

Fair Board Minutes  
May 4, 2017

Present: Ronda Johnston, Nate Ruth, Rocky Cosgriff, Brad McGann and Cindy Selensky

Guests: Commissioner Mosness, Commissioner Wallace, Commissioner Faw, Marc King, Kandi Schuman, County Attorney Pat Dringman, Clay Nagel and Sam Spector

Brad moved to wave the reading of the minutes. Nate seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner Mosness told the Board that the Master Plan needed to be approved by Page Dringman.

Cindy gave a treasurer report. She said that Stenberg Construction bill was \$14,500.

Sam and Clay discussed energy savings at the Pavilion. Sam said he could do an energy assessment for the board. Brad reported that North Western Energy will only do 1 energy audit per customer forever, so the Board cannot get another one. They also sent Brad the current incentives and rebate offers. Clay said that he had bought some new bulbs for the women's bathrooms. Sam said he would volunteer his time for an audit in the Pavilion. Nate made a motion to have Sam Spector do a cost analysis in the Ag Pavilion. Brad seconded the motion and it passed.

Ronda started a discussion about Clay's contract. Pat Dringman discussed the legal side of Clay's duties. He said that Montana Law describes Clay's duties as an Independent Contractor and that there needs to be a written contract between the Board and Clay. He said that the way Clay is being paid currently makes it appear that he is an employee, as well as him using county equipment. Commissioner Mosness said that she was concerned with the bills the last two months. Nate discussed his thoughts, as well as Commissioner Faw. Cindy asked if it would be smarter to have a maintenance contract and a lawn care contract. Commissioner Faw discussed his thoughts concerning the work at the Fairgrounds. Pat thought that the Board could also look at making this a paid county position.

Commissioner Faw said that he was upset that the other two Commissioners and the County Attorney were at the meeting.

Brad asked for some guidance for setting fees for grounds from the Commissioners. Pat said that as a county citizen, he would like the Board to ask for public input.

Clay gave his report. He said he sold the John Deere mower for \$540.00. He purchased LED lights and soap. He reported that he needed garbage bags, lights and other things for the FFA event.

Clay, Ronda and Nate discussed spraying around the posts and buildings to cut down on weed wacking. Commissioner Faw suggested spraying the corrals also. Clay spoke to

Frank Laverell about the septic system. Commissioner Faw suggested using Rid-Ex. Clay and Nate will work on the lightpost for the flagpole. Clay said he was going to need topsoil. Nate said he would donate 4 screened trailer loads. Lighting the stove in the Pavilion. Clay said that he would like to have the contracts denote what appliances are needed. Brad suggested a sign for the stove, so that is not going to be an issue. Kandi will make a sign for how to light the stove. Clay said that he got a call from Doug Brekke asking about the PA system.

Brad brought up the reclaimed wood project.

Ronda discussed having Terry Talkington look at the understory of the Grandstands.

Clay discussed the fact that the infield bathrooms are running. He is trying to get all the lights switched over to LED lights. Brad and Nate suggested replacing them as they go bad. Clay would like to put sensor lights in the bathroom. The Board decided to have Clay do this. Clay has also talked to Dennis Birchell.

Ronda gave a bucking chute update. Her and Rod are going to repair some of the gates for the High School rodeo. The new chutes should be here on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cindy said that the FFA CDE event went well. She has noticed that some work needs done on the millings.

Clay said that there has been a lot of driving on the grass and that it needs to be stopped.

Ronda asked about the millings. Commissioner Faw said the Board is responsible for sealing the millings and needs to budget for it.

Contracts were read. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are roping and barrel racing. There is a check for the first 2 weeks of this. Brad moved to accept it with a second from Rocky. The motion passed. Clay asked if it would interfere with the bucking chute project. It was agreed that panels could be used if needed.

The Community Foundation has a contract for July 12<sup>th</sup> for the Ag Pavilion. They haven't left a deposit yet. Brad moved to approve it when a cleaning deposit is issued. Nate seconded it and it passed.

The Lion's Club had a contract for doing the NRA rodeo concessions on June 23 & 24. Nate moved to accept this. Rocky seconded it and it passed.

Pam Mack has a contract for the arena for September 30 and October 1 for a horse clinic. Nate moved to approve it when a check is issued. Cindy seconded this and it passed.

Farm Fair would like all the buildings on the Fair Side for September 7. There will be no charge for this as it is educational. Brad moved to accept this with a second from Cindy. The motion passed.

The Board scheduled at work meeting for Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Fairgrounds.

Clay called Cory about changing the oil in the water truck and in the yellow loader. Pat said he will ask about allowing Clay to operate some of the equipment. He said Clay can change the oil and do maintenance. Clay thought that took about 5% of his time.

Pat will work on a contract for Clay.

Ronda adjourned the meeting at 9:37pm.