

9:00am CONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman, Roy Rost, Deb Ranum, Members; Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk
FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

9:11am Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Reported oil and gas revenues are down in Fallon County. Parkview roofing project discussion followed. The article for the Fallon County Times regarding Legislative sessions is almost complete.

JGA Architecture Services – State statute currently reads that anything over \$20,000.00 needs to go through procurement, Bill SB278 will increase this to \$50,000.00 and is on the governor's desk for signature.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to table the architecture proposal from JGA. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

Montana Ag Summit is May 31st and June 1st in Great Falls; Commissioner Rost will be attending.

Discussion on hail damage repairs of fairgrounds buildings.

Stanhope Project has started up again. Discussion followed on whether there are pit boxes out there. Jason will check on this issue.

County Developer continues to work on budgets.

Commissioner Ranum asked for total revenue to county, all sources, and total expenditures from 2014 to current.

County Developer advised Commission of legislation SB2 and the affected changes on what constitutes a quorum.

9:43am Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.

9:44am Jason left the meeting.

ROAD DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Shop Updates – Updates on equipment repairs. Clarification that the Sprinter (Senior Bus that was replaced) will be placed in the County auction.

Discussion on whether the Search and Rescue vehicle and other items could also go to County auction. Discussion followed on who owns it, as items were purchased with private funds. Commission will follow up with the Sheriff's Dept. and County Attorney.

Alba feels an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Plevna for street repairs really is not necessary as the equipment will not be run by anyone other than County employees.

County Attorney is looking at the agreement.

10:03am John Geving joined the meeting.

10:04am Shannon Hewson and Dan Brosz, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

10:05am Alba left the meeting.

John asked if an illuminated stop sign could be installed on Big Hill Road. Commission approves.

Road Updates-Still hauling up on Cabin Creek Road. Discussion followed on Wenz pit and reclamation. Wiley Butte Trail needs another load of gravel.

10:16am Tom Kachel joined the meeting.

10:18am Jason Rittal, Jasen Wyrick, Jerad Singer joined the meeting.

Project Updates- Spoke with Marty Thompson, FEMA, and was advised there are no cultural cleared pits in Fallon County.

The Lake dewatering will require a cultural cleared pit permit and must go through SHPO. A culturally cleared pit is one with no artifacts in it or anything in it that is 50 yrs. old or older. Jasen Wyrick stated he has a cultural cleared pit.

10:20am Susan Newell, Kalyn Bohle joined the meeting.

10:20am Jason Rittal left the meeting.

Commission recessed to the meeting room in the basement.

10:30am PUBLIC INPUT HEARING BAKER LAKE DEWATERING PROJECT

Members of Public in Attendance: Ken Griffith, Tracey Goerndt, Ashley Stanhope, Lane Stanhope, Malcolm Johnson, Jim Kono, Dan Rohr, Steve Zachmann, Barb Ketterling, LaRita Huether, Lisa Rieger, Richard Menger, Randy Ketterling, Kelly Graham, DeAnna Herbst, Keli Bertsch, Andy Hepperle, Mary Grube, Kristi Burns, Del Espinosa, Randy Hoenke, Bobby Wiedmer, Jon Wrzesinski, Norma Losing, Don Wood, Sherry Vogel, Bruce Brown, Wayne Mangold, Scott Rabbitt, JoDee Pratt, Mona Madler, Pat Neary, Carl Hepperle, Leland Gundlach, Chuck Lee

Brosz Engineering explained that the project is working in 2 phases that are set by FEMA.

It is believed that 26 acres is contaminated with debris.

Water discharge will be along Hwy 7 and pumped down the creek with electric pumps, for noise reduction. The low point of the lake is on the north end. Discharge is not to cause any flooding issues.

The meeting was opened to questions.

Elaboration on the time line was given and it was stated that the Corp has not granted its' permit yet. Public comment timeline is through the end of the month.

Once pumping starts, it is anticipated to take approximately 30 days at 3,500 gallon per minute.

Expansion on the concerns of wildlife impact were given.

Game Fish & Wildlife Parks (GFWP) anticipates a winter-kill of the fish and most of the fish to be gone.

Once the lake is drained, if there are fish, they will be seined out. The other concerns about turtles and other species is they will self-migrate.

It was stated that GFWP wanted no part of relocation of species. If GFWP moves them, it would create competition in another ecosystem.

Concerns with the MDU pipeline were voiced and was stated that line runs in the south end of the lake.

Once the lake is drained then a determination on how much is contaminated will be made.

FEMA will only pay for the tornado contamination.

Concerns voiced on how work will proceed if the smell gets real bad; the public was advised that will be developed as needed.

Concerns about mosquitoes were also voiced and JoDee Pratt advised that the City is prepared to deal with that.

A member of the public stated there are two springs that are in the lake and advised those were anticipated.

Other concerns about the creek filling up with sediment were addressed. The scope of work is to disrupt the lake as little as possible, but plans are in place to catch it as well.

An individual was concerned of a washout happening 5 miles west and was advised that the pumping will be monitored.

Others were concerned about changing the banks or shape of the lake.

It was asked if that was included in phase two of the project. It was reiterated that phase 2 is clean up of debris and the depth is unknown until phase 1 is complete.

Is was also asked if the lake will be restocked and the public was advised the GFWP is ready and willing to restock with good fish when completed.

Shannon asked for further questions.

Hearing none the Public Hearing was closed.

11:06am Meeting recessed and moved back to the Commissioner's Office.

11:21am Stacey Moore, Library Director joined the meeting.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Attended the Montana State Library convention.

11:23am Angie Rabbitt, Recreation Dept. Director joined the meeting.

A lot of discussion on funding. HB261 was signed extending termination date for statutory appropriation to public Libraries.

The Library is preparing for the summer reading program.

David Kruger, author from Baker would like to come here for a visit.

Aug. 21 there will be a full solar eclipse, the state library donated glasses for viewing and the Library will work a program around that.

The Library would also like to rotate 2 computers out before the end of this fiscal year and 3 in next fiscal year.

Teachers are bringing students over before school is out for some of their field trips.

11:29am Stacey left the meeting.

REC DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Commissioner Ranum asked about the adult volleyball league. Two teams did not show up for the next games giving them two forfeitures and putting themselves out of the league.

Priority are programs for the children, adult leagues were here prior and are not high priority programs. The rule has been in place several years.

11:40am Julie Straub, HRM; Karen Banister, Museum Curator joined the meeting.

Fallon County Day – 4th of July, since it's usually at the lake and with the dewatering, the Rec Dept. offered the event to the Fairgrounds. Discussion followed on the history of Fallon County Day and whether to proceed with doing the event this year.

Commission agreed to support whatever the Rec Dept. decides.

The Rec Dept. has found a 13-passenger van for sale and would like the Road Dept to exam it before considering purchase.

Registration for Legion and Babe Ruth leagues was extended and now has enough for teams.

Batting cages – putting one out at the County fields and using pitching machine for the Babe Ruth league.

11:51am Angie left the meeting. Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

Request to Hire Seasonal Help

Interviewed three candidates.

11:53am Jasen Wyrick joined the meeting.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to hire the seasonal Museum Aide. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion.

Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

Jasen asked if he should have his cultural pit on file and will get that to Brosz Engineering and the Commission.

11:56am Dan Brosz, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

Brosz Engineering would like to put the invite out to bid and in the paper this week.

Commission agrees to start the bid process with the permit stipulation with bid opening June 1 at 9:00am.

12:05pm Dan and Shannon left the meeting.

12:05pm

NOON RECESS

Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion.

Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

1:15pm RECONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, Roy Rost, Members; Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

1:27pm Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.

1:29pm JoDee Pratt, City Mayor joined the meeting.

1:32pm Luke Holstein, Public Works Director joined the meeting.

CHIP SEALING – Deb wants the conversation regarding Texas Ave included.

Discussion on city streets that need chip sealing and how much chip and oil needs ordered.

1:44pm Mary Grube, Planner Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

Discussion on double chip and seal vs. a single chip and seal. The single chip sealing is the preferred option.

Luke would like to present a list of street priorities.

1:47pm Commissioner Ranum left the meeting to attend a conference call meeting with the Juvenile Detention Board.

To do millings over dirt without sealing does not work. They need sealing right away.

The order needs to be placed this week in order to be here July 10th.

1:49pm JoDee, Luke and Bobby left the meeting.

John Halmans Certificate of Survey.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to approve John Halmans amended plat for the relocation of common boundaries between lots 5 & 6, Block 2 of the Savage Addition in the Incorporated City of Baker. Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from being Chairman and seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

Craig and Wanda Pinnow Certificate of Survey.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to approve 76-3-207(1)(a) Montana Codes Annotated exemption and the Craig and Wanda Pinnow relocation of boundaries of existing parcels of property in the SW1/4 of Sec. 14, and the E1/2 of Sec. 15, T06N., R 60 E.. Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from being Chairman and seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

Department Updates:

There is a meeting tonight in Plevna and will find out through the town meeting about the boundaries. Commissioner Baldwin asked if Plevna is charged for the hours the Planner Administrative Assistant is attending their meetings and asked for the hours she has spent in Plevna thus far.

The Planning Board is meeting in June.

The Planner Administrative Assistant asked the Commission to take Friday off.

Commission asked her to fill out paperwork for the time off request.

2:09pm Mary left the meeting.

2:15pm Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk & Recorder joined the meeting.

MPERS AUDIT

Advised the Commission that PERS/SRS audit will be this Wednesday.

2:21pm Debbie left the meeting.

2:35pm Commissioner Ranum rejoined the meeting.

2:38pm Jason Rittal joined the meeting and asked if Ken Griffith could have the panels for the steer mural once they are taken down. Commission approves as long as it is ok with the contractor.

2:57pm Kathy Newell, Elections, brought in ballots for canvassing.

2:58pm Jason Rittal left the meeting.

3:00pm HOSPITAL MILL LEVY CANVASS BALLOTS

Commissioner Baldwin read the ballot results aloud.

For the additional levy: 502

Against the additional levy: 312

Total electors voting: 814

3:08pm Kathy left the meeting.

PARKVIEW 1 WASHING MACHINE APPROVAL

Commissioner Rost made the motion to allot \$800.00 to Parkview 1 for purchase of a new washing machine.

Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

3:19pm Jason Rittal joined the meeting.

Commissioner Ranum moved to take from the table the JGA architecture proposal. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to accept JGA Architecture proposal for overseeing the hail damage repairs. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

3:22pm Jason left the meeting.

3:25pm COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Commission reviewed E-mails/Letters, Revenues, Reports, Board Minutes/Agendas and Misc. items.

3:45pm Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.
Request to hire IT/Computer Tech.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to hire the selected candidate for the IT/Computer Tech position. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

4:09pm Julie left the meeting.

4:10pm Jason Rittal joined the meeting.

4:18pm Jason left the meeting.

4:21pm

EVENING RECESS

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

10:00am CONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman, Deb Ranum, Roy Rost, Members; Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk; Joe Janz, Outside Maintenance; Rich Menger, Sanitarian; Chuck Lee, DES/911; Jason Rittal, County Developer. Shannon Hewson, Dan Brosz, Brosz Engineering; Charley Baird, Tom Barnard, Tom Bush, Marty Thompson, Mark Shugart, Chuck Jones, Sheri Medow; FEMA Team via conference call.

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE LIBRARY BASEMENT

DEWATERING BAKER LAKE CONFERENCE CALL

Advised the FEMA team that plans are out for review, comments addressed, public hearing was held with over 40 public members in attendance, concerns of noise and odor were addressed and still waiting on Corp permit. Plans are to pay for dewatering on acre-feet of water. The County had the lake surveyed.

Meeting opened for questions.

No questions asked.

Tentative bid opening date is June 1. The contractor has to have the lake dewatered within 45 days of receiving the bid award; this allows the contractor to get proper permits and contracts. Next phase is to write up report on how to handle the debris.

The Corp does not have an issue with the dewatering. FEMA does not have an issue with NENA or SHPO. FEMA will take the lead on this.

Verification of a stamped survey.

Discussion then followed on the type and speed of pumping as well as the type of power necessary.

The FEMA team also asked for high-resolution images; they are looking at from a historical and photographic history point.

The procurement process needs to be as wide as possible, looking to advertise throughout the Mid-West and West.

Discussion on prevailing wages followed in relation to MT Code and the Davis-Bacon Act with more discussion to follow at the next meeting.

Dialogue in regards to downstream drainage followed.

Discussion followed on debris and only time will reveal those issues.

Next conference call – Tuesday June 6th.

All parties ended the conference call thereby ending the meeting.

11:00am

ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

8:30am CONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman, Roy Rost, Member; Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk

ABSENT: Deb Ranum, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ENTRY LEVEL WAGES SCHEDULE

8:30am Julie Straub, HRM; Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder and Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.

8:35am Commissioner Ranum joined the meeting.

Discussion on how the level wages work. Several positions reviewed.

9:10am Julie, Brenda, and Debbie left the meeting.

9:13am

ADJOURN

Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn for the day. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion.

Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

9:50AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman, Roy Rost, Member; Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder; Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering; Bobby Wiedmer, Road Foreman; Jon Peila, Diamond J Construction; Jerry Krushensky, J & S Construction; Jasen Wyrick, Wyrick Construction; Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor

ABSENT: Deb Ranum, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

10:08am Shannon opened the bid opening after mail was checked.

BAKER LAKE IMPROVEMENT (BOX CULVERT) PROJECT

1. Bid Opening

	<u>Contractor</u> J R Civil Sheridan, WY License, Yes/Bid Bond, Yes Acknowledge-Addendum 1 TOTALS	<u>Contractor</u> J & S Construction Billings, MT License, Yes/Bid Bond, Yes Acknowledged-Addendum 1 TOTALS	<u>Contractor</u> Diamond J Construction Miles City, MT License, Yes/Bid Bond, Yes Acknowledged-Addendum 1 TOTALS
Total Base Bid	\$639,523.51	\$538,057.48	\$634,250.20
Total Alternate "A"	\$499,444.28	\$536,877.00	No Bid
Total Alternate "B"	No Bid	No Bid	\$298,798.95
Total Alternate "C"	\$11,969.88	\$11,969.88	\$9,975.00

10:30am The decision was made to wait for the bids to be reviewed and tabulated. The award will be decided next Monday when the Commission is in session.

10:31am Jon Peila, Jerry Krushensky and Jason Wyrick left the Bid Opening.

10:34am Shannon, Jason and Bobby left the Bid Opening.

10:35am ADJOURN

Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn. There being no second, Commissioner Baldwin stepped down from the Chair to second the motion. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. The motion carried.

ADJOURN
s/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:
s/Peggy Paylor, Recording Clerk

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