

9:00 AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, Chairperson; Steve Baldwin, Member; Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Roy Rost, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Pledge of Allegiance was held in the Commissioner's Office at 9:00 AM to start off the week.

PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9:14 AM Cindy Irgens, Recording Clerk joined the meeting.

Public Comment Concern- Cindy expressed her concern in regard to the lack of water the lawn and the flowers are receiving at the Courthouse lately.

Dry Creek Road Discussion/Decision- It has been found that a resolution for Dry Creek Road was never made once it was named. It may be in the County's best interest to get this completed. The Commission will speak with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, about following the correct steps to get this done.

9:22 AM Cindy left the meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the minutes from July 27-31, 2020, with corrections.

Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for further discussion; being none. 2

Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

9:46 AM Robbie Christiaens, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting.

Updates- The Commission asked Robbie how often the lawn and flowers are getting watered at the Courthouse, in which he responded every day. The timers for the sprinklers at the Triangle Park are up and working. The Maintenance Crew is working on the Softball Complex right now.

9:56 AM Barb Ketterling, Treasurer joined the meeting.

They are also working on fixing one of the lines of the sprinklers at the Hospital Park. Barb asked Robbie if there is any rubber that could be put around the boat dock at Baker Lake, as there are multiple complaints of boats getting damaged.

9:57 AM Mark Sieler, Road Foreman joined the meeting.

9:59 AM Barb left the meeting.

Discussion on possible bumpers that can go around the metal part of the dock. Robbie explained that the seasonal employees will be done by next week at the latest.

10:02 AM Robbie left the meeting.

Road Updates- Commissioner Ranum told Mark that there is a tree in the ditch on Sunset Trail. Mark will go check to see what they can do after this meeting. The Road Crew is putting in an 11-foot culvert on the South Ismay Road. One of the trucks is in Billings getting regen issues repaired. The Road Crew is working to mow before the Fair. They are still hauling gravel on Webster Road and finished graveling the cut-across road last Friday.

10:07 AM Mark left the meeting.

10:23 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

FMC Water Leak- Shannon has completed a report of the Parkview piping issues. He does not believe that it was installed properly. The pipe itself should have had a polywrap around it, at minimum. The paint that was on it was not meant to be buried.

Waterline Project at Gun Range- Shannon has made a bid sheet for the Waterline Project at the Gun Range. All bidders were extremely close in pricing. Shannon would prefer to move forward with Schedule 1, which is the fused poly piping.

10:33 AM Mary Grube, Administrative Assistant Planner joined the meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to award the quote to Wiedmer Backhoe Service, LLC, for the Waterline Project at the Gun Range in the amount of \$30,418.00. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

Upper Lake Updates- Shannon is working on the Upper Dam inspection report. He plans to have it completed by next week. Discussion on the fence that will be placed on the berm of the Upper Lake. The berm will also need to be repaired. Shannon will prepare a bid document for the fencing for the Commission to review, and then a timeline can be decided upon.

10:42 AM Carson Beach, Gamut Construction joined the meeting.

Iron Horse Park Sidewalk Project- Pay Application #4 has been submitted to the Commission. 85% of the work for the Iron Horse Park Sidewalk Project has been completed. The final measurements have not yet been finalized, as they need to address the liquidated damages. Carson reported that the curb and gutter is all that is left for him to finish. He will be done by September 1st at the latest. The liquidated damages will need to be looked at, however the Commission would like to pay this pay application in full. The liquidated damages will be looked over at the last pay application. There is about 20% left on the contract, including retainage.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve Pay Application #4 for the Sidewalk Improvement Project at Iron Horse Park for Gamut Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$19,953.65. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

Discussion on the sealant at the Skate Park and possible remediations.

11:02 AM Carson left the meeting.

11:03 AM Shannon and Mary left the meeting.

11:04 AM Jim Leischner, Shooting Range Manager joined the meeting.

Rifle Range Berm Construction- The Rifle Range has gotten the USAPCA designation, which puts them into the Greater Yellowstone section. Part of having this designation is the need to hold their own shooting matches. In order to hold up to 75 contestants, berms that are at least 12 feet tall will need to be constructed. There is plenty of dirt available to use. The Road Crew should be able to construct the berms. The Archery Range will need to be moved so that there is enough room.

11:26 AM Shane Bettenhausen, Shooting Match Supervisor joined the meeting.

Discussion followed on the berms needed at the Shooting Range.

11:35 AM Jim and Shane left the meeting.

11:35 AM Commissioner Baldwin 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 Rost). The motion carried.

NOON RECESS

1:15 PM RECONVENE

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PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

1:17 PM Nick Schumaker, Plevna Superintendent joined the meeting.

Plevna After School Program- Nick gave the Commission the costs associated with the Plevna After-School Program. Historically, it has been funded through their general fund. They have been tracking the costs for salaries, number of kids, and the pre-packaged snack. The Plevna teachers run the program. The program will run 146 of the 173 school days. They average about 13 kids a day. Nick asked that the County contribute any assistance the Commission deem necessary. The Commission would like to discuss further before making a decision.

1:38 PM Nick left the meeting.

1:58 PM Michael Millward, Extension Agent joined the meeting.

Extension Updates- The 4-H Congress was held online this year and had less than normal attendance. There will be no national competition this year. The Extension Office had the noxious weed pull this last month. The Clover Buds camp seemed to go over well. They are also planning to do a tree trimming workshop after the Fair and will be holding a succulent workshop in Wibaux this fall.

2:14 PM Michael left the meeting.

2:30 PM Jason Bechtold, Mitch Captiville, Scout Energy Representatives joined the meeting via teleconference.

2:33 PM Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney joined the meeting.

Scout Energy ROW Easement- Darcy has reviewed the easement from Scout Energy for the Right-of-Way Easement from the County. Darcy explained the changes she has made to the easement. It is one 3-inch pipeline to receive gas from the WBI system to the Scout Energy system. Jason explained that they are in agreement with the changes that the County has made. The Commission will sign the clean copy of the easement.

2:38 PM Jason and Mitch hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

2:54 PM Darcy left the meeting.

The Commission reviewed and approved the End of the Month July 2020 Claims in the amount of \$869,497.47 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

The Commission reviewed and approved July 2020 Timesheets in the amount of \$655,633.62 and they are filed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION

The Commission reviewed, revenues received, reports, emails and other correspondence, board minutes and agendas. They also discussed the next step to take in addressing the Petitions to Abandon County Roads that they received with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney. The Commission also signed various Fair Contracts, as well as the State of MT, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division Standard Lease Contract.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to accept the resignation of Chuck Lee from both the Plevna TV and Baker TV Boards. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

4:46 PM Commissioner Baldwin 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 Rost). The motion carried.

EVENING RECESS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

9:00 AM CONVENE

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ABSENT: Roy Rost, Member

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PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

9:30 AM Shyla Hadley, Fairgrounds Manager joined the meeting.

Fair Updates- Shyla reported that the Fair will have a different look this year because they will be following all social distancing guidelines. They are planning to add more seating on top of the old stages, which the Commission has approved as long as it is OSHA approved. It would be used for both the Rodeo and the Derby. Shyla reviewed the schedule of events for the Fair. There have been quite a few cancellations due to COVID. The Fair parade has been approved by the Health Board to take place.

9:43 AM Shyla left the meeting.

9:58 AM Beth Epley, EPEDC joined the meeting.

EPEDC Updates- Beth reported that the City did receive the TC Energy grant for the firework fund. Eastern Plains did receive additional funding, in which they are planning to help more local businesses and follow through a few different studies. They did help Rexall with their transition of business owners and are still working with the City on their water main projects. Beth will be meeting with the City regarding their Main Street Program, as they have been approved to be in the program.

10:15 AM Shanny Spang-Gion, SMART Director joined the meeting.

Discussion on what buildings can qualify for the National Historic Listing.

10:19 AM Beth left the meeting.

Old Insurance Store- SMART has been working with the old Insurance Store Building. The contractor should have the reports done by early September, which will give an idea of what needs to be abated. This will also help give an idea of which grants they would like to pursue, such as the roof or window replacements. SMART now owns the building and the lot next to it.

SMART Updates- The COVID-19 relief fund has been assisting with utility and mortgage payments to both individual families and businesses. Discussion on short term housing and the high cost of rent in the area.

EMEDA Updates- EMEDA is working on three projects for the Façade Improvement Grant right now. The Senior Center applied and has been approved. EMEDA plans to hold a public input childcare meeting Mid-August. This is planned be large enough to be a 96 children facility, ages 0-5. The Commission stated that they are willing to add monetary donations to this project when the time comes, as it is well needed in our community. Shanny has hopes to do presentations and activities this year about the indigenous cultures and provide more information to students.

10:54 AM Shanny left the meeting.

10:54 AM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.

11:04 AM David Espeland, FMC CEO; Margie Losing, FMC CFO joined the meeting.

Questions and Concerns- Commissioner Ranum asked that David apologize to Kelsey for the remarks in the Letter to the Editor. David explained that it was not directed towards Kelsey, as the Commission is the final decision on the minutes that are published. Brenda explained that the Commission had asked for the minutes to be written that way and was not at the discretion of Kelsey. David was not happy with the minutes from his previous meeting, as he feels the Commission was trying to punish and scrutinize him.

June Financials- Margie reviewed the interim financial report for the month of June, as she will be doing adjustments to finish out the year-end. She reported that June was a busy month for FMC, as they are back to normal operations for outpatient revenue.

FMC Updates- David stated that there is still a leak in the waterpipe at FMC. The Commission will come take a look this afternoon.

11:17 AM Margie, Brenda, Debbie and David left the meeting.

11:18 AM Commissioner Baldwin 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 Rost). The motion carried.

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2:00 PM Jenna Janshen, Jenna Watts, Stevenson Design Representatives joined the meeting.

Parkview 1 Samples- The Commission picked out different colors for Parkview 1, including carpets, countertops, and paint.

3:30 PM Jenna and Jenna left the meeting.

3:40 PM Commissioner Baldwin 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 Rost). The motion carried.

EVENING RECESS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

9:00 AM RECONVENE

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ABSENT: Roy Rost, Member

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9:22 AM Dale Butori, DES/911 Coordinator the meeting.

Message Boards- Dale asked the Commission about what to do with the message boards that the County has purchased. They have not been paid for thus far by the CARES Act. There is multiple uses for these boards, such as weather hazards, road closures, etc. The cost may be able to be re-submitted as well. The Commission will make this decision next week, as it is on the agenda at this time.

9:28 AM Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director joined the meeting.

CPR Driver Policy- There is not currently a policy to pay CPR drivers when they transport patients. Dale has spoken with Payroll and is aware that he cannot receive on-call pay while working for the County during working hours. If he were to use vacation time to transport patients, he would still be in the pay status and considered dual employment. This discussion will need to be discussed further and a suitable policy will need to be put into place.

9:37 AM Dale left the meeting.

Ambulance Updates- The Ambulance Crew has already had five runs this month. The run-call volume spreadsheet was reviewed. Lisa gave the Commission a list of all the patient care reports that say ready for billing. She is up to date on the PCR's. Both the Commission and Lisa are looking at changing the non-billable policy and changing refusals and public assists to billable.

9:55 AM Lisa left the meeting.

9:55 AM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ranum seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 2 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Commissioner Rost). The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

s/Deb Ranum, Presiding Officer

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk and Recorder