Barb Lechler, Fair Manager, Brenda Wood, Clerk & Recorder

Hospitality Tent- Eddie Coulter has gathered donations to put towards the Rodeo Purse and a Hospitality Tent for sponsors to meet and greet the cowboys. He would like to serve food and beer at the tent. The Fair Board asked the Commission for guidance on him serving beer since he does not have a license to do so. Eddie said he was planning on buying the beer at the Sorority Beer Booth and giving it to the sponsors and cowboys that are of age. Commissioner Baldwin said he doesn't think it is a good idea to have volunteers giving out alcohol and suggested having a Sorority member at the Hospitality Tent serving the beer. Trent Harbaugh said he didn't know if this would be possible as the alcohol license the Sorority is issued is generally very specific on where the alcohol can be served. Wanda Pinnow tried to contact two Sorority members unsuccessfully to ask if they knew what their license says about where the alcohol can be served at to determine if it could be served another place on the Fairgrounds besides the Beer Booth. The Fair Board asked Eddie to continue to try contacting the Sorority members to find out about their license since they were unable to contact them today. Trent said even if Eddie isn't selling the alcohol, the liability is still there and suggested contacting the State regarding the serving of alcohol at the Hospitality Tent if they can't get the information from the Sorority. Eddie said he wants to make sure he is following the law and will track it down. Pat Ehret suggested giving the people tickets at the Hospitality Tent and requiring them to go to the Beer Booth themselves to get their drinks. The Commission and Trent said they would be concerned that having people buy beer and bringing it back to the bucking chute area would set a precedence that people could go back there and drink so didn't think that would be a good option.

Wanda and Commissioner Randash said they are concerned about having beer behind the bucking chutes as it puts more liability on the County. Eddie said he wasn't thinking people would be having beer behind the chutes, just at the Hospitality Tent for 2 hours before the rodeo and 1 hour after the rodeo. Commissioner Ranum asked if the Fair Board has asked Darcy Wassman, County Attorney, about this. Wanda said yes, they did and are awaiting an answer from her. Trent expressed concern that he is going to be short on coverage this year due to Miles City's Fair being the same weekend and may not be able to respond quickly if an issue arose.

Commissioner Ranum asked if the Sanitarian would need to inspect the food being served at the Hospitality Tent. Barb Lechler said no, it would be viewed the same as when someone rents the hall and serves their own food. The only requirement they have when doing this is to provide proof of liability insurance and Eddie would need to do this too.

Rodeo Office- The Fair Board asked Trent if he would have coverage for the Rodeo Office as the PRCA requires 2 officers to be at the Rodeo Office when it is open. Trent said no, he couldn't commit 2 officers to do that since he may be shorthanded as it is. Jerrid asked if the Fair could hire security guards to be at the Rodeo Office instead. Trent said yes, that would work good and should meet the PRCA's requirements.

Rodeo Donations- Eddie said the majority of the donations he received will be used for the Rodeo Purse, bringing every event to \$7500, making our Fair number 3 in the state for the size of the purse. The remaining donations will be used to purchase the food items for the Hospitality Tent and to purchase the signs. Brenda Wood said all donations will have to be deposited in the Fallon County Fair account as it was collected as a Fair donation. Eddie will have to complete a claim form to be reimbursed by the County for the food items and signs or he can have the vendors who supply these items bill the County directly. If alcohol can be served at the Hospitality Tent it will have to come from somewhere else as the County cannot use funds to purchase alcohol.

Purchase Request- The Fair Board gave the Commission a quote for 3 benches in the amount of \$3,885.43. Two of the benches would be used in the bucking chute area of arena for cowboys to sit on while they are taking their boots off and on. The Commission would like the Fair Board to consider a different bench for the bucking chute area that is not as expensive. The Fair Board said they could do that but wanted to let the Commission know the benches are expensive because they are heavy, sturdy benches that will not tip over easily. Jerrid suggested asking Chuck Graham if could build a sturdy bench for less and will contact him to find

out.

Arena- Good progress is being made on the arena and the majority of the improvements will be done by the end of the week.

11:45am- Everyone present left the meeting.

12:00PM- ADJOURN

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

12:00PM- Commissioner Randash left to drive to Lewiston, MT to attend the Oil, Gas & Coal Meeting.

ADJOURN
s/William L. Randash, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:
s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

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