

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

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

No one appeared for public comment.

9:47 AM Michael Millward, Extension Agent joined the meeting.

Extension Updates- The Extension Office has been cancelling many events due to the increase in COVID. Shooting sports will not be held this winter. They are trying to put different programs online. There is a problem with water running from the steer washing station into the Fairgrounds and getting into the Vendor Booths. A few suggestions were made to open the other side to wash the animals, however they would need more water. A drain will need to be put on the South half of the cement pad, as well as putting a lip around the edge. Michael would like this done in the spring/early summer, before the 2021 Fair. He is putting together different quotes for the project.

9:55 AM Michael left the meeting.

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

Road Updates- The Road Crew is busy hauling gravel to Mud Creek Road, off Webster Road onto Little Beaver Road. They are planning to gravel the Webster Road as well.

Shop Updates- Alba explained that they are putting wings on the Lead Blade Hand's equipment. They recently had to purchase new tires for multiple different trucks. Discussion on Hanratty's road, which was discussed last week during the Commission meetings. A road easement was never signed; therefore, the County cannot maintain it.

10:27 AM Shannon Hewson, Brosz Engineering joined the meeting.

10:29 AM Rich Menger, Sanitarian joined the meeting.

Senior Citizen Vehicles- Snow tires have been put on the Public Transportation busses for the Senior Citizen Center. The new minivan has regular all-season tires.

10:33 AM Alba and Bobby left the meeting.

Millennium Sidewalk Project- Shannon showed the Commission pictures of where the proposed lighting is for the Millennium Sidewalk Project. The surrounding landowners will need to be contacted before any plans go out to bid. The lights can be on a timer if needed. Shannon reviewed the pictures. He has everything else ready to go out to bid. Discussion on the bid details.

10:57 AM Mary Grube, Planning Administrative Assistant joined the meeting.

10:58 AM Gareth Young, TC Energy joined the meeting via teleconference.

Upper Lake Fence- Discussion on the plans to extend the existing fence to run across the Upper Dam, to keep vehicles from driving on the berm. Shannon plans to add it into the bid package as an alternate.

11:00 AM Tayla Snapp, TC Solutions joined the meeting via teleconference.

11:02 AM Travis Jones, KLJ joined the meeting via teleconference.

TC Energy Extension- The TC Energy conditional approval is set to expire December 2nd, 2020. They are requesting another extension to meet their conditions until December 2nd, 2023. Mary sees no issues with this and read over the statute. The governing body may extend the conditional approval. TC Energy has signed their part of the extension. The Commission agreed and signed.

Commissioner Rost made the motion to allow TC Energy the extension of the conditional approval of the Baker Workforce Camp Major Subdivision until December 2nd, 2023. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion, being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:05 AM Tayla, Travis and Jerry hung up the phone, therefore leaving the meeting.

11:07 AM Rich and Mary left the meeting.

Upper Lake Clean-Out- Shannon is working on the plans for the Upper Lake clean-out. He plans to put a mid-summer deadline on the project. They are permitted to remove 25,000 yards. A fence will need to be installed on top of the berm to help eliminate vehicle use.

Plevna Road North Box Culvert Project- Diamond J Construction is getting closer to finishing up the Plevna Road North Box Culvert Project. They plan to open the road sometime this week. They are still working on the slopes and the topsoil. They are not going to seed this year but would like the County to release the bond. The County plans to hold retainage and the seeding cost and write-up a new contract. They will have some touch-up work to do in the spring as well. Shannon is tentatively thinking of June 15th, 2021 as a completion date.

11:27 AM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

11:30 AM Shannon left the meeting.

Approval of November 2-6, 2020 Proceedings-

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to approve the minutes from November 2-6, 2020

Commissioner Proceedings, as presented. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

Permission to Recruit for Public Health- Julie would like to ask permission to begin recruitment for the Director of Public Health. The County is still looking for a full-time Health Nurse as well. Julie gave the Commission a copy of the job description for the Director of Public Health. The contract with the schools for a Health Nurse will need to be cancelled, as that will no longer be able to be fulfilled. The Commission will work with Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney, regarding this issue. The job requirements and experience will be left as-is. Discussion on possible places to advertise.

Commissioner Baldwin made the motion to recruit for the Director of Public Health. Commissioner Rost seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

11:45 AM Julie left the meeting.

11:50 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.

NOON RECESS

RECONVENE

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1:52 PM Kay Webb, Little Beaver Conservation District joined the meeting.

CARES Act- The Little Beaver Conservation District is looking at applying for the CARES Act. Because of COVID, they had to purchase different computers, monitors, etc. They are also looking at other items that can be purchased through the CARES Act. Kay will need to speak with Dale Butori, DES/911 Coordinator, as he is working on this currently for the County.

1:56 PM Kay left the meeting.

2:01 PM Darcy Wassmann, County Attorney joined the meeting.

Agreement with Schools- Darcy will write a letter to notice the cancellation with the schools for the Public Health Nurse services agreement explaining that this contract will no longer be able to be fulfilled.

Bridger Haul Route Agreement- The draft agreement for the Bridger Haul Route has been sent out to them and no response has been heard yet.

KLJ Planning Contract- The current contract with KLJ for Planning services is valid until July of 2021. A Request for Qualifications will be published in March or April of this year.

City Water Purchase Agreement- The City has given the County an agreement regarding the Gun Range waterline. Darcy is planning to make a few changes to the agreement to be reviewed by both parties before recommending the Commission to sign.

2:34 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

3:42 PM Commissioner Rost made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. Commissioner Ranum asked for any other discussion; being none. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. The motion carried unanimously.

3:44 PM Julie Straub, HRM joined the meeting.

Public Health- The Commission, Julie and Darcy discussed the potential recruitment for a Director of Public Health.

3:52 PM Steve Zachmann, Mayor joined the meeting.

4:00 PM Darcy and Julie left the meeting.

4:01 PM Commissioner Baldwin left the meeting.

City Water Purchase Agreement- The Commission had different questions regarding the wording of the City Water Purchase agreement. Both Steve and the Commission reviewed the proposed agreement and discussed possible changes.

4:28 PM Steve left the meeting.

WORK SESSION

The Commission reviewed emails and correspondence, as well as County reports and revenues, board minutes and agendas.

4:30 PM Commissioner Rost 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 Baldwin). The motion carried.

EVENING RECESS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

9:45 AM CONVENE

PRESENT: Deb Ranum, Chairman; Roy Rost, Member; Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk/Secretary

ABSENT: Steve Baldwin, Member

9:57 AM Barb Ketterling, Treasurer joined the meeting.

10:00 AM Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder, Election Administrator; Debbie Wyrick, Deputy Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting.

General Election Canvass-

Total Ballots – 1,597

President –

-Joseph R Biden/Harris – 172

-Jo Jorgensen/Cohn – 28

-Donald J Trump/Pence – 1,375

Senator –

-Steve Bullock – 235

-Steve Daines – 1,341

US Representative –

-Matt Rosendale – 1,312

-Kathleen Williams – 251

Governor/LT Governor –

-Lyman Bishop/Nesper – 49

-Mike Cooney/Schreiner – 218

-Greg Gianforte/Juras – 1,288

Secretary of State –

-Bryce Bennett – 164

-Christi Jacobsen – 1,331

Attorney General –

-Raph Graybill – 166

-Austin Knudsen – 1,343

State Auditor –

-Troy Downing – 1,273

-Shane A Morigeau – 164

-Roger Roots – 57

State Superintendent of Public Instruction –

-Elsie Arntzen – 1,234

-Kevin Leatherbarrow – 42

-Melissa Romano – 224

Public Service Commission District #2 –

-Valerie McMurtry – 172

-Tony O'Donnell – 1,322

Supreme Court Justice #5 –

-Mike Black – 453

-Laurie McKinnon – 784

Supreme Court Justice #6 – Jim Shea Remain in Office –

-Yes – 994

-No – 350

State Representative District #37 –

-Jacob Kitson – 113

-Jerry Schillinger – 1,383

Clerk of District Court Public Administrator –

-Jeraldine A Newell – 1,454

County Commissioner District #1 –

-Kevin J Braun – 766

-Chuck Lee – 94

-Pete J Rising – 58

Constitutional Amendment #46 –

-Yes – 1,048

-No – 340

Constitutional Amendment #47 –

-Yes – 984

-No – 387

Constitutional Initiative #118 –

-Yes – 643

-No – 858

Legislative Referendum # 130 –

-Yes – 726

-No – 763

Initiative #190 –

-Yes – 577

-No – 955

WRITE IN – COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1 –

-Sandra N Kinsey – 198

-Brian O'Connor – 410

10:13 AM Brenda, Barb and Debbie left the meeting.

10:25 AM Commissioner Rost made the motion to adjourn 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED

s/Kelsey DuCharme, Recording Clerk

s/Deb Ranum, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/Brenda J. Wood, Clerk & Recorder