

9:30 AM CONVENE

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

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

9:30 AM Joe Janz, Outside Building Maintenance; Lynda Herbst, Inside Custodial Supervisor joined the meeting.

Outside Building Maintenance Updates- The motherboard on Joe's heater inside his shop was damaged. It has been repaired and is now working correctly. Joe asked the Commission how many flowers he should plan on planting this upcoming summer. There are 16 planters; last year they planted eight. The Commission will let Joe decide. Joe reported that he will be retiring in June of this year.

9:36 AM Joe left the meeting.

Lobby Plaques- Lynda is going to Dickinson on Thursday for appointments and is offering to stop and get the lobby plaques finished up. These plaques will be the directories for each office in the Courthouse. The Commission approved.

9:44 AM Robbie Christiaens, Parks Supervisor joined the meeting.

9:44 AM Lynda left the meeting.

Parks Updates- Robbie has contacted the company that the Baker Lake docks are from and they are sending him the pieces that are missing from the docks. There may be a manufacture warranty on it. He was busy working on the maintenance at the Fairgrounds this morning. Eric Kary, Golf Course Superintendent, and Robbie plan to put up road signs tomorrow afternoon.

9:53 AM Robbie left the meeting.

10:00 AM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman joined the meeting.

Road Department Updates- There are three updates that need to be done on the CAT blades, which will be started tomorrow. They are still waiting on the loader harness. One of the employee's trucks isn't working right again and they are currently trying to figure out the best route to take to make the correct repairs.

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

The Road Crew plans to get done up to their stopping point on the Anticline Road today. They will then head to Westmore Road. Bobby explained that most roads have held up well this winter.

10:15 AM Alba left the meeting.

Approach Question- Commissioner Rost spoke with a patron this last week and they are wanting an approach put in on a new subdivision. This was already included into the subdivision regulations. The County can put the approach in any area they need for safety reasons. Bobby plans to go look to determine an area to make the approach in the spring.

10:23 AM Rich Menger, Sanitarian joined the meeting.

Lowering the Slope on Schoolhouse Road- Shannon would like to bring in the landowners on Schoolhouse Road for a meeting regarding lowering the slope on Schoolhouse Road. The Commission would like to stick with the speed limit of 60 miles per hour. This is determined with the site distance of the approaches. They will also need to determine if they can reset the power poles. This is the standard for lowering the slopes in other counties as well. They will need to meet with the utility company before moving forward.

10:37 AM Bobby left the meeting.

Grant for Baker Lake- Rich has finished up the Fish, Wildlife and Parks grant for the Commission to review. This grant is for another fishing dock on Baker Lake.

Waterfall Project- Shannon gave the Commission a conditional use permit, because in the event that the waterfalls were to ever go away, the County doesn't have an easement in the middle of a City street. A conditional use permit would be more complex. A temporary easement will go away, but the County will still need to maintain it. It may also have to go through zoning. If the waterfall were to ever come out, the easement would go along with it. This would be for maintenance and construction purposes. Shannon will have to talk about it with both the City and the County attorneys to make the appropriate changes for a smooth process.

City SID- The resolution of intent was passed at the City Council meeting for the City SID. It states that they intend to create the SID. All landowners within the district will be sent a notification in the mail. The meeting for the public will be held on February 18th. If 50% of landowners oppose, via letter or at the meeting, it will fail. If not, it will go to City Council on the 19th to be determined if it will pass. If all goes through, it will go out to bid at the end of February. Shannon explained that it would have to be a continuous project done every five years to keep the streets from failing.

10:53 AM Shannon and Rich left the meeting.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the minutes from January 20-24, 2020, with corrections. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:11 AM Dale Butori, Weed Crew Coordinator joined the meeting.

11:12 AM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

Permission to Hire Weed Coordinator- Julie and Dale would like permission to hire Sara Berger as the Weed Control Coordinator. This position will start on March 2nd. The Fallon County Spray Days are on February 20th. They would like to hire Sara as a recall for the Lead Weed Crew Hand for the Spray Days and start her permanent employment on March 2nd. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to recall Sara Berger as the Lead Weed Crew Hand on February 20th for the Fallon County Spray Days. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to hire Sara Berger for the Weed Control Coordinator on March 2nd. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:27 AM Julie and Dale left the meeting.

11:32 AM Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recess for lunch. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

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

FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1:15 PM Jim Leischner and Shane Bettenhausen, Shooting Range Attendants joined the meeting.

New Berms- Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor, went to the Gun Range last week to discuss constructing more berms. If they are going to continue to run the same amount of shooting matches this summer, they need to add in more berms. There is dirt available from the Road Crew. There also will be dirt from the City street project. Shane and Jim gave the Commission a diagram of the potential berms and what they are looking at building. They would need to re-position the archery range. The Commission doesn't believe this should be a problem. If the quality of the materials from the City street project are good, the Gun Range will take it.

Waterline- It has been put on the City Council's agenda for the Gun Range to connect to the City waterline. If the Council agrees, it will be put into next year's budget. The current well that is used at the Gun Range is not deep enough and the water quality is terrible.

1:24 PM Bobby Wiedmer, Road Supervisor; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder; Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.
1:25 PM Jim and Shane left the meeting.

Vehicle Accident- Last week, an employee hit the bumper of Bobby’s assigned vehicle. Bobby now needs a new bumper, which is \$567.00 to replace. Debbie asked if this should be turned into insurance or paid through the County. The accident was on private property and no law enforcement was called. It was decided that it will be paid through the County.

1:32 PM Debbie, Julie and Bobby left the meeting.

Commission Work Session

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas. It was brought to their attention that there is a mouse issue in the 4-H food booth. To remediate this issue, the Commission would like mouse traps to be set in the affected areas. The resolution for the tax abatement of the solar farms is not yet ready to be signed.

2:25 PM Commissioner Baldwin left the meeting.

2:56 PM Alba Higgins, Shop Foreman; Mark Sieler, Road Foreman; Mark Feland, RDO joined the meeting.

Motor Grader Bid Opening- Two bids were received for the Motor Grader for the Road Department. The bids were opened and read aloud.

BID TABULATION: Motor Grader - Road Department

Bid Opening: 27-Jan-20 3:00 PM

Contractor Name	Bond	Model	Cost per Unit	Trade-In Value	Re-Purchase Price	Attachments	Delivery Date
RDO	Yes	872GP John Deere	\$337,000.00	\$225,500.00	3-Year - \$263,500.00 4-Year - \$241,000.00 5-year - \$213,200.00	Snow Wing - \$13,500.00 V-Plow - \$8,500.00 Front Lift Groove - \$4,000.00	5/1/2020
Tractor & Equipment	Yes	160AWD CAT	\$348,628.00	\$253,150.00	3-Year - \$243,000.00 4-Year - \$225,000.00 5-Year - \$206,000.00	Snow Wing - \$15,900.00 V-Plow - \$14,500.00 Front Lift Groove - \$5,500.00	20-22 Weeks After Delivery

3:45 PM Mark F. left the meeting.

3:47 PM Tayla Snapp, Community Relations and Stakeholder Outreach Specialist joined the meeting.

Bids will be reviewed further before a decision is made by the Commission. Alba explained the need for updated equipment at the Road Department.

TC Solutions Updates- Tayla explained the process of the tar sands oil and how it is refined before it is brought into the pipeline. The TC Solutions pipeline will start construction tentatively on August 10th, 2020 in Fallon County. The workforce camp will be constructed in April. All BLM and Army Corps permits have been received. They will start work at the border crossing in March. If a lawsuit were to happen, they aren’t expecting it to affect the time frame for Fallon County. There will be a TC Solutions Pipeline meeting on February 27th at 10 AM at the Fire Department to discuss the workforce camp, roads, security, etc.

4:18 PM Alba, Tayla and Mark S. left the meeting.

4:22 PM Commissioner Rost 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 Baldwin). The motion carried.

EVENING RECESS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

1:15 PM CONVENE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT –AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No one appeared for public comment.

Commission Work Session

Commission reviewed various e-mails, correspondence, revenues, reports, board minutes and agendas.

2:00 PM PRESENT FOR THE PARKVIEW 1 BID OPENING- Commissioner Ranum, Commissioner Rost, Commissioner Baldwin, Chad Sutter, SDI Architects; Rod Anderson, Heart Mountain Construction; John Richardson, First Dakota Enterprises; Shane Ridley, TW Clarke Construction (via phone); Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Secretary

Parkview 1 Bid Opening- Four bids were received for the Parkview 1 Bid Opening. Chad opened the bids and read them aloud.

CONTRACTOR	RCVD ADD	REG #	BID BOND	DAYS TO COMPLETE	BASE BID	ALT A-1	ALT A-2	ALT A-3	ALT A-4	ALT C-1	ALT E-1	UNIT PRICE U-1	NET BID	
Diamond Construction	Yes	6626	Yes	365	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		No change in days to complete	
				MOD	\$ (3,490,000.00)	\$ 19,850.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 410,800.00	\$ 119,000.00	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 3.50		
				NET	\$ 1,510,000.00	\$ 19,850.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 410,800.00	\$ 119,000.00	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 2,094,100.00	
First Dakota Enterprises	Yes	F041828	Yes	270	1,796,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 105,500.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 1,325.00	COMMENT	
				MOD										
				NET	\$ 1,796,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 105,500.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 17,200.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 2,044,200.00	
Heart Mountain Const.	Yes	225689	Yes	242	1,910,917.00	\$ 22,984.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 15,910.00			\$ 20,420.00	\$ 468.00	Alternates missing are included in the base bid - will send something in writing	
				MOD										
				NET	\$ 1,910,917.00	\$ 22,984.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 15,910.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,420.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 1,976,681.00	
TW Clarke	Yes	36509	Yes	185	3,000,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00			\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	COMMENT	
				MOD	-1,465,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 367,000.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 16.00		
				NET	\$ 1,534,500.00	\$ 25,001.00	\$ 6,701.00	\$ 17,001.00	\$ 367,000.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 15,501.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 2,062,704.00	

The Commission will discuss and make their decision after further review.

2:20 PM Shane, Rod and John left the meeting.

2:35 PM Chad left the meeting.

3:00 PM – County Land Sale – 8 Tracts – FALLON COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY

Auctioneer: Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff

Present: Commissioner Deb Ranum, Commissioner Roy Rost, Commissioner Steve Baldwin, Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk; Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff; Dean Wang, Arnold Pinnow, Tom Sparks, Fred Hoff, Iven Felt, Dale Butori, Vance O’Donnell, Duane Rugg, Jeff Hadley, Will Sparks, Randy Tunby, Treston Vermandel, Clyde Crawford, Mary Grube, Mike Sonsalla, Sage Rugg, Ann Hoff

The County Land sale started at 3:03 PM in the Fallon County Courthouse Lobby. Trent Harbaugh, Sheriff, read over Resolution #1029 – Resolution of Intent to Sell Fallon County Real Property. The resolution was read aloud. It is filed in the Clerk and Recorder’s Office. Trent explained that the property cannot be sold for less than appraised value, based on State Statute. No written bids were received. There is 25% of the down payment is required by the end of the business day on Friday, January 31st. It will be a no-sale if the base bid is not received. It will be re-evaluated at a later date if it is not sold. The County has water rights on both Tract 2 and Tract 7. Fred Hoff has water rights on Tract 2 as well. It is up to the buyer to make the switch of the water rights over with the DNRC. Deeds will be provided once the County Attorney provides them. The acres in the tracts were reviewed. Tracts 8-1 and Tracts 8-2 are the only ones that have public access.

Tract 1 – 480 acres. The starting bid is \$121,000.00. Duane Rugg was the only bidder and purchased the property for \$121,000.00.

Tract 2 – 640 acres. The starting bid was \$157,000.00. Clyde Crawford and Fred Hoff bid on the property at \$500.00 increments. Clyde Crawford offered \$175,000.00 for the property. It was sold to Clyde Crawford for \$175,000.00.

Tract 3 – 280 acres. The starting bid was \$74,000.00. Tom Sparks was the only bidder and purchased the property for \$74,000.00.

Tract 4 – 320 acres. The starting bid was \$86,000.00. No bids were received. NO SALE.

Tract 5 – 638.96 acres. The starting bid was \$173,000.00. No bids were received. NO SALE.

Tract 7 – 320 acres. The starting bid was \$86,000.00. No bids were received. NO SALE.

Tract 8-1 – 32.04 acres. The starting bid was \$85,000.00. Vance O’Donnell was the only bidder and purchased the property for \$85,000.00.

Tract 8-2 – 29.44 acres. The starting bid was \$24,000.00. Dean Wang was the only bidder and purchased the property for \$24,000.00.

3:24 PM - The County land sale was closed.

3:45 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to recess the meeting. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

s/Deb Ranum, Chairman

Minutes:

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

Attest:

s/Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder