

9:30 AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Roy Rost, Deb Ranum, Members; Kelsey Phillips, Recording Clerk/Secretary

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

9:41 AM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

Extra County Property- Kenny Griffith stopped by Jason's office to discuss the county potentially buying property. It could possibly be an expansion of the Museum. This will be put on the agenda for upcoming budgets and discussed further then.

First Dakota- Jason is still trying to get an appointment with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, to send the letter off to EMC Insurance. Terry Sukut, JGA, will be in Baker mid-April. He would like to meet with Commission to discuss the Fairgrounds signs.

Public Involvement on the Lake- Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering, will be getting an electronic map to Dustan Davis, IT TECH, and it will be posted on the Fallon County website. This is to inquire with the public as to what they may want for lake amenities. Another public meeting will be held as well. People will be able to voice their opinions at either the public meeting or online. Shannon will get the permit application out first, and then get the electronic map together. The public will be informed with where and how to do use the electronic map.

ACLU- There has been no response from ACLU regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

ONEOK- Construction is expected to start next summer for the ONEOK Pipeline.

Budgets- It is nearing budget time again. Jason discussed different possible ways to breakdown the budgets. He drafted a spreadsheet for Commission to visualize where money comes in and where it goes out. Jason will spend more time on this and get it back to Commission. He has also started redoing the Capital Improvement Strategy. The lake will continue to be a large cost project this coming fiscal year. Using the revenue numbers with the expense, there will be a pretty good idea of what to spend on Capital Improvement, which will better help prioritize projects.

Landfill Scale Specs- Jason has drafted specs for the scale and went over them with Tom Kachel, Manager of Landfill Operations. Discussed the weights for the scale. Tom had gotten two quotes. Commission agrees that a 45-ton scale would probably work best in case of large equipment. They will be using a temporary scale until this project is completed. Jason included the end date in the proposal draft. Once the project gets started, it shouldn't take very long to complete.

10:08 AM Mark Sieler, Road Foreman joined the meeting.

10:09 AM Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman joined the meeting.

Property Sale West of Baker- The Old City dump was under the property that Commission was planning to sell. The appraisal that was completed doesn't reflect that there was once a City Dump on the property. There can be no water lines or digging and can basically only be used for grazing. Jason recommends cancelling the sale as of now. He also asked Commission if we should take the risk of selling it, or to keep it and lease it out. If it were to be sold, it would need deed restrictions and a new appraisal. No developing can be done on this land.

10:12 AM Rich Menger, Sanitarian joined the meeting.

There are concerns with selling the land, because the county would be losing control over the liability, even with deed restrictions in place. Discussed what would need to be done to lease this ground if Commission does decide to keep it. Commissioner Baldwin would like it to be re-appraised and to still keep their focus on selling the land.

10:14 AM Mary Grube, Planning Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

Jason will speak with Luther Appraisals to discuss revising their appraisals. Commissioner Ranum agrees that she would still like to sell the land, as there is no fair way to lease it out. Jason will find out what the restrictions will be, and he will confer with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, as to how to be protected with the least amount of liability. The sale will be cancelled until further notice. This will be posted in Fallon County Times and on the Fallon County website as well. A notice will be mailed out to adjacent landowners. Mary asked if they wanted to aggregate those lots before it is appraised. Jason informed her it would just be for agriculture use, as there can not be any development on the land.

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to postpone the land sale of E1/2NW1/4 (Lying South of Hwy 12) and portion of Kimpton's Subdivision Section 14, Township 7N, Range 59E of Fallon County, MT until further notice. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

10:22 AM Jason, Rich and Mary left the meeting.

Road Department Updates- The wrong parts that were received for repairs are able to be shipped back with FedEx Freight at no charge, and the new parts are ready to be installed. The Landfill Dozer is now back up and working well. Discussed other repairs to equipment at the Road Department. The 2002 Crusher Truck's check engine light is on. The truck runs fine other than the light. Alba asked Commission if they should ignore the light or take it to Bowman Ford and have them read the engine. The Road Department has done every test that they can with the equipment they have. Commissioner Baldwin will look on his reader and see if he can find anything. If nothing else works, they will take it to Bowman Ford.

10:27 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

Every road has been bladed out and is passable from the repairs from the excess amount of water. They plan to go back to the roads and put dirt on a couple areas.

10:36 AM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

Discussed the gravel pits that the Keystone Pipeline plans to use. The roads will be affected with the amount of hauling that will be done. Shannon advised putting the roads into the agreement beforehand, therefore the roads will go back to how they were before the hauling took place. They will assess the County roads and document beforehand. Discussed the landfill loader, which will be kept on schedule until further notice.

10:41 AM Alba and Mark left the meeting.

Pay Application 6- Shannon brought in Pay Application 6 for the Baker Lake Dredging and Cleanup Project. Some of the material has already been paid for, therefore this amount was less than expected.

Baker Lake- The roads are too icy today for the equipment to run on Coral Creek Road. The contractor had removed all the equipment from the lake before it filled up with water. The Upper Lake is flowing pretty well, it has slowed down with the cold weather. The Upper Lake is built to control the flow of water. Discussed the overflow process. There's a 500-foot spillway on the west side of the dam and a 100-foot spillway on the east side of the dam. Shannon will continue to check the Upper Lake flow. Shannon believes there is enough storage for the water, and it should not be an issue. They would rather have the water flow and be controlled to where it can be pumped out, rather than have no water at all.

Road Repairs- Discussed the possibility of a new gate to keep people out of the road by the Upper Lake because people drive the road, causing ruts. Shannon presented a plat, showing the possible road repairs. The NRCS does not want ruts in that road, and these will need to be addressed. The road going into the well is fine, but the two-track road that goes across the spillway is in rough shape. Different possibilities of gates to the road were addressed. The NRCS wants the road removed from the spillway at the end of the project. The five-year inspection from the NRCS is coming up quickly.

Wetlands- Received the Joint Application for the Wetlands Project. It entails the Restoration Plan as well. The original Restoration Plan is in order to have the EPA approve. This contains the Amended Restoration Plan. The way the shoreline stabilization has been changed has been updated in the Restoration Plan. There's just over 10 acres of wetlands going back into the lake. There shouldn't be any issues with the EPA accepting the plan. Plants will be added that will compete against the cattails. They are not putting cattails into the lake, but there will be some that show up inevitably.

Permit Application- The permit application is almost complete, Shannon is just waiting on a few different numbers as well as the proposed elevation of existing ground. Shannon would like to have the permit sent in by tomorrow. The application is ready, as is the Restoration Plan. Shannon will send the permit application to all the correct approval points. A full set of the copies will be filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

11:10 AM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

Shoreline stabilization will be planted this fall before the ground freezes. The Commission agrees to sign off on the Joint Application for proposed work in Montana's streams, wetlands, floodplains, and other water bodies. Commissioner Baldwin signed the joint application.

11:17 AM Shannon and Jason left the meeting.

Proposed Inclement Weather Policy- Julie informed Commission that several proposed policy changes will be coming forward to Commission in the next couple months. The Proposed Inclement Weather Policy was discussed. By having employees use either their sick or vacation leave for inclement weather, this will enforce accountability and make it as fair to each employee as possible. Employees can always make up hours that they have missed by “flexing” their hours.

11:26 AM Commissioner Baldwin left the meeting.

Commission agrees with the Proposed Inclement Weather Policy. All other policy changes will be discussed at a later date.

11:29 AM Julie left the meeting.

11:32 AM Commissioner Baldwin joined the meeting.

11:36 AM Mary Grube, Planning Administrative Assistant entered the meeting.

Planning Board Meeting- Mary informed Commission that the Fallon County Planning Board Meeting has been cancelled this evening due to weather.

11:39 AM Mary left the meeting.

11:41 AM Larry Singer, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

County Lease- Larry would like his lease to stay like it was before Commission revised it. He thinks the pay of \$4 an acre is too much of an increase from the previous 85 cents an acre from his previous lease. The Commission would like to stay consistent with their \$4 an acre with the other county leases. The Commission doesn't believe there will be an expansion of the Airport any time soon. If it were sold, it would need to be put out to bid. Larry would like his payments on the lease to go as a down payment if it were sold. Commission advises that is not legal and would be unfair to others trying to bid. Commission wants consistency with the leases. Larry does understand but does not like the price of the lease.

11:47 AM Nikki Slagter, BRAVV Director joined the meeting.

The new lease will be left as is at the consistent price. The lease will be amended to add that Larry will not have to maintain the Airport fence. Larry explained that if the county supplies the materials, he will do the labor for the livestock fence. The amended portion was completed, and Larry signed the lease.

12:02 PM Larry left the meeting.

BRAVV Office- Nikki would like to apologize for the BRAVV Office downstairs. She has taken out everything that could attract mice and would like to keep the office space if possible. There will be absolutely no food in the office. Commission appreciates Nikki acting quickly and cleaning up the office.

12:06 PM Nikki left the meeting.

12:06 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

NOON RECESS

1:15 PM RECONVENE

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ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

1:27 PM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

1:28 PM Kodiak Hill-Davis, Amanda Stephenson; David Turch and Associates joined the meeting via phone call.

Updates- The fiscal year funding levels were approved for the year. Budget increases were given as well. Discussed different grants that may be able to be funded for our county. FEMA grant money was also discussed, which could benefit the county in different areas. Kodiak was happy to hear that these

budgets will help the community and continue to develop further. Jason asked about the FEMA and BLM budgets. Jason would like to see what the FEMA grants look like. Received word that BLM is considering cutting out weed spraying and sending it out to contract bids. That would not be ideal in an area like Fallon County where there is not much competition for weed spraying. The Weed Supervisor, Dale Butori, has sent a letter to the Senate regarding this topic.

1:36 PM Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting.

David Turch and Amanda will be in the area this coming week and will be in Baker on Wednesday. They would like to meet with Commission if at all possible. They will also be at the Ellsworth meeting on Thursday, which Jason and Roy will also be attending. It is scheduled to be an all-day meeting.

1:39 PM Larry Singer, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

1:50 PM Kodiak and Amanda hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

1:51 PM Jason left the meeting.

1:54 PM Cynthia Singer, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

County Lease- Larry had a question on the amended version of his lease agreement. The county is to supply the materials for the repairs of the livestock fence. This is a one-time deal, after the one-time Larry is to supply the materials if needed. This was left out of his lease. The lease will be re-worded and then signed.

2:00 PM Jason Rittal joined the meeting.

2:01 PM Larry and Cynthia left the meeting.

Courthouse Repairs- Joe has asked Jason and Shannon to help join in with a few different concrete projects. There may be a better chance to get the concrete projects completed through the same bid. The moisture is causing issues with concrete around the Courthouse. Commissioner Ranum wants to make sure the set of specs have a completion date. Jason and Shannon will discuss Parkview and the ramp in front of the Courthouse, as well as other possible repairs. Discussed additional repairs that could be done for the convenience factor of the building. When Shannon is here next Monday, they will complete a walk-around and discuss the details of potential upcoming projects.

2:13 PM Joe and Jason left the meeting.

2:18 PM Dustan Davis, IT Tech joined the meeting.

IT Updates- Scott Anderson, Baker High School IT TECH, went around the Courthouse with Dustan to discuss equipment and software for Fallon County, because Dustan is leaving for vacation. Scott will have Dustan's work phone. Dustan will be sending an e-mail out to all Fallon County Employees updating them of this circumstance. Scott will be available in between classes at the High School.

Anti-Virus- Comodo, the new anti-virus, seems to be working well. It has found viruses that have now been resolved. Scott Anderson has been updated with the new program as well, so he will be able to help out with any problems that may arise in Dustan's absence.

2:32 PM Dustan left the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26-30, 2018

Commissioner Rost made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 26, 2018 with corrections. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.

TIME SHEET REVIEW

Commissioners reviewed and approved March 2018 time sheets, payroll & withholdings in the amount of \$507,570.12 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

The Commission reviewed and approved the End of the Month Claims in the amount of \$667,426.53 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION

Commission reviewed Revenues, E-mails/Letters, Reports, Board Minutes and Agendas. They also completed the Natural Gas Storage Easement Agreement for WBI Energy.

4:30 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.

EVENING RECESS

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

9:30 AM RECONVENE

PRESENT: Roy Rost, Deb Ranum, Members; Kelsey Phillips, Recording Secretary/Clerk

ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

9:39 AM Eric Kary, Golf Course Superintendent joined the meeting.

Golf Course Updates- Eric received a bid for the garage door to the small shop at the Golf Course. It is an insulated door. The total cost is \$1,582.00. Commission gave their approval for the door. All equipment is ready to go once it stops snowing. All three recalls have come back this year, and another interview is tonight for the open position. The tin on the roof of the pump house needs replaced. It's an old wood building, however the entire building may be replaced at a later time. It will be held off to be re-tinned to see if it will be rebuilt or not. It would be in next year's budget.

9:53 AM Karen Holliday, Museum Curator joined the meeting.

9:53 AM Eric left the meeting.

Museum Updates- The homeschool community has been informed that they can always come to the Museum for lessons and research. Classes are going to be coming to the Museum to research their WWI project, and teachers have been reminded that they are welcome to come at any time of the year with their students. The website has been up and working well, and they are working on improvements for the site. The paint on the jail building has spots missing and chunks out of the paint. Karen will get some spot paint and touch up the areas in need.

10:02 AM Karen left the meeting.

10:08 AM LaRita Huether, Lisa Rieger, Liz Franz; Department at Revenue; Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

Department of Revenue- There have not been a lot of changes for Fallon County since the Department of Revenue Office is remaining open. Barb Ketterling, Treasurer, will be working with LaRita more. Lisa will be spending some of her time in Ekalaka. No re-appraisal reviews will be done any longer. If there's not a permitting system in place, it will be dependent on word of mouth for any kind of new construction. The REA employees are providing a list of any constructions to the Department of Revenue.

10:12 AM Barb Ketterling, Treasurer joined the meeting.

Commissioner Ranum would like to know if Fallon County could invest in the Department of Revenue's detection software for locating new constructions. It would be on Fallon County's system, and they would have to staff it. For the detection software it could potentially be \$200,000-\$300,000. It may not even pay for itself after many years. The Road Department may be able to help out if they see any new constructions happening, they could let the Department of Revenue know. Discussed reappraisal reviews. Appraisals are all dependent on what the market does. Assessments were sent out on mobile homes. They have 30 days to possess the assessment. Discussed other resources that may be able to help with the transitioning process to fewer offices. Barb plans to work with the DOR and get a good understanding of the process to follow. The director of the DOR is retiring, but his transition is unknown. It is not believed that this will change the path that the DOR is following. Discussed which areas will allocate for different employees.

10:51 AM Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager; Eddie Coulter, Fair Board Member joined the meeting.

Employees of the DOR were cut by 10%, therefore; they had to get rid of some offices. The way they determined how they were going to allocate people was within the budget, and there are not enough people to do the work that is within the budget.

10:57 AM Jeff Greenlee, Fair Board Member joined the meeting.

10:58 AM LaRita, Lisa, Jason and Liz left the meeting.

Fair Booths- Different bars around town have been in contact with Commissioner Ranum as to how to bid the beer booth for the fair. The Fairgrounds cannot get a percentage from sales because it's alcohol sales. They are charged \$2,000 for rent for the beer booth at the Fair. GAMA BETA only does the booth for Fair, the rest of the events are sent out to bid. Commissioner Ranum asked about the reasoning that the beer booths are open until 1:30 AM. The band usually plays until that time. The Fair Board members like the experience, and feel the free entertainment is a very important aspect of the Fair. The Fair Board members rotate nights to make sure they aren't out there as late every night. The bars do very well during other events, such as Bulls, Broncs and Barrels, as well as the County Fair. Extreme Broncs will have a bid sent out for the bar. Discussed sponsorships for different events.

11:13 AM Jeff and Eddie left the meeting.

11:21 AM Chuck Lee, DES-911 Coordinator joined the meeting.

11:21 AM Shyla left the meeting.

MILA- Chuck has been working with the MILA grant. This will include every county that touches Fallon County, and making sure all borders are the same throughout each county prospective. Two more counties need to be contacted, and then that project will be completed.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan- The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan has not yet been funded. There's a few more steps to be taken before it could be granted. This plan includes what to accomplish to avoid a problem in the future. Public meetings will be held after the grant is funded to discuss what aspects should be thought about to protect the community from potential disasters.

Department of Homeland Security- The Department of Homeland Security Grant is almost completed as well. Chuck has been working with Jason to make sure all reimbursements are submitted for the grant.

Plevna TV Board- The Plevna TV Board has been in discussion about charging more money for their services. 12-15 people attended the last meeting, and the attendants agreed that \$50 would be a good rate for the year. This is not set in stone quite yet, but there may be change coming soon with prices.

Updates- Chuck has been completing safety trainings, as well as talking with the National Weather Service. This is supposed to be a cooler and wetter year, especially the next couple months. He also makes a monthly call into the National Disaster Emergency Services. Last month Chuck attended the International Communications Expo in Orlando, Florida.

11:45 AM Chuck left the meeting.

11:58 AM Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.

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No one appeared for public comment.

1:23 PM Brenda Hoeger, Emergency Communications Supervisor joined the meeting.

Dispatch Updates- Discussed the incoming invoices for TAB Electronics. This shouldn't affect the budget for the dispatch areas. Everything is going well with the Dispatch department, and their team has been working great together. They are hopeful that fire season will not be anything big.

1:29 PM Brenda left the meeting.

1:57 PM Angie Rabbitt, Recreation Director joined the meeting.

Recreation Department Updates- The games may be postponed for baseball due to weather, therefore; they may have to double up games. It won't make the season last longer; the weeks will just be much busier. Baker Jam went really well this year. 55 teams ended up coming for the tournament between the two days. Referees are getting harder and harder to come by. They may have to start

getting referees before setting up the tournament, because if there are no referees, there can be no games. Baseball signups are completed, however the deadlines for Babe Ruth and Legion have been extended.

2:08 PM Mary Grube, Planning Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

Dance classes start tomorrow for Kindergarten through sixth grade.

2:14 PM Rich Menger, Sanitarian joined the meeting.

2:19 PM Angie left the meeting.

2:20 Forrest Sanderson, KLJ joined the meeting via conference call.

Lake Shore Regulations- The Lake Shore Regulations are to include the Planning Board's involvement. There was not a resolution for the 2005 regulations, and the earliest regulations found were from 1984. The Commission never enacted the 2005 revisions with a resolution. The 1984 regulations are in effect. This would include flood control for Baker Lake. All of the work that is already completed before the permitting process would be immune to any adopted Lake Shore Protection Regulations. All regulations after the permits cannot harm the project in itself. The Modern Lake Shore Regulations would create an expedited process for certain activities and the Lake Shore Protection Zone. It would expedite the review of certain applications; therefore, the timeframe would be shorter. Discussed different issues and regulations. The Commissioners would issue or deny the permit request under the regulations. Lake Shore Protection covers all docks, boat ramps, etc. The portion of the lake that belongs to the City of Baker should come under the same criteria as the area the county owns. Forrest believes this should contain an Interlocal Agreement or an MOU with the city.

2:34 PM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

Forrest will draft this, and potentially send it to the Planning Board. He will also plan a Commission meeting for the morning of May 8th. This set of regulations will assign the permit authority to the office of the County Sanitarian, Rich Menger. Rich would administer all permits, and issue permits that would require variance. Elevated levels of review would go to a public hearing, and then to the Commission. The Lake Shore Advisory Board could take the place of the Planning Board in this process. All the recommendations are to come to the Commission for the final decision. The Upper Lake falls under NRCS regulations. A formal agreement with the City of Baker will also be needed.

2:55 PM Forrest hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

2:55 PM Jason left the meeting.

Baker Lake Water- Rich brought in two water samples from the Upper Lake. One sample was from November of 2016, another was from March of 2018. The sample from 2018 is much more muddy and dirty. If the water is given enough time, the fine particles will settle out. They have yet to have enough time to settle, and the wind does affect the settling process as well. Rich disagrees with abandoning the wetland complex. He explained that the extra seven cells for the wetland complex would be a meandering channel from the Upper Lake to the Lower Lake. Rich believes skipping this step will not filter the water properly. He would prefer there to be a better filtering system. Without doing this, it is saving money, but he would like there to be some alternatives to do some of what they wanted with the wetland complex. He believes that if Fallon County ignores the filtering of the water process, it would be a big mistake and would be regretted.

3:14 PM Rich and Mary left the meeting.

3:16 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to recess for the evening. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.

EVENING RECESS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018

9:30 AM RECONVENE

PRESENT: Steve Baldwin, Chairman; Deb Ranum, Roy Rost, Members; Kelsey Phillips, Recording Secretary/Clerk

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

9:34 AM JoDee Pratt, City Mayor joined the meeting.

City Updates- JoDee brought in the newest Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County. This is an agreement for the City to use the County's equipment, if it is available at the time. The operator may be sent with the equipment, because this will help the liability issues. The City is to fill out a form every time they go to use the County equipment. The Commission agrees that they would like to go back to the liability release forms for the Landfill, alleviating all liability for the County. The main goal is to make sure every entity is covered with insurance if using County equipment. Everyone is on board for the Park's Plan. The start dates for the project may be different start times because of the weather. JoDee attended the Mayor Conference in Polson, MT.

9:59 AM JoDee left the meeting.

10:16 AM Elin Kittelmann, Extension Agent joined the meeting.

Extension Updates- The Extension Office has a busy spring planned. The Winter Agriculture Series didn't have as good of attendance as they have in the past because of the weather. The Shooting Sports invitational was canceled due to weather, so instead a postal match was completed. 13 counties were involved. Spray days went well in both Baker and Ekalaka. A gardening series was also completed, and about five people were included in this program. Clover Buds will continue on through the month of April. The Extension Office is working on getting into all the schools before summer to do a 4-H project. The first farmers market meeting was held, and the markets will be held once a month on Tuesday evenings this coming summer. A caretaker was hired for Camp Needmore. Elin is exploring the idea of a livestock scale for the Fairgrounds. Eventually, the Extension Office members would like more privacy for their office area. They would ideally prefer their office to be at the Fairgrounds if there were to ever be a new building put up. Discussion followed on possible office spaces that would allow more privacy.

10:29 AM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

The office may be empty at times because of different activities and flexed schedules. Elin is not going to work Friday's for the month of April to try to balance her schedule a bit more.

10:36 AM Elin left the meeting.

Seasonal Hire Approval- There have been interviews conducted for the Seasonal Golf Crew Hand position. They would like to hire Trenton Collins. This would be his first year with the County.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to accept the seasonal hire Trenton Collins for the Golf Course. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

10:38 AM Julie left the meeting.

10:42 AM Kim Cuppy, Director of Public Health joined the meeting.

Health Department Updates- Things are busy and going well for the Health Department. In the last two months the number of home health patients has doubled. More cases for the flu were reported this year than previous years, but the numbers are starting to go down. The State Emergency Preparedness has money to give to County's if there is a use for it. There is a generator at the Fairgrounds, which is what this money would be used for. It is a secondary spot for the Health Department in case of an epidemic or emergency. They would be able to use the generator that is already there, a new one would not be needed. Kim will talk with Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager about using this generator as well.

10:47 AM Kim left the meeting.

10:48 AM Dale Butori, Weed Control Coordinator joined the meeting.

Weed Department Gator- Dale has been working on getting the new Gator for the Weed Department. He has one bid in and is expecting another bid as well. He will be trading in the other Gator, which will help keep this under budget. The Weed Board will make a decision about the Gator on Monday the 9th.

County Weed Management Plan- The County Weed Management Plan is in the process of being rewritten. The Weed Board is currently making changes to the plan. After the changes are made, Dale will give it to Commission for revision, and then take it to public comment. It will need to be signed by Commission, the County Attorney, and the Weed Board. Discussed the weed spraying process, and what this will entail for land owners around Fallon county. New enforcements may be added to this Weed Management Plan, as that is still in discussion amongst the Weed Board.

BLM- Dale was informed last week that as of right now, BLM is not providing assistance agreements throughout the state. This will not hurt Fallon County budget wise, but it may for other counties. When Dale knows more he will inform the Commission.

Updates- The new Weed Department truck at American Ford will be ready to pick up any day. The chemical bids deadline is next Monday night at 5 PM. Two have been received, and Dale knows of one

more that is on the way. Seasonal worker Sara Berger is starting Monday the 16th of April. She will work until October. Other seasonal applications are not closed until May.

11:24 AM Dale left the meeting.

11:29 AM Commissioner Rost made the motion to recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any further discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Baldwin attended the Chamber meeting at Getim Here at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 5th.

Commissioner Rost and Jason Rittal attended the Ellsworth Airforce Base PRTC meeting on Thursday, April 5th.

ADJOURN
s/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:
s/Kelsey Phillips, Recording Secretary/ Clerk

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