

**9:00AM CONVENE**

**Present: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk**  
**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**9:00AM COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION**

**FAIR FOOD BOOTHS-** The Commission discussed the costs of the equipment needed for the Fair Food Booths. Commissioner Randash suggested building the outside shell for the Food Booths first and then letting the churches work with a local contractor to complete the inside. Commissioner Ranum disagreed with this suggestion and said this would only hold up the construction of the Food Booths longer. Commissioner Randash said the County would save money by having local contractors build the interior and having John Geving, American Lutheran Church Member, get their equipment from a Church member at cost. Commissioner Ranum said if that is what the Commission wants to do they could at least build the inside and outside of the Taco Stand Booth since the Assembly of God Church is happy with their plans and need little equipment purchased. Commissioner Ranum said she would like to discuss it more with John Geving and Terry Sukut, JGA Architect, before any decision is made.

**PARKVIEW RETIREMENT COMPLEX RENTAL AGREEMENT-** The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Baldwin, as Chairman, signed a Parkview Retirement Complex Rental Agreement for a new resident.

**CEMETERY TRACTOR QUOTES-** The Commission reviewed the quotes Iven Felt, Cemetery Caretaker, gave them for a new tractor. After reviewing and discussing the quotes the Commission made the decision to not purchase a new tractor this year as the tractor Iven has is in good condition.

**BAKER LAKE MITIGATION PROJECT-** The Commission received an email from Rich Menger notifying them that Monica with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be discussing the Baker Lake Mitigation Plan with Tom Parker, Geum Consulting, next week.

**9:20am- Dave Havens, Member of the Public, joined the meeting.**

**BOARD AGENDAS/MINUTES-** The Commission reviewed Board Agendas and Minutes.

**REVENUES-** The Commission reviewed revenues received during the week.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS/NOTICES-** The Commission reviewed Department Reports, Newsletters and Notices.

**EMAILS-** The Commission reviewed emails sent to them from State agencies and other entities that required no discussion, action or decision.

**9:45am- Commissioner Randash and Commissioner Baldwin excused themselves from the meeting to attend a funeral. Dave Havens left the meeting.**

**10:00AM ROAD UPDATES**

**Present: Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering**

**SHOP UPDATES-** Alba Higgins gave updates on the equipment and vehicles that are being serviced or repaired this week. Alba said he is taking Mower #12 to Bowman for repairs as they need to run a test on it to determine the problem.

The Commission asked if the shop repairs are complete and Alba said the only thing that needs to be finished is installing the strips around the garage doors. Commissioner Ranum asked Alba to ask Griffith Steel to install the strips as soon as possible so the repairs are complete.

**10:20am- Alba Higgins left the meeting.**

**ROAD UPDATES-** Bobby Wiedmer gave updates on the activities of the Road crew this week such as hauling gravel and working on seasonal roads. Bobby said the Road Crew completed the approaches to Jeff Hadley's place last week.

**PROJECT UPDATES-**

**Calumet Rd Box Culvert-** Shannon Hewson said Coon Construction is working on setting up a Pre-Construction Meeting with the landowners and is projected to start the project in 2 weeks. Shannon said the pre-cast culvert is expected to be done in 10 days. The Commission gave Shannon a copy of the specification drawings for the crushed gravel base they received from Coon Construction.

**10:35am- Bobby Wiedmer left the meeting.**

**10:35am- Commissioner Baldwin and Commissioner Randash returned to the meeting.**

**Bonnievale Cemetery-** Shannon said they are working on finishing the amended plat for the cemetery.

**Baker Lake Drainage-** Shannon gave the Commission updates on the engineering model he is working on for the Baker Lake Drainage Project. Shannon said the bridge in the City Park was pulled out when the channel was cleaned last fall and not put back in. Shannon said because of this the City is now required to have the bridge engineered before it can be set back in or a new one built since it is in the Flood Way. Shannon said, according to Forrest Sanderson, Contracted Planner, if the bridge would have been put back in right away it would have been considered maintenance and no engineering would have been needed. Shannon said he spoke to Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor, about this and suggested to him that the engineering of the bridge be included with the County's Baker Lake Drainage design to save them money. Shannon said the expected cost to engineer the bridge will be around \$500-\$1,000 with the Mayor agreeing to have the City pay for it and asked the Commission for permission to proceed with this plan. The Commission gave permission to include the bridge design in the County's plans.

**10:45am- Shannon Hewson left the meeting.**

#### **11:00AM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

**Present: Chuck Lee, 911/DES Director**

Chuck Lee told the Commission he only received \$17,000 for the Homeland Security Grant he applied for. Chuck said he asked for \$110,000 in his grant submittal for Cyber Security purposes, which was the main priority set by the State. Chuck said he doesn't understand why they received so little when his grant scored the highest. Chuck said he was told someone in the State said "Fallon County doesn't need money since they have oil" and is suspicious this is the reason so little was granted. Chuck said the other issue is the Western side of the State's grant submittals scored well below the Eastern side's submittals and yet the West was granted more funding than the East. Chuck said grants are to be awarded on merit and would like to take these issues up with the State and the Commission agreed. Commissioner Baldwin said he will call the Governor's office about it also.

**11:10am- Chuck Lee left the meeting.**

#### **11:15AM 2013 HAIL DAMAGE QUOTES REVIEW**

The Commission reviewed the quotes received from Griffith Steel to repair the roofs that still have damages from the 2013 Hail Storm. The Commission approved the quotes for the following roofs: Golf Course Storage Building, Golf Course Maintenance Shop, Gun Range Cold Storage Building, Trap Club Building, Gun Range Canopy, Softball Complex Canopy, Softball Complex Restroom Building, Iron Horse Park Restrooms and Baker Lake Gazebo.

#### **11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared for Public Comment.

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

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **1:15PM SHERIFF LONGEVITY DISCUSSION**

**Present: Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager; Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder**

Julie Straub and Trent Harbaugh asked the Commission for advice on what to do about Trent's statutory longevity pay. Julie said Trent's Undersheriff and Deputies are paid their statutory longevity on their base salary which is a percentage of the Sheriff's base salary plus the Sheriff's supplemental salary of \$2,000 per MCA 7-5-2503. Julie said in contrast, Trent is only paid his statutory longevity on his base salary, not the additional \$2,000 he is paid. Julie said the law dictating the statutory longevity pay for Undersheriffs and Deputies is vague but in 2008 the MT Supreme Court ruled Undersheriffs and Deputies statutory longevity should be based on the Sheriff's entire salary, including the additional \$2,000. Julie said the ruling did not address the Sheriff's longevity pay so it enables the Sheriff's Undersheriff and Deputies to use the Sheriff's supplemental salary in their longevity calculations but not the Sheriff. Julie said her and Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, discussed this and Darcy said the County isn't doing anything wrong with not paying Trent his statutory longevity on his base salary plus the \$2,000 but both find it strange the Sheriff's longevity pay isn't equal to his employees. Julie said two other counties are paying their Sheriff's statutory longevity on the base salary plus the \$2,000 and asked the Commission to consider doing the same. Trent said he would be alright with whatever the Commission decides.

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to calculate the Fallon County Sheriff's statutory longevity on his/her base salary plus the \$2,000 according to MCA 74-2503-2-B effective April 3, 2016. Commissioner**

**Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any discussion and there was none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**1:35pm- Debbie Wyrick and Julie Straub left the meeting.**

Trent gave the Commission updates on the activities at the jail and pending court cases.

**1:45pm- Trent Harbaugh left the meeting.**

#### **2:00PM NEW GROWTH POLICY DISCUSSION**

**Present: Randy Hoenke, Planning Board President; Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant; Mona Madler, SMART Executive Director**

Randy Hoenke, Mary Grube and Mona Madler met with the Commission to ask if there were things they would like included in the Growth Policy. The Commission said they would like the Flood Plain Policy addressed so that it encourages industrial growth rather than prohibits it. Mary said Flood Plain rules are set by the State and can't be changed but educating people on the requirements and restrictions could be included. The Commission and Mary discussed ways to inform and educate people what can and cannot be built in the Flood Plain or Flood Way. Mary said if the goal of educating people is put in the Growth Policy they may be able to receive grant money for it also. The Commission said they would like County amenities included in the Policy such as the Splash Park, Skate Park, Fairgrounds, and Indoor Shooting Range. The Commission said they would also like the Truck By-Pass Project put in the Policy as they are hoping to get grant funding for it in the future. The Commission gave those present a copy of the County's Capital Improvement Plan so they are aware of future projects in the County. Randy said the Planning Board hopes to have the Growth Policy completed by July.

**2:45pm- Randy Hoenke, Mary Grube and Mona Madler left the meeting.**

#### **2:45PM MINUTES APPROVAL**

The Commission reviewed the Commission Minutes for the week of April 4-8, 2016.

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 4-8, 2016. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any other discussion and there was none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3:00pm- Commissioner Baldwin excused himself from the meeting for the duration of the day.**

#### **3:00PM LANDFILL DISCUSSION**

**Present: Barry Damschen, Barry Damschen Consulting; Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager**

Barry Damschen gave the Commission the Coral Creek Landfill Master Plan Update and Site Plan and they reviewed it together. Barry explained how the fill is disbursed on the entire landfill area and the process of reclaiming it once it is entirely filled. Barry said the leased land is expected to take the County 8 years to fill but there is only 5 ½ years left on the lease. Barry told the Commission they could try and extend the lease, offer to purchase the land again or work on filling the area up quickly so it can be abandoned when the lease expires. Barry said the leased land is 40 acres but only 16 acres of it can be used since PetroComp used up the other portion of the land with their waste. Barry said the going rate for landfill or lagoon land in the State is \$2,000-\$2,500/acre. The Commission said they will discuss purchasing the land with the landowners.

**3:45pm- Barry Damschen and Tom Kachel left the meeting.**

#### **4:00PM COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATES**

**Present: Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney**

Darcy Wassmann told the Commission she finished reviewing Shep's Welding Agreement and Brosz Engineering's Request for Qualification Statement and didn't see any corrections that needed to be made.

**WIND TURBINE LEASE-** The Commission received an email from Landmark Dividend asking to present the County an offer to purchase their Wind Turbine Leases. The Commission and Darcy discussed the email and the Commission said they are not interested in selling their leases.

**DONALD AND LAURIE MCKAY LAND LEASE-** The Commission told Darcy that Donald and Laurie McKay asked that their County land lease state "hunting on land is forbidden". Darcy said it is public land, owned by tax-payers, and shouldn't be restricted to County residents. The Commission agreed and Darcy said she would write them a letter regarding the lease.

#### **4:30PM CLOSED SESSION**

The closed session was canceled.

#### **5:00PM EVENING RECESS**

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

**9:30AM RECONVENE**

**PRESENT:** Deb Ranum, William L. Randash, Members; Lani DeBuhr, Clerk

**ABSENT:** Steve Baldwin, Chairman

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**9:30AM FAIR FOOD BOOTHS**

**Present:** John Geving, American Lutheran Church Member

The Commission and John Geving met to review the prices of equipment for the Food Booths. The Commission will meet with Terry Sukut, JGA Architect, next week and finalize the plans.

**10:30AM ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to adjourn the evening. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.**

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ADJOURN  
s/Deb Ranum,

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MINUTE TAKER:  
s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

**10:00AM "THE GATHERING" PRESENTED BY CHUCK LEE, 911/DES DIRECTOR AT THEE GARAGE, BAKER, MT**  
Commissioner Ranum and Commissioner Randash attended "The Gathering".