

**9:15 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.

**9:40 AM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.**

**Congressman Gianforte-** Jason asked Commission what potential event happening around Baker would be a good time for Greg Gianforte, Congressman, to visit the residents of Fallon County and view the progress of Baker Lake. Possible times would be the High School Finals Rodeo, or the Car Show at the end of May. Jason will ask about both of these times and wait for a response.

**Luther Appraisals-** Luther Appraisals is looking into revising the appraisal for the property West of Baker. They have received additional data from the engineer and will be in touch with Jason with further details.

**Landfill Scale-** Jason has been working on the specs for the scale at the Landfill. They have been reformatted and are now ready to go to bid. Jason presented the advertisement. The advertisement for the scale will be posted in Fallon County Times and the County website.

**Ellsworth Airforce Base Meeting-** Discussed the meeting last week that Jason and Commissioner Rost attended regarding the Ellsworth Airforce. There has been minimal activity because they have been deployed, which is why they haven't been seen around. The low flight routes are moving forward this upcoming summer with the Powder River Training Complex, PRTC. David Turch is looking into making sure they are meeting all rules and regulations, as this will greatly impact communities. Discussion on mitigating the issue if the Air Force would give their location and follow requests of dates to not fly over feedlots and calving pastures. They will try to avoid pipeline routes and construction of the pipelines. Different communication problems may occur with these flight routes.

**10:17 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.**

**Commissioner Rost made the motion to go out to bid for the Coral Creek Landfill Scale. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Baker Lake Updates-** Shannon gave the completed Permit Application for Baker Lake to Commission. Approximately 90% of the debris laden material has been removed and stockpiled, and 68% of the dredging material has been removed. Water is at a 10-foot depth right now, and more water is expected in the next few days. The plan is to bring the water level down to 2925 elevation (7-foot depth) and get everything dry enough to be able to start digging again. The equipment will probably be down for the week. This should not affect the cost of the project. The Upper Lake was leaking water through the gate, which has now been sealed. Discussion on putting the cattleguards back into Coral Creek Road. The secondary disposal site is approximately 50% full, and the primary disposal site is almost completely full. Tom Kachel, Manager of Landfill Operations, believes there's a stockpiling area at the Landfill that may be able to be used if needed. Shannon will speak with him today about potentially using this space. The final

cost estimate for this project is almost complete. The map for public survey on Lake enhancements that will go on the website has been worked on this last week. It will be advertised in Fallon County Times and KLFN Radio. The other permit for the enhancements of the Lake will be worked on this week. Shannon will speak with Western Municipal to start the process of negotiating.

**10:52 AM Jason and Shannon left the meeting.**

**11:09 AM John McArthur, Top Gun Oil Tools LLC joined the meeting.**

**Repair Work-** John would like to know if the County is in need of asphalt repair work, such as crack sealing and infrared patching. Infrared patching works as an asphalt heater. It would patch a pot hole in approximately less than 30 minutes. It would be marketed per day rather than per patch, price depending. He has spoken to Luke Holstein from the City of Baker on this topic as well. Discussed other possible repairs that could be completed. The Commission advised that there isn't a lot of asphalt on County roads, but they appreciate him coming in and will keep him in mind for possible upcoming projects.

**11:16 AM John left the meeting.**

**11:40 AM MINUTES APPROVAL FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2-6, 2018**

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of April 2-6, 2018 with corrections. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Commissioner Baldwin). The motion carried.**

**11:44 AM 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**

### **RECONVENE**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No one appeared for public comment.

**1:15 PM Curt Williams, Museum Board Member joined the meeting.**

**Potential Museum Purchase-** Curt explained that the Museum building is getting older, and sometime they may need to have extra space to store valuables, or add-on to the museum. Two lots along the Highway may be up for sale. Commission discussed the Museum purchasing the house and two lots. Eventually they could tear the house down, and possibly put a building there later on to add to the Museum.

**1:23 PM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.**

If the County would be interested, the Historical Society could also help with some of the expense. The amount of the cost is unknown. Discussion on the potential repairs that would need to be made to the

house if they decided to not tear it down. The Museum would buy the lots, and the Historical Society could pay for a building later on. Commission viewed the Museum budget. Curt will try to see if he can get an estimate of what it may cost. Commission doesn't want to commit quite yet to buying the property, as they would like to see a price beforehand. Commission gave approval for Curt to find out the price range for this property.

**1:35 PM Curt and Jason left the meeting.**

**2:17 PM Jon Stevenson, Stevenson's Funeral Home joined the meeting via phone call.**

**Cemetery Utility Tractor-** Discussed smaller utility tractors for the cemetery, and the different brands that may be available. Jon would like to know if they were able to get specs on the potential utility tractor. Commission wouldn't be opposed this and gave their approval for Jon to look at prices.

**2:20 PM Jon hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.**

### **Commission Work Session**

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas. They also viewed the Permit Application for Baker Lake completed by Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering.

**2:56 PM Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager; Julie Straub, HRM; Stacey Moore, Director of Library Services joined the meeting.**

**Hiring Approval for Fairgrounds Seasonal Office Assistant-** They would like to hire Ashley Schwartz for the Fairgrounds Office Assistant position. They would like this to be a seasonal position instead of temporary. Last year was Ashley's first season with the Fair Grounds. She will start the end of May.

**Commissioner Rost made the motion to hire Ashley Schwartz as the Seasonal Fairgrounds Office Assistant. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2:59 PM Shyla left the meeting.**

**Hiring Approval for Intermittent Library Aide-** Interviews were held last week for the Intermittent Library Aide position. They would like to hire Tarah Neiburg. The plan is to have her work four hours a week up until summer reading, and then eight hours a week during summer reading. This will be an on-call position.

**Commissioner Ranum made the motion to hire Tarah Neiburg as the Intermittent Library Aide. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Library-** Stacey asked if it is allowed to have authors sell their books while they are doing a show in the Library. Commission and Julie are not sure what this answer is. Julie will speak with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, for a response to this question.

**3:04 PM Julie and Stacey left the meeting.**

**3:07 PM Commissioner Ranum made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.**

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Steve Baldwin, Chairman

MINUTE TAKER:

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Kelsey Phillips, Recording Secretary/ Clerk

ATTEST:

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Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder