

9:30 AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, Chairman; Steve Baldwin, Member; Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk/Secretary

ABSENT: Roy Rost, Member – At MACo in Great Falls, MT

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Pledge of Allegiance was held in the Commissioner's Office to start off the week.

PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

9:36 AM Robbie Christiaens, Parks Supervisor joined the meeting.

Parks Updates- Robbie is busy moving snow. Eric Kary, Golf Course Superintendent, is working on moving snow at the Fairgrounds. An irrigation company from Bismarck was going to come down this week for the sprinkler system, but Robbie is unsure if they will come now with the weather. He plans to visit with Julie Straub, HRM, about when to start advertising for summer help. More road signs still need to be put up.

9:45 AM Robbie left the meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the minutes from February 3-7, 2020, with corrections. 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.

The Road Department and Shannon Hewson did not come into the meeting today due to weather.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to adopt the Resolution #1030 – Calling for Special Purpose District Elections. 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.

11:29 AM Commissioner Rost, Member, Brandon Janson, Owner of SDI Architects; Chad Sutter, SDI Architects, joined the meeting via phone.

Decision on Parkview Bid- Chad sent the Commission a lengthy letter a few minutes before this meeting with a recommendation on a contractor choice for the Parkview Project and the factors that weighed his decision. He explained that the timeline each company gave was a big proponent of the decision. Chad recommends awarding TW Clark the bid. He is familiar with their group of suppliers and subcontractors as well. Commissioner Baldwin stated that it seems like a negotiation was done after the fact and wondered if this is acceptable. Chad explained how he came to this decision, and that it was complicated when the alternates were added in. Heart Mountain has a higher bid than TW Clark. It is ultimately up to the Commission to decide if they will award a bid and who they will be choosing. They do not have to legally take the low bidder. Commissioner Baldwin stated that he does not want to trade time versus quality. Diamond Construction was not the low bidder and will take up to a year to complete. First Dakota will not be used because of previous experiences with the County. Commissioner Rost asked if there is a timeline penalty for not finishing the project in time. The penalty is \$500 a day, unless weather is an issue. Commissioner Ranum stated that she is not yet ready to make a decision because they have not gotten enough time to read over the recommendation letter. Brandon explained that this bid process has been done the correct way and he has been overseeing the project. The Commissioners have 30 days to make a decision after the bid opening.

11:47 AM Chad, Brandon and Commissioner Rost hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

11:50 AM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess for lunch. 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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ABSENT: Commissioner Roy Rost, Member - MACo

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1:30 PM Follow-Up and Completion of Solar Energy Resolutions – The Commission did not yet make a decision. This will be put on the agenda for next week.

Decision on Permission to Hire/Clerk and Recorder Office Decision-

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to allow Kelsey DuCharme to be employee at 20 hours a week, except for the first full week of the month, and will start February 24th with this schedule. They will hire another full-time person in the Clerk and Recorder's office. 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.

2:11 PM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

2:13 PM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting via phone call.

Continuation on Permission to Hire/Clerk and Recorder Office Decision- Commissioner Baldwin stated to the group that himself and Commissioner Ranum made the motion to change Kelsey's hours to 20 hours per week, except for the first full week of the month, to mirror the Commissioner's schedule. She will primarily be the Commission secretary. They will plan to hire for a full-time employee in the Clerk and Recorder's office. This employee will help with payroll, petty cash, cross-train in Commission Proceedings, checking documents, and secretarial work with Julie. Julie will work on the job description and work with the Commission while creating it.

2:20 PM Brenda and Debbie hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

2:25 PM Julie left the meeting.

2:30 PM – The Commission, Julie Straub, HRM; and Lynda Herbst, Inside Custodial Supervisor attended the Inside Building Maintenance Safety Review Follow-Up.

Commission Work Session

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas. They signed Certificates of Appreciation for Nic Eisele, Stacey Moore, and Paul Christ. All three employees have completed five years of service for Fallon County. Thank you, Nic, Stacey and Paul! We appreciate everything you have done for the County. The Commission has received a Petition to Abandon a County Road from both Bobby and Missy Thielen, as well as Chris and Clyde Crawford. Neither petition could be completed, as the correct exhibits are not attached. A License Agreement with the City of Baker was signed for the Waterfall Project, which will be sent out to bid.

3:54 PM Mindi Murnion, Public Health Specialist; Kim Cuppy, Director of Public Health joined the meeting.

3:56 PM Angel Wyrwas, Member of the Public joined the meeting.

Discussion Mental Health for Our Community- Angel explained that there are families struggling to find mental health care in the Baker area. A general doctor and a psychiatrist do not have the same specialties. People have to travel to find the correct help. The surrounding areas are turning away clients because they are so busy. There are concerns that people are not getting the care they need. Angel would like to see our area find consistent care by possibly bringing in a specialist. Discussion on AWARE and their process of hiring a full-time counselor, which includes government funds to pay back student loans. Angel would like the County to think about courting someone to come work in Baker. The Commission explained that we have a contract with Eastern Montana Health, and they come when needed. Commissioner Baldwin will speak with them about servicing our area more often. Kim explained that they have a couple counselors that come to their office and are not turning clients away. They will work on more advertising to let people know the services they are offering. Angel would like there to be discussion with FMC as well about bringing someone into the community, as a possible private practice entity. Discussion on the mental health issues in the community. The Commission will address this at the next Eastern Montana Health Board meeting.

4:22 PM Angel, Kim and Mindi left the meeting.

4:25 PM Lisa Mitchell, Ambulance Director joined the meeting.

Ambulance Building Issue- Lisa brought in three different quotes. She is needing a water spicket inside of the Ambulance garage, the water heater is needing replaced and there is heating issues inside the ambulance bay. These are not yet added to the budget. The hot water heater is an on-demand water heater. The Commission agreed to the on-demand hot water heater from Allied Plumbing for \$4,750.00. A completely new system will be put in.

4:33 PM JoDee Pratt, City Mayor joined the meeting.

EMT Course- Lisa is starting a new EMT Course. It will cost \$250 for the course, which can be reimbursed if the individual is active on the service for over a year. This includes the textbook cost.

4:45 PM Lisa left the meeting.

City SID Issues- JoDee explained that the City is receiving complaints about the City SID. Discussion followed regarding the SID. The meeting will be held next week.

5:24 PM JoDee left the meeting.

5:26 PM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess the meeting. 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

The Library Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11th at 12 PM.

s/Deb Ranum, Chairman

Minutes:

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

Attest:

s/Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder