

9:30 AM CONVENE

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9:38 AM Trenton Harbaugh, Sheriff joined the meeting.

Sheriff's Office- There is an issue with the room in the back of Sheriff's Department; as there is no privacy and is open to the public. Trenton would like to add a wall for more privacy. Commission agrees that this is needed.

9:41 AM Trenton left the meeting.

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

ACLU- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) sent a freedom of information letter about the protests for the upcoming pipelines. They are requesting any public records and information regarding government activities that the county may have with the Keystone and TransCanada pipelines. Jason met with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, to discuss what the interpretation of the letter is. Jason has asked to send out a memo to the County staff, stating that they cannot destroy any information or correspondence on the pipelines. Commission gave Jason permission to send an e-mail out to all staff. Jason will draft a response to the ACLU, containing the length of time it may take to collect and send out all public records. Discussed statute and the steps that will be taken to get the public records ready to be sent out. Jason will draft a billing statement for the extensive work as well. Commission will comply with the ACLU request.

Land Sale- Jason has discussed the statute with Darcy Wassman and has determined that county land cannot be sold for less than appraised value on real property. Discussed the land sale process. Jason handed out a Resolution and a Notice of Public Hearing draft for Commission approval. All land sale auctions are public. It will be posted on the Fallon County website, posted in the Court House, mailed to adjacent landowners, and an ad will be placed in the Fallon County Times.

Sheriff's Office- The proposal on the HVAC above the Sheriff's Office was also received.

Iron Horse Park- The proposals for the shelter and bathrooms at Iron Horse Park were drafted as well. This includes the structure, concrete, electrical and plumbing.

10:21 AM Jason left the meeting.

10:21 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman joined the meeting.

Snow Plow- The Road Department has been busy plowing snow. The blade windows need replaced, but they will be replaced after the blade isn't being used daily. Discussed repairs to other vehicles.

10:30 AM Alba left the meeting.

Updates- The snow that has blown over the roads is causing ice and drifts. As soon as the roads are cleared off, they will start hauling scoria again.

10:31 AM Bobby left the meeting.

10:34 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

Lake Project- The contractor sent over Pay Application #5. The lake project is coming along very well.

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

A new signed copy will be sent to Commission this week. The lake progress is 80% finished with debris removal, and 65% done with the dredging.

New Disposal Area- Disposal area #2 has been in use since last Thursday. The main disposal area will still be used, as it can hold about another week's worth of materials. More gravel was hauled to Windmill Road for the secondary disposal site.

Lake Updates- The last five acres for debris removal will be worked on in the next few weeks. The discussion was had that the west shoreline may not be worked on during the extended hours of work; as they are trying to keep the noise down as much as possible for landowners. Eventually, they will have to plan for the warmer weather and the softer materials.

Lake Advisory Board- Shannon met with the Lake Advisory Board last week, and will meet tomorrow night as well. They have requested to dig trenches deeper for the fish habitat in Baker Lake. If the trenches are going to be dug, they will need to be done soon, rather than wait. Discussed the placement of these trenches, and other entities that could be added. Commission will be attending the Airport meeting in March to inform them on the wetlands.

11:10 AM Luke Holstein, Braylea Wyrick, Tri-Area Racing Association Members joined the meeting.

Commission gave Shannon approval to talk to the contractor to discuss wetlands and possible trenches.

11:17 AM Jason and Shannon left the meeting.

Tri-Area Racing Association Budget (TARA)- A new upgraded sound system was bought last year for the event center, and other improvements were made to the grandstands. They would like to bring in an intermission show to help pack the stands with people. Kids are allowed into the pit now; therefore, they would like to have a show that will interest the kids. A group of motocross riders from Helena has been contacted, and Luke would like for them to be the intermission show for this event. TARA is a non-profit organization. They would like approval to pay for this, as it is higher than \$2,500. It would be paid for out of their existing budget. Commission gave approval to pay for this out of their budget. Once they draw up a contract, they are to take it to Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney for review. They would also like to ask for a permit for the beer and alcohol license, since it is county land. As long as they follow protocol, they are allowed to apply for the permit.

11:35 AM Luke and Braylea left the meeting.

11:35 AM Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a short recess until 11:45 AM. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any further discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:37 AM Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting.

11:43 AM Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder; Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

County Vehicle- Joe's pickup has been repaired, and it seems to be working well. He has been getting called in on his off-hours for snow removal, and he would like to get approval to take his work pickup home on the weekends. Commission advised Joe that policy is to tax an employee \$3 a day to take a county vehicle home. Joe is to keep track of all overtime he has. Commission agrees that Joe can take his work pickup home when it is needed. Joe will continue to do the snow removal at the Veteran's Memorial.

11:58 AM Debbie, Joe and Julie left the meeting.

11:59 AM Commissioner Rost made the motion to take a noon recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any further discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

NOON RECESS

RECONVENE

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

1:15 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

1:20 PM Larry Singer, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

County Leases- Larry is concerned that his county lease has jumped in price, as well as the length of time the lease is valid for. Commission advised Larry that the length of time was changed so that the current Commission will still have one member on the board that knew how the lease came about.

Discussed the access road to the MDU well that goes between Larry's land and the county land.

1:33 PM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor joined the meeting.

Bobby confirmed that the Road Department did not build the access road. The contractor for the Airport Project built the road.

1:35 PM Bobby left the meeting.

The real issue Larry has is the price of the rent. He believes the price of rent is unreasonable. It amounts to \$4 an acre. The Commission explained the price increase, which is because over the last years it hasn't been changed hardly at all, and it was extremely inconsistent. The \$4 an acre is below average price.

Larry asked if Commission was willing to trade the acres back to him, then he could rent it to the Airport. Commission agreed that would constitute as a hazard area because of FAA guidance.

1:51 PM Tom Kachel, Manager of Landfill Operations joined the meeting.

Commission discussed the need for consistency on any and all leases. Commission will ask Darcy if there is anything that can be changed for Larry's lease. They will extend the deadline for the lease for 30 days to receive an answer from Darcy.

Commissioner Ranum made a motion to extend the deadline for 30 days for the lease for Larry Singer for Township 7 North, Range 60 East, Section 19. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion.

Commissioner Baldwin asked for any further discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

2:05 PM Larry left the meeting.

Truck Estimate- The pickup that Tom has is in need of repairs. He has received one quote for the repairs from Miles City. Commission advised Tom to take it to a couple places in town to see what their total quote for repairs amounts to.

Landfill Scale- Discussed when to go out to bid for the landfill scale. Engineering specs will need to be done as well. Tom will talk to Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor, about the process of going out to bid.

2:29 PM Tom left the meeting.

2:58 PM MINUTES APPROVAL FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19-23, 2018

Commissioner Ranum made the motion to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of February 19-23, 2018 with corrections. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

3:02 PM Lynda Herbst, Custodial Supervisor joined the meeting.

Carpets- The carpet downstairs is lifting. Lynda would like it to be repaired when there isn't any traffic in the building. Commission agrees.

Johnson Controls- A letter from Johnson Controls was received, but the courthouse no longer uses this company. There is another company that checks the fire controls. After further review, Simplex Grinnell, the company we currently use, seems to have changed their name to Johnson Controls. Lynda has an appointment with Simplex Grinnell and will discuss further, then will inform Commission on updates.

Commission Work Session

The Commission reviewed emails, letters, various revenues received, various Department Reports, Board Minutes and Agendas. They also amended the Owner-Engineer Agreement. The MACO Health Care preliminary renewal rates were discussed.

3:42 PM Jason Rittal, County Development Advisor joined the meeting.

JGA's Proposal for the HVAC- Jason will contact JGA to discuss what was included in their proposal for the HVAC. Jason and Commission felt the proposal was high for what was being asked.

Notice for Land Sale Procedures- The notice will be put into Fallon County Times, and Jason will schedule a hearing for mid to late March.

3:53 PM Mary Grube, Planning Assistant joined the meeting.

ACLU- Discussed what the perception on the letter from ACLU entailed. Jason has been in contact with Darcy, County Attorney, and will keep everyone involved.

4:03 PM Mary left the meeting.

4:06 PM Jason left the meeting.

4:25 PM Jeff Greenlee, Fair Board Member; Pat Ehret, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

4:27 PM Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager joined the meeting.

Appoint Fair Board Member- Shyla would like to say thank you to all applicants for applying for the position. The applications were looked over by all parties. There were three good applicants; all well qualified.

Commissioner Rost nominated Pat Ehret for the Fair Board position. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Abstain (Commissioner Ranum). The motion carried.

Pat explained she was very grateful, and excited to be back on the Fair Board.

4:38 PM Pat, Shyla and Jeff left the meeting.

4:44 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to recess. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Baldwin asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

EVENING RECESS

On Tuesday, February 27th at 5:15 PM the Commission attended the Lake Advisory Board meeting in the Court House Conference room.

This being a properly noticed County Commission session as well, and given the urgency due to weather, a motion was made by Commissioner Rost to approve the channel dredging. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. 2 Ayes. 1 Absent (Commissioner Ranum). It was noted that the channel was discussed in the Monday Commission Meeting and no objection was received from Commissioner Ranum. The motion carried. Commissioner Ranum was informed of this decision.

They also attended the Chamber meeting at Red River on Thursday, March 1st, as well as the Glendive District Annual TCP Meeting in Miles City.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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S/Steve Baldwin, Chairman

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

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