

Unapproved Minutes

Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on January 15, 2008 at 8:40 a.m. Present were Chair Jim Willox, Vice-Chair Ed Werner, Commissioner Mark Cash and County Clerk Lucile K. Taylor.

The Commission is considering a 9% grade on the realignment of Boxelder Road. New cost estimates will be prepared for the proposed grade change and landowners along that portion of the road will be notified of the grade change.

Mr. Musselman requested a determination on the reconstruction of Antelope Coal Mine Road that services Powder River Coal employees. The reconstruction of approximately 3 miles will cost about \$4 million. The County has an IRF grant for \$1 million; therefore the County would need to come up with \$3 million. The other option may be to do a partial reconstruction of the most heavily traveled portion in the 3-mile section.

Mr. Vinni Hershberger requested a five-year lease for the Douglas Motorsports Park and Raceway. Mr. Hershberger presented an impact statement and stated it would cost approximately \$68,000 to redo the pavement. The Commission proposed a four year extension and modification to the current lease, to include a five year accelerated recapture buyout clause with a cap of \$100,000, with the summer of 2008 being the first race season.

GSG Architecture and Reilly Johnson Architecture gave a presentation on the availability of services to the two proposed sites should the County build a Joint Judicial Center (Converse County Justice Center).

The regular meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. into a public hearing to obtain citizens' comments on the proposed vacation and replat of the north half of Lot 1, Tract 4 of Brownfield-Hamilton and Hamilton Tracts located in Brownfield-Hamilton and Hamilton Subdivision in Converse County. This vacation and replat is an application for a variance to the Converse County Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Comments: Mr. Musselman reviewed the specifics of the variance request. Mr. Werner discussed the provision of the County requiring bonds or a lien on the property to assure the proposed developer(s) agree to provisions approved through the subdivision application process.

The Public Hearing closed and the regular meeting reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

The approval of the variance will be tabled until a question can be asked of the County Attorney regarding the performance of items identified on the plat.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

Mr. Cash moved to approve the bond for Roscoe J. Gorman. Seconded by Mr. Werner. Motion carried.

Mr. Werner moved to approve the rental agreement with Converse Land Title effective February 15, 2008. Seconded by Mr. Cash. Discussion: The

additional space was needed due to the shortage of space in the courthouse for the county departments. Motion carried.

Mr. Tom Nordwick, Dr. Chuck Lyford, Mr. Tom Davis, Mr. Jay Johnson, representing MHCC, discussed the Emergency Services Building and the need for building space. Mr. Nordwick also discussed space (land and/or buildings) in Glenrock for the ambulances serving the Glenrock area. Mr. Nordwick will pursue options in the Glenrock area. Mr. Nordwick requested help from the County in replacing two ambulances.

Mr. Cash moved to approve the agreement with MHCC for the Emergency Services Building. Seconded by Mr. Werner. Motion carried.

Mr. Bert Emery discussed septic waste disposal. The City of Douglas has stated they are almost at their capacity as to how much sewage can be processed with the current system. When necessary, Mr. Emery drives to Casper for disposal and the associated costs are much higher. He asked for the Commission's assistance in trying to find a solution.

Mr. Werner moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2008. Seconded Mr. Cash. Motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m. /s/ James H. Willox, Chair.

Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk.

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