## VALLEY COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM BOARD

Regular Directors Meeting October 20, 2015 Valley County Pioneer Museum

Called to Order: 6:03

PRESENT: Dave Pippin, Roberta Barstad, Sheila Malone, Dave Olson, Shelley Romo

ABSENT: Sherman Lacock

GUESTS: Barb Hoffmann, Lenore Hinerman, Sue Henderson

MINUTES: Were read and approved as corrected

#### BILLS:

Markle's Inc.---\$40.99 NorthWestern---\$437.00 pd NorthWestern---\$37.13 pd [new shed---\$26.54] [shed---\$10.50]

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. There will be a meeting of all three groups: Valley County Museum Board, Valley County Historical Society, and the Friends of the Pioneer Museum, at 1:30 at the museum on November 3, 2015. Please come with ideas on where we want the museum to be in 10 years and how to attain these goals. If you have any ideas you can contact Dave if you want before the meeting.

2. The cement work is done over in the machinery shed. They are working on the cement in the front of the new building at the west end. They thought they had it ready and then realized they had the

wrong slope and had to rework the ground.

- 3. The trench on the east side of the building is finished. Bob Steele from the county came and did the work. When they were working they found the original tile that was put in in 2004 had filled up with dirt on the south end from the dirt washing down from the east and plugged the end so the water coming from Bundy Park could not drain out. They cleaned it out and left the tile in. The city were to put up a sign on the north so no one will drive in back of the museum. They also hauled the dirt away.
- 4. The 1949 Packard has been brought in and is in the machine shed. The owner transporting it did not realize that the visor had not been put on right and it was damaged during transport. Bob Potter has found another visor for \$150.00. It will have to be painted the correct color. Dave took the title and papers to the Courthouse to register it under the Valley County Pioneer Museum also get it registered under the County Insurance Plan. Dave is hoping to be able to go out to the Hill place and pick up the wood and other articles she is donating to the museum. Charlie Romo and Norm Girard have made arrangements to go out to Stonebergs on Monday, October 26, 2015.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. No new business brought before the board.

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#### SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- 1. The Glasgow High School students were camped out on the lawn one Saturday night. They slept in cardboard boxes to raise money for the homeless. They do a wonderful job of cleaning up afterwards.
- 2. We had 19 little Headstart children and 4 adults in for a visit. They were given Halloween gift bags when they left.
- 3. Norm took the dinosaur bones out to the Fort Peck Interpretive Center. The signed letter from the Engstrom family is placed in the file with the minutes and also a copy was given to the Historical Society and in the Pastperfect file.
- 4. There were 3 young boys in working during the past week. They had been given community service hours to complete. They had been supervised by a county supervisor. They cleared the floor in the new building and stacked all the chairs out of the way.
- 5. Pegg Cornwell attended the grant work shop in Malta. She came back with good ideas on how to obtain some of the grant money from the Montana History foundation. She would like to have the Lewis & Wedum books digitized and new shelving in the archives. The archives have started working on a grant.
- 6. There will be an Emergency Preparedness conference here in Glasgow. They would like to have an open house at the museum the evening of October 26, 2015.
- 7. On October 27, 2015 there is a meeting for the Historical Society in Miles City, MT.

#### OTHER:

1. Sheila Malone wanted to know if the Historical Society would like some ice cream chairs that are in the Catholic Church in Nashua, but came originally from the ice cream parlor in Nashua. Barbara assured her the Historical Society would like them.

# ADJOURN OR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on November 17, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Dave Pippin, President

Shelley Romp, Secretary

# Valley County Museum Board Meeting - Special

Joint: Commissioners, VC Board, VCHS, Friends/Pioneer Museum

November 3, 2015

Called to order: 1:28 pm.

Present:

Dave Reinhardt, County Commissioner/Pioneer Museum liaison

Dave Pippin, Valley County Museum Board, Ch; Shelley Romo\*, Sec'y., Board; Roberta Barstad, Sherman Lacock, Members.

Barbara Hoffman\*, Pioneer Museum Supervisor

Mary Helland, Valley County Historical Society, President; Dorothy Kolstad, Kitty Lou Rusher, Peggy Cornwell, Joan Helland, Marilyn Maxness, Jerry Jacobson, Charles Romo, Shelley Romo\*, Lenore Hinerman\*, Sherri Turner\*, Barb Hoffmann\*, Members.

Sue Henderson, Friends/Pioneer Museum President; Karen Hanvold, Sherri Turner\*, Kristie Brabeck, Bernice Barrett, Lenore Hinerman\*, Members.

Dave Pippin, who had called the special meeting, welcomed all those in attendance, asking all to introduce and identify their affiliation.

County Commissioner Dave Reinhardt provided an overview of the Commissioners' perspective on each of the entities: The County Board is responsible for paying the bills for the building(s) upkeep and the wages, and keeping the buildings in good repair. The Historical Society is charged with the exhibits and their display, and seeing to the inside of the buildings. The Friends/Pioneer Museum is the money-raising arm for the benefit of the museum. The commissioners appreciate all the hard work everyone has done.

Friends/Pioneer Museum President Sue Henderson stated that group is working towards a large building across the street to house all the agriculture equipment, doubting, though, that it would be built in her lifetime. She estimated the cost around one million dollars. They currently run part of the gift shop and help pay some of the wages, and sell plaques. They have capped the plaque project at 300, with over 275 currently sold. They would like somewhere to place them in the museum, preferably in the Lewis and Clark Room. They have some on the walls at

the Courthouse at this time. Their goal is to have all the plaques together. They have contacted Sean Heavey to help them design an artistic exhibit for the plaques. They are waiting for the Historical Society to invite them to a meeting so they can explain their design. They would then take the plan to the County Board for approval.

Valley County Historical Society President Mary Helland explained the plan for the new building. They want to have a street scene that helps people understand what the people coming into Glasgow before 1915 saw. A mural of the Glasgow Depot will adorn the south wall between the doors with a platform and an overhanging roof. The platform can serve double duty as a place for special speakers to stand. She noted this will all take time to accomplish. A young architect working on a design should have it finished by the end of this year. The building can be used for larger meeting spaces for groups over 100, but the Lewis and Clark Room is needed for smaller meetings and traveling exhibits.

County Board Chairman Dave Pippin would like everyone to strive to communicate with what is going on in each organization. All should observe the chain of command. It is necessary for the County Commissioners to have a working knowledge of what is transpiring. Pippin is thinking of a walkway between the two buildings. He talked to the city, and they thought it could be done. He will contact them again. He would like a letter of clarification from the County Commissioners sent to each organization.

#### Other:

It was suggested that the County Board send out a letter, signed by all three groups, to be placed with the annual letter the Friends send, explaining how each group uses the money they receive. That way the donors could make a more informed decision as to which way they would direct their contributions. It was also suggested that each group's mission be explained on the web page.

Adjourned: 2:25 pm.

\*dual role

Dave Pippin, Chairman

Shelley Romo, Secretary