

**Unapproved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County**

The special meeting was called to order on May 14, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Frank Eathorne, Commissioner Al Stoick, County Attorney Quentin Richardson, County Surveyor John Lambert and County Clerk Lucile Taylor. Also present were, from the City of Douglas: Tom Brauer, Brian Sweeney, and Mike Roy; Karl Littlewood, Crown Business Enterprises. Others present were Ron Lambert and Erik Sokolowski.

County Surveyor John Lambert reviewed the West Plains Development Project. Discussion was held on the placement of the water and sewer lines for the "project", as well as for other property owners in Brownfield who may want access in the future to the City's water and sewer. Mr. Lambert stated there is room in the barrow pit to keep the two lines 10 feet apart.

Mr. Stoick moved to approve the construction for the water and sewer lines for the West Plains Subdivision with the water line to be approximately four feet from the east boundary of the Brownfield Road right-of-way, and the sewer line to be ten feet west of the water line; both to be placed in the barrow pit. Four manholes will be in the street approaches to the subdivision and the fifth one will be required opposite West Laramie Street. Seconded by Mr. Eathorne. Motion carried.

Mr. Frank Henderson, UW-CES, presented the logistics for declaring Converse County a drought area. He stated the Commission should send a resolution, along with a cover letter to Governor Freudenthal, with copies to Ms Kyndra Miller, State Planning Coordinator in the Governor's Office, and Mr. John Etchepare, Director, Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Bob Kayser, Dr. Chuck Lyford, Ms Peggy Wiley, Mrs. Terri Wills-Cathcart, Dr. Sherry Blanchard and Mr. Tom Nordwick were present to discuss the possible employment of a psychiatrist for Eastern Wyoming Mental Health Center. Dr. Chuck Lyford gave an overview of the need for a psychiatrist. The projected annual cost would be \$150,000 minimally. While a portion of the salary would be covered by clients' payments, about ½ of it would not. Mr. Bob Kayser asked Converse County to contribute \$50,000 annually - possibly up to 3 years. Memorial Hospital of Converse County would provide recruitment services and \$25,000. MHCC would then contract back to Eastern Wyoming Mental Health Center. MHCC would like to be reimbursed for their expenses if the revenue allows. The Commission will take the matter under consideration and wanted the participants to know that, if funded, it would have to be one year at a time.

The special meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. /s/ Frank G. Eathorne, Jr.,
Chair. Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk

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