

**9:00AM CONVENE**

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

**9:00AM COMMISSION WORK SESSION**

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

The Commission received a copy of the executed Supplement #1 to the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Upper Baker Lake.

**AGREEMENTS-**

**Fallon Medical Complex Agreement-** The Commission reviewed and signed the Management Agreement between Fallon County and the Fallon Medical Complex authorizing Fallon Medical Complex to manage, supervise and operate the facilities.

**PERMITS-**

The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Baldwin, as Chairman, signed two Mid-Rivers Encroachment Permits to extend their cable facilities to the residence of 65 Lane Jones Trail in Fallon County.

**MISCELLANEOUS-**

**Vision/Dental Insurance Rates-** The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Ranum signed MACo's Final Renewal Rates Form for Dental and Vision Benefits for the time period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

**9:30AM NURSING HOME ROOMS DISCUSSION**

**Present: Dolores Erlenbush, Member of the Public**

Dolores Erlenbush told the Commission six rooms in the East Wing of the Nursing Home have been empty for several months and suggested converting those rooms into assisted living rooms. Dolores said Superior Villa has a waiting list and if those rooms were turned into assisted living they could be put to good use. The Commission agreed and said the staff at Fallon Medical Complex (FMC) and the Hospital Board are working together right now in making better use of the Nursing Home rooms. The Commission told Dolores FMC sent out letters last Friday to notify residents of their proposed changes to the nursing home.

**10:00AM GREEN ACRES RD LANDOWNERS MEETING**

**Present: Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Landowners: Sherry Erickson, Dennis Erickson, Dolores Erlenbush; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering**

**GREEN ACRES ROAD DISCUSSION-** Bobby Wiedmer and Landowners who are adjacent to the Green Acres Road met to discuss the improvements that will be done to the Green Acres Road in the late summer/early fall. The summary points of discussion were:

- The road will be built to a width of 24 feet and new scoria will be laid. Sherry Erickson suggested keeping the road 30 feet wide as it is difficult meeting people on the road when they are narrow. Bobby said it is difficult to maintain roads when they are that wide and as long as people drive at a reasonable speed there won't be a problem.
- The Commission and all present discussed removing the washboards on the road. Bobby said the washboards have to be cut and the hill will be cut down also. Shannon Hewson explained that washboards can be created by scoria not binding to the road and until the road is re-graded you will not be able to avoid them developing. Bobby said the speed people drive can also cause washboards to form.
- Shannon said the County will need the temporary construction easements that were mailed out to be signed for the work to be done. Bobby said any fencing that is removed during construction will be replaced with a four wire fence.

**10:20am- Sherry Erickson, Dennis Erickson and Dolores Erlenbush left the meeting.**

**10:30AM ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

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

**SHOP UPDATES-** Alba Higgins gave updates on the vehicles and equipment being serviced or repaired this week. Alba said the garage door to the old park's shop is in bad condition and he plans on replacing it. Alba said he and Todd Griffith think the old door should go to the landfill rather than the auction and the Commission agreed.

**TRAINING-** Alba said he and another shop employee are going to attend the General Industry Safety Classes in Miles City later this month and an Emissions class in June. Alba said he wanted the Commission to be aware that during these trainings the shop will be short-handed.

**PURCHASE REQUESTS-** Alba asked the Commission if he could purchase a Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) dispenser since the newer diesel vehicles and equipment are requiring this diesel additive. The Commission gave permission. Alba asked for permission to purchase additional blade tires and the Commission said he can if there are sufficient funds in his budget to purchase them.

**10:55am- Alba Higgins left the meeting.**

**PROJECT UPDATES-**

**Calumet Rd Box Culvert-** Shannon said Coon Construction will start working on the Calumet Rd. Box Culvert on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**11:00am- Bobby Wiedmer and Shannon Hewson left the meeting.**

**11:00AM BAKER LAKE RESTORATION PLAN REVIEW**

**Present: Rich Menger, Sanitarian; Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant**

Rich Menger and the Commission met to discuss items Monica Heimdal with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wanted addressed in the Final Restoration Plan. Rich said those things were minor issues and have been addressed in the Final Restoration Plan which he gave to the Commission to review. Rich said he would like to mail it to Monica this week if the Commission approve. The Commission told Rich they would like time to review the Final Plan and will meet with him on Thursday to discuss it.

**11:15AM CONDEMNED MOBILE HOME DEMOLITION ASSISTANCE**

**Present: Rich Menger, Sanitarian; Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant**

**Fred Hoff Property-** Rich Menger said the trailer house on Fred Hoff's property north of town is condemned and Fred Hoff would like to tear it down. Rich asked if the County can assist in the expenses to take it down and the Commission said yes, they have an agreement to pay for half of tipping fees for demolition of old or condemned properties.

**11:15am- Rich Menger and Mary Grube left the meeting.**

**11:15AM AMBULANCE BID**

Commissioner Baldwin said he spoke to Commissioners from Richland County and Missoula County about the price they paid for their ambulances. Commissioner Baldwin said both counties paid approximately the same as the Sawtooth Emergency Services quote so the price is in line with the current market.

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to award the Ambulance Bid to Sawtooth Emergency Services in the amount of \$237,800. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**11:30AM LITTLE BEAVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LBCD) ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT**

**Present: Brenda Wood, Clerk & Recorder, Sarafina Claeys, LBCD Administrative Assistant**

Sarafina Claeys presented the Commission with a Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Administrative Grant Application the LBCD is applying for. Sarafina said the LBCD usually shows a short fall each year and that is why they are applying for the grant. The Commission reviewed the grant application, verified the mills referred to in the application and Commissioner Baldwin, as Chairman, signed it.

**11:35AM Sarafina Claeys and Brenda Wood left the meeting.**

**11:40am- Commissioner Baldwin excused himself from the meeting for the duration of the day.**

**11:45AM PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No one appeared for Public Comment.**

**12:00PM NOON RECESS**

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.**

**1:15PM RECONVENE**

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

**ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman**

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**1:15PM SHEPHARD'S SIDEWALK EASEMENT DISCUSSION**

**Present: Scott Rabbit, Parks Director; Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney; Dan Stahly, Stahly Engineering**

The Commission, Scott Rabbitt and Darcy Wassmann reviewed the areas where the new sidewalk will go behind Shephard's property. After reviewing the boundaries and connecting points Dan Stahly recommended the west shore of the tract be retraced but not the entire tract. Darcy Wassmann and Dan discussed the landowner easements that will be needed and the best way to determine the land descriptions that will be referenced in them. Scott said he doesn't foresee a problem with getting the easements signed except for Randy

Hoenke who opposes the plan to put sidewalk in by his house. Dan said Stahly Engineering will have surveyors in Baker next week and could survey the area then and Scott said he will stake out the area for them prior to that.

**1:45pm- Dan Stahly and Darcy Wassmann left the meeting.**

**2:00PM BASEBALL REGISTRATION DISCUSSION**

**Present: Jason Coulter, Member of the Public; Angie Rabbitt, Rec. Department Director; Alyssa Miller, Rec. Department Assistant; Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor**

Jason Coulter called for the meeting to discuss the baseball registration deadline. Jason said he recently started having “ball day” get together with boys in the community and two boys in the group now want to be on the baseball team but missed the registration deadline so aren’t able to. Jason asked if an exception could be made as he really wants the boys to be a part of the team. Clayton Hornung said the boys’ parents had over a month to sign them up and unfortunately they need to stick with the deadline. Angie said she tries very hard to make sure everyone has the chance to sign-up because she too doesn’t like kids to not be able to participate but she has to get her teams set by a certain date so deadlines are necessary. Angie said in years past she made exceptions and added boys late to teams but it caused problems with the players who registered on-time and affected the amount of play time they received. The Commission said they understand and support Angie’s position and suggested everyone try their best next year to contact parents about registering their boys on time.

Jason told the Commission he would like to use the County ball fields but they are locked. Angie said they had to place locks on the gates because people were using the fields as dog runs and leaving dog feces on the field. Angie said the ball fields can be used by reserving them on the County Park Calendar and then Scott Rabbitt, Parks Director, will unlock them for that time period. Alyssa Miller suggested Jason use the City ball fields also as they are not locked.

**2:15pm- Jason Coulter, Clayton Hornung and Alyssa Miller left the meeting.**

The Commission asked Angie how she advertised the baseball registrations. Angie said she began advertising at the beginning of February and closed registration on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Angie said she advertised on the Fallon County website, put a flyer in the Fallon County Times, posted the registration announcement on Facebook and sent flyers home in kids’ backpacks at the schools. Angie said she even called a few parents to remind them of the deadline since she knew their boys wanted to play. Angie said she really wished she would have known the two boys Jason is referring to wanted to play back in March because she would have contacted their parents to make sure they registered them.

**2:25pm- Angie Rabbitt left the meeting.**

**2:30PM MINUTES APPROVAL**

The Commission reviewed the Commission Minutes for the week of April 25-29, 2016.

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 25-29, 2016. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.**

**2:45PM CLAIMS APPROVAL**

**The Commission reviewed and approved the April End of Month Claims in the amount of \$416,846.37 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder’s Office.**

**5:00PM EVENING RECESS**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2016**

**9:00AM RECONVENE**

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

**9:00AM WINDOWS 10 DISCUSSION**

**Present: Andy Fujimori, IT Tech**

**WINDOWS 10 UPDATE-** Andy Fujimori said he talked to Garret with DES Technologies about installing Windows 10 on County computers. Andy said Garrett advised him not to update to Windows 10 since Windows 7 will continue to have support until 2020. Andy said it still would be a good idea to have the update

downloaded to the computer but wait until later to install it. Andy discussed the importance of having people update their computer programs as prompted and to defrag and clean computers periodically.

**CYBER SECURITY-** Andy said he reviewed DIS Technologies' assessment of the County computer system and gave the Commission a copy to review. Andy said he agrees with the majority of the assessment as it highlights the same concerns he has. Andy and the Commission discussed various security measures the County could and should take and the costs associated with them. The Commission said Chuck Lee, 911/DES Director, applied for a Cyber Security Grant and will discuss with Chuck the best way to utilize the funds they were awarded.

**COUNTY EMAIL-** Andy said he is researching other email providers for the County to use rather than their current provider Bulldog as they no longer offer support. Andy said he is leaning towards using the Microsoft Cloud and will keep the Commission posted on this.

**9:20am- Andy Fujimori left the meeting.**

**9:20am- Tom Rodriguez submitted his resignation letter to the Commission stating he was resigning from the Fair Board immediately.**

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to accept the resignation of Tom Rodriguez from the Fair Board. Commissioner Ranum opposed accepting the resignation. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay. The motion carried.**

**9:30AM COUNTY INSURANCE DISCUSSION**

**Present: Jim Leischner, D&J Insurance Agent; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder**

Jim Leischner and the Commission discussed moving the Fairgrounds liability insurance to another market since they only receive spectator liability on the current plan. The Commission and Jim discussed the County endorsing non-profit organizations versus them being required to carry their own liability insurance when using the Fairgrounds to hold their event.

**10:00AM FY 2016-17 RATES FOR HEALTH INSURANCE DISCUSSION**

**Present: Brendan Hanley, EBMS Insurance Agent; Health Insurance Committee Members: Debbie Wyrick, Selena Nelson, Alba Higgins**

Brendan Hanley and all present reviewed and discussed Fallon County's Health Plan Management Renewal Plan for FY 2016-17. Brendan said Fallon County's claims have increased this year but are still 6-7% lower than the national norm. Brendan said the key changes this year are: 3% increase for the Benefit Plan Management Fee due to outside vendors increasing their costs; the addition of morbid obesity benefits and inclusion of certain pregnancy related benefits for dependents. The Commission said they will review the proposed rates and meet with the Health Insurance Committee members later in the week to set the rates for the upcoming year.

**11:00AM REC. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Present: Angie Rabbitt, Rec. Department Director**

Angie Rabbitt gave the Commission updates on the activities in the Rec. Department this month and explained the process of signing baseball teams up once registration is complete.

**11:22am- Angie Rabbitt left the meeting.**

**11:35AM EMC INSURANCE RECOMMEDATION**

**Present: Julie Straub, Safety Director; Barb Lechler, Fairgrounds Manager**

Julie Straub told the Commission Rich Harper with EMC Insurance visited several departments in the County and gave her a report with recommendations. The recommendations are: requiring the County to review all County employee's Motor Vehicle Records each year; implement a Distracted Driver Policy; offer an annual Defensive Driving Course to employees and to keep the Fairground's grandstand sprinkler system on at all times. Julie said employees who operate licensed County equipment regularly already have their driving records checked yearly and doesn't think it is necessary to review all County employee records every year and the Commission agreed. Julie said there is already a Distracted Driver Policy in the Fallon County Policy Manual but the Commission would have to decide if they want to offer an annual Defensive Driving Course. Julie said Barb Lechler, Fair Manager, has concerns about the recommendation to keep the sprinkler system in the Grandstands on at all times. Barb said the sprinkler system in the grandstands is shut down in the winter because condensation in the pipes causes water to freeze and break the pipes. Barb said after this happened a couple of times Ostlund Fire Protection who is familiar with this type of system recommended to the Fair Board to shut the system off in the winter since the grandstands is not heated or used during that time. The Commission said they will call Ostlund Fire Protection to get more information on this and share with them Rich's recommendation. The Commission said they will let Julie know later in the week if they want to implement the other recommendations.

**11:45am- Barb Lechler and Julie Straub left the meeting.**

**11:45am- Forrest Sanderson, Contracted Planner, joined the meeting.**

Forrest Sanderson joined the meeting to give the Commission updates on what he is working on while in Baker this week.

**11:55am- Forrest Sanderson left the meeting.**

**12:00PM NOON RECESS**

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

**1:15PM RECONVENE**

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

**ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman**

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**1:15PM CITY OF BAKER UPDATES**

**Present: Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor**

Clayton Hornung and the Commission discussed baseball signups and the deadlines set. Clayton gave the Commission updates on the Rec. Department and Parks seasonal employees that will be hired.

**1:30pm- Clayton Hornung left the meeting.**

**1:30PM TIME SHEET REVIEW**

The Commission began reviewing the time sheets for April 2016.

**2:10pm – Gary Gorder, Member of the Public, joined the meeting.**

Gary Gorder joined the meeting to ask the Commission if the Rifle Range Board and members can host a benefits shooting event at the Rifle Range in July. The Commission gave permission.

**2:15pm- Gary Gorder left the meeting.**

**2:15PM TIME SHEET REVIEW CONTINUED**

**The Commission reviewed and approved April 2016 time sheets, payroll & withholdings in the amount of \$473,411.48 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.**

**4:00PM COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION CONTINUED**

**NEW HIRE APPROVAL FORMS-** The Commission reviewed and signed New Hire Approval Forms for Chanse Hoenke as a Seasonal Cemetery Caretaker Assistant; William D. Smith as a Seasonal Fair Crew Hand; Jonathan J. Weimer as a Seasonal Fair Crew Hand; Jerilyn Wiseman as a Seasonal Fair Crew Hand; Nash Sauers as a Seasonal Fair Crew Hand; Gerit Cabot as a Seasonal Fair Crew Hand; Floyd Ehret as a Seasonal Fair Lead Crew Hand.

**AGREEMENTS-**

**Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)-** The Commission reviewed and Commissioner Ranum, as Vice-Chair, signed Task Order 17-07-6-11-017-0 to Fallon County Unified Government Master Contract that covers the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2019 for the office of Public Health System Improvement. This allows the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services to provide health related services to Fallon County.

**GREEN ACRES RD. EASEMENTS-** The Commission reviewed the signed Grant of Temporary Construction Easements for the Green Acres Road from John Travis and Shayna J. Isaacs, E & E Service Inc, and Dale R. Milligan and signed them.

**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.

**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.**

**9:00AM RECONVENE**

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

**ABSENT:** Steve Baldwin, Chairman

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**9:00AM MOORE SCRAP METAL PROPERTY DISCUSSION**

**Present:** Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, Forrest Sanderson, Contracted Planner, Mary Grube, Planner  
**Administrative Assistant, Baker Metal Representatives: Bruce Moore and Neil Moore**

The Commission and all present met to discuss the proper way to handle the Moore's scrap metal being in the floodway of their property west of town. Forrest said things can be placed in a floodway but they have to be mobile and be able to move in a moment's notice in the event flooding occurs. Forrest said the scrap metal in the floodway of Moore's property isn't mobile and therefore needs to be moved to another location. Forrest said the area on the fringe of this floodway could be built up and used to deposit the scrap metal and explained the permitting that would be necessary to do this. Forrest said his ultimate goal is to bring the property into compliance and will help the Moore's as much as he can to accomplish this. Forrest suggested the Moore's hire an engineer to assist them in creating a plan to use the property according to the rules and regulations that govern activity in the flood plain. Bruce Moore said their goal was to improve their operation in the City of Baker and that is why they chose to move their metal outside of city limits. Bruce said they are willing to do what it takes to bring the area into compliance and will hire an engineer to help them do this.

**9:42am- Bruce Moore and Neil Moore left meeting.**

**9:30AM STANHOPE ADDITION SEWER PROJECT DISCUSSION**

**Present:** Clayton Hornung, City of Baker Mayor; Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney; Mary Grube, Planner  
**Administrative Assistant; Forrest Sanderson, Contracted Planner; Lance Wedemeyer, City of Baker Public Works Director**

**Present via Conference Call: Steve Baldwin, Commission Chairman; Greg Steckler and Ryan Rittal, Stahly Engineering Engineers; Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Executive Director**

Jason Rittal called for an emergency meeting to discuss an email Lance Wedemeyer, City of Baker Public Works Director, sent to Greg Steckler with Stahly Engineering today at 7:03am. Jason said the email states the City of Baker will not give the Capacity Certification Letter for the Stanhope Sewer Project until Stahly Engineering provides a petition from the Stanhope residents to annex into the City of Baker. Jason said for the City of Baker to now require a petition is unacceptable as the project has been in the works over two years in which the City knew they would be providing service to the Stanhope Addition. Jason presented a letter from Clayton Hornung dated March 21, 2014 in which it states the City of Baker agrees to commit the wastewater and water capacity the Fallon County Water & Sewer District requested for the Stanhope Addition in a letter sent to him on March 5, 2014. Jason said the letter Clayton wrote is what kick started the project as they wouldn't have been able to move forward if they wouldn't have had the City's commitment to let the Stanhope Addition tie into their lines. Clayton said he thought the letter was only stating the capacity was there, not that he was committing to give it to the Stanhope Addition. Lance said he was concerned on the accuracy of the numbers given by Stahly Engineering and Ryan Steckler said those numbers are engineer derived numbers and are accurate. Jason said the numbers also reflect the maximum capacity of that area to account for future growth and not the capacity that is required right now. Clayton said the reason he is hesitant about committing the capacity to the Stanhope Addition is because he has a responsibility to protect the City's system as it is intended to serve the City of Baker residents who pay to maintain the system. Clayton said when non-City residents tie into the City's lines they only have to pay a user fee and this hurts the City. Jason, Lance, Clayton and the Commission discussed the possibility of having the Stanhope Addition annexed into the City in the future. Jason said having them annexed would be best but it is not something they should try to achieve right now as it is a contested topic with the residents and could take a long time. After further discussion from everyone present Clayton said he would commit to let the Stanhope Addition tie into the City lines without requiring the petition and will have Lance provide all the necessary paperwork to Stahly Engineering.

**11:15am- Steve Baldwin, Greg Steckler and Ryan Rittal ending the phone call and thereby left the meeting.  
Clayton Hornung, Darcy Wassmann, Mary Grube, Forrest Sanderson and Lance Wedemeyer left the meeting.**

**11:15AM REVIEW DEPARTMENT BUDGET SHEETS**

The Commission reviewed budget sheets turned in from various departments.

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

Commissioner Randash made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Steve Baldwin, Member

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

#### **1:15PM REVIEW DEPARTMENT BUDGET SHEETS**

The Commission continued to review budget sheets turned in from various departments.

#### **2:00PM Rich Menger, Sanitarian, joined the meeting.**

Rich Menger asked the Commission how the meeting to discuss the Moore's scrap metal property went as he was unable to attend. The Commission asked Rich to schedule another meeting to discuss this as all parties involved should be present since there are opposing views.

#### **2:10pm- Rich Menger left the meeting.**

#### **3:00PM RIFLE RANGE SITE VISIT**

Commissioner Randash left the meeting to do a site visit at the Rifle Range now that the sidewalks, pads and outdoor bathroom are complete. Commissioner Ranum stayed in the office to do filing and review work.

#### **4:00PM CLOSED SESSION/PERSONNEL**

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

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

#### **9:00AM RECONVENE**

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

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

#### **9:00AM TOWN OF PLEVNA UPDATES**

Jodi Miller, Town of Plevna Clerk, was unable to attend the meeting, therefore it was canceled.

#### **9:30AM WEED CHEMICALS DISCUSSION**

**Present:** Dale Butori, Weed Supervisor

The Commission and Dale Butori met to discuss if they needed to do anything other than what they already do in making the weed chemical information available to the public as advised by MACo. Dale said the landowners that use his chemicals go through training to use the chemicals and have all the chemical information they need. Dale said the chemicals he uses in the County are designed to kill plants, not animals and hasn't received any complaints from the public in the past so doesn't think anything more needs to be done.

#### **10:00AM BAKER LAKE RESTORATION PLAN REVIEW**

**Present:** Rich Menger, Sanitarian; Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney; Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant

The Commission and Rich Menger went through the final draft of the Baker Lake Restoration Plan before it is submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Rich clarified and addressed the following items that the Commission specifically pointed out from the plan:

- The dirt that will be removed from the wetland complex will be reused in adjacent areas.
- The Fish Rescue Contingency Plan will be minor or non-existent as there are only bullheads in the lake which Fish, Wildlife and Parks most likely won't want to save.
- The site visits required will be the EPA's responsibility but who is responsible for the costs to monitor the plan as required by the EPA is not yet determined.
- The schedule for reports the EPA will require will be handled by Rich and Tom Parker. Rich said these reports will need to be done for several years after the project is complete and will continually be given to Monica Heindahl with EPA. Rich said the Administrative Order won't be lifted until this process is complete.

- Rich said they have presented significant information to support their stance that 40 feet of shoreline was not added to the Afrank property as the EPA claims but ultimately it is up to the EPA to decide what must be done.
- The estimated cost to meet all the requirements in the Administrative Order will be approximately \$2 million. Rich said this does not include additional items that he would like to see done such as deepening the lake.
- Submitting the plan to EPA is not a commitment of funding for the project but rather is getting approval to proceed with the project as funding is available. The implementation of the plan can be shortened or lengthened depending upon available funding.

**Commissioner Ranum made a motion to submit the Final Baker Lake Restoration Plan to the EPA for approval. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. Commissioner Randash said he wants it noted that he is only seconding the motion to submit the plan to EPA and not to commit the \$2 million needed to implement the plan as he is leaving office soon. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

Darcy Wassmann asked the Commission if she could discuss Rich's involvement with the Moore scrap metal property and floodway issue with Rich while they are present and the Commission gave permission. Darcy, Rich, and the Commission discussed the how the matter was being handled. Rich indicated he had contacted Sam Johnson of DNRC and had some concerns with the handling of the issue, especially because it affects recycling and what he considers as non-hazardous material. Darcy indicated because it is in the floodway, the Floodplain Administrator is primarily handling it and Forrest had asked for her assistance in resolving the issue. The Commission indicated they were satisfied with how the matter is being handled thus far and asked Rich to allow the Floodplain Administrator and the County Attorney continue to handle the matter.

**11:00am- Rich Menger, Mary Grube and Darcy Wassmann left the meeting.**

#### **11:00AM BARN SUPERINTENDENT POSITION**

**Present: Fair Board Members: Darin Koenig and Jerrid Geving; Barb Lechler, Fairgrounds Manager; Julie Straub, Human Resource Manager.**

Jerrid Geving asked the Commission what their thoughts were on the quote MDU gave them to run three phase to the electrical camping spots on the South Hill of Fairgrounds. The Commission said they think it is high but weren't terribly surprised. Jerrid said he would like to call Corrie Beggars with MDU to discuss the fees on the quote and the Commission gave him permission to do this.

**11:05am- Jerrid Geving left the meeting.**

Julie Straub told the Commission the Fair Board would like to hire two Barn Superintendents and one part-time helper to work during the Fallon County Fair in August. Julie said the Barn opens at 6am and closes at 11pm, Wednesday through Saturday and half a day on Sunday with a Superintendent needing to be there at all times. Julie said if the day was split between the two Superintendents they would each work an 8 hour shift and the Fair Board would like them to be paid a flat rate of \$900. Barb Lechler said the job has always been a hard one to fill as the Superintendent works long hours in a hot barn with parents and kids. The Commission gave permission to hire two barn superintendents and a part-time helper at the rate suggested by the Fair Board.

**11:20am- Darin Koenig, Barb Lechler and Julie Straub left the meeting.**

#### **11:30PM 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 RECONVENE**

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

**ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman**

**FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

#### **1:15PM PARKS UPDATE**

**Present: Scott Rabbitt, Parks Director**

**IRON HORSE PARK UPDATES-** Scott Rabbit gave the Commission updates on the final stages of the Splash Park. Scott said the water features are set to be installed on May 19<sup>th</sup> and he has scheduled an onsite tour for the Commission on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**IRON HORSE PARK BATHROOM RELOCATION-** Scott said he spoke with the Building Inspector, Darrell Aaby, and he said moving the bathroom from Iron Horse Park to the beach area of Triangle Park will be fine and will give Scott the building permit application that is needed. Scott said Big Sky Mini Barns will be moving the

bathroom once the permit is received. Scott gave the Commission the map with the proposed bathroom location and adjacent power and sewer lines in that area to review.

**SKATE PARK BATHROOM-** Scott said he also talked to Darrell Aaby about putting a combo shelter/bathroom in by the Skate Park and would like to put this bathroom in next year's budget.

**PARK UPDATES-** Scott said the baseball fields aren't the only area people allow their dogs to poop without picking it up and suggested possibly making a policy where no dogs are allowed in the County parks without being on a leash. Scott said someone called into Dispatch this weekend to report people driving their dirt bikes in the Skate Park.

**PURCHASE REQUEST-** Scott said he would like to order a skid of material for the City and County ball parks with the County and City each paying half. The Commission gave permission and asked Scott to talk to the City about it as well.

**1:45pm- Scott Rabbit left the meeting.**

**1:50pm- Commissioner Baldwin joined the meeting.**

**1:55pm- Robert Boggs submitted a letter of interest to continue serving on the Council of Aging Board.**

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to appoint Robert Boggs to the Council of Aging Board for a term that will expire July 1, 2019. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **2:00PM LANDFILL LEASE DISCUSSION**

**Present: Tom Kachel, Landfill Manager; Craig Pinnow, Wanda Pinnow, Landowners**

The Commission met with Craig and Wanda Pinnow to discuss the County purchasing the land they currently lease for Landfill use. Commissioner Ranum and Commissioner Randash offered to pay the amount per acre they had offered previously which was \$2,800/acre for the 47.76 acres they lease. Craig asked if the County would still fence the land in and the Commission said yes. Craig and Wanda accepted the offer and asked that it be paid out in 5 installments over a 5 year period.

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to purchase 47.76 acres for the Coral Creek Landfill from Craig and Wanda Pinnow at \$2800/acre over 5 years, beginning July 1, 2016. Commissioner Randash seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Nays. 0 Nays.**

**2:15pm- Craig Pinnow and Wanda Pinnow left the meeting.**

Tom Kachel said he will let Barry Damschen with Barry Damschen Consulting know the County will be purchasing the land as it will change the plans they had for the Landfill.

**2:20pm- Tom Kachel and Commissioner Baldwin left the meeting**

## **2:30PM DISCUSS AND SET HEALTH INSURANCE RATES**

**Present: Health Insurance Committee Members: Alba Higgins, Selena Nelson, Debbie Wyrick**

Selena Nelson gave the Commission a Health Insurance Premium Projection sheet with several rate options for them to review. The summary points of discussion were:

- All options raised employees' share of premium for 2-party and family policies.
- No premium increase was discussed in light of the possibility of County employees not receiving a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) this year due to the County's revenues decreasing significantly. Alba was in favor of this option but all others opposed it, saying the increased cost of Health Insurance should be shared by both employer and employee.
- Two options raised the rates very little with the County paying approximately what they have in the past. All present said this option could lead to the Insurance Fund not having enough funding.
- Three options raised the rates moderately with the County paying more towards premiums than they have in the past. All present said these options are too costly to the County.
- Three options raised the rates in various amounts with the County increasing their contribution as well. After much discussion the Health Insurance Committee suggesting choosing the option that increased the rates by 10% with the employer paying the single party increase.

**Commissioner Randash made the motion to accept the Health Insurance Committee's recommendation to adopt an increase of 10% for Health Insurance Premiums with the County paying the single party increase. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent. 0 Nays. The motion carried.**

**3:35pm- Debbie Wyrick, Selena Nelson and Alba Higgins left the meeting.**

**4:00PM ADJOURN**

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

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ADJOURN  
s/Deb Ranum, Vice-Chair

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MINUTE TAKER:  
s/Lani J. DeBuhr, Clerk

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