

Unapproved Minutes Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on October 5, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. Present were Chair Frank Eathorne, Vice-Chair Sharon Lovitt, Commissioner Al Stoick, and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

Mr. Bob Sprentall, District Ranger and Mrs. Misty Hayes, Asst. District Ranger, USFS, stated there will some coal bed methane wells drilled in northern Converse County; the burns in Albany County went well and they would like to do another burn in that area; the USFS is working with our R&B Dept. to trade services with the County on maintenance of County roads/USFS roads and requested the County's assistance in asking the Laramie District Office for a grader.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the minutes of September 7, 8, and 28, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Stoick. Discussion. Has Converse County met the requirements of the WCDA grant to the Converse County Senior Housing, Inc. Motion carried

The regular meeting recessed into a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the transfer of a Malt Beverage License to Mark Horning, new owner of The Bill Store. There were no comments from the public.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the transfer of the license as advertised. Seconded by Mr. Stoick. Motion carried.

Mrs. Penny Helms, Public Defender's Office, presented a request for another office for the two part-time Deputy Public Defenders who will be working from that office.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. George Smith, Maintenance Dept., will get a new bid to fix the roof of the Douglas Fire Dept building.

Mr. Scott McWilliams, R&B Foreman, asked about purchasing a used, snow plow to be used by Antelope Coal for CR 37. Converse County would furnish the sand and the truck. Antelope Coal would provide the loader, fuel and operator. Winter hours for the R&B operators will be four, tens with half the crew off on Monday and half off on Friday.

The regular meeting recessed into an Executive Session on personnel matters and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. to recess into a Board of Health meeting.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2004 with the Department Heads' meeting.

Mr. Joe Coyne and Mrs. Linda Wolfe, CANDO, reviewed the PLAN for the TANF/CPI grant, which was recently awarded to Converse County. Mr. Coyne presented logistics of the grant and their expectations for all subcontractors. Mr. Coyne suggested an agreement with Converse County for a pass through of the funds.

Mr. Stoick moved to accept the Private Road Application of Clark & Pfister Land Company, LLC. The Private Road Application will be heard on January 18, 2005. Seconded by Mrs. Lovitt. Motion carried.

County Attorney Quentin Richardson reviewed Title 24, which deals with the Commissioners' efforts to change existing rights-of-ways on County roads. Mr. Richardson suggested a Resolution was the best option. In addition, there is a requirement that all landowners be notified.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Canady was present to discuss the Arrowhead Park lot that is designated as a recreation area and presented ideas for consideration by the Commission. Mrs. Canady asked for the Commissioners' assistance with (1) roads, (2) attorney fees related to the problem with Lot 52, and (3) permission to sell Lot 52 (as replatted).

County Treasurer Joel Schell discussed an appraisal the County paid for on a County-owned lot in Sunup Ridge. The Commission agreed to advertise and accept bids on the lot. The Commission also agreed to allow Mr. Schell to diversify the County's investments.

The Commission will meet on October 29, 2005 with the Federal Highway Administration on the Esterbrook Road project. The location and time will be set later.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the following business transactions. Accounts payable (will be submitted separately), tax refunds/cancellations: 1990-2003 Jack Dalton 2221.77, 2004-118 Morgan Energy 724.98, 2004-119 David Cline 35.30, 2004-120 Union Telephone 23.24, 2004-121 Black Bear Oil 140.84; monthly reports: Health Aug 3788 and Sep 1815, Douglas Amb to 9/19, 15099.86 and Glenrock Amb to 9/19, 4929.75; Clerk Sep 15610.35; Assessor Sep 112.43; other monthly reports: Tourism Board, Airport, Library, Ayres Natural Bridge, CANDO, and Glenrock Chamber. Seconded by Mr. Stoick. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-04 CONVERSE COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Converse County, State of Wyoming, may decide to vacate or alter part of County Road 31, known as the Ross Road, located within Converse County, State of Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, desires to consider the reduction of the right of way on each side of the road to 33 feet from the center line, commencing at the west right-of-way of Wyoming Highway 93 and ending at the west line of Section 31, Township 41, Range 75; but will not vacate or alter the access rights of the area landowners or the right of governmental agencies to retain access to Ross Road for performing essential public services; and,

WHEREAS, such vacation or alteration is permitted under the provisions of W.S. § 24-3-101, *et. seq.*; and,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that notice of this proposed vacation or alteration of right of way shall be published in an official newspaper within Converse County for three successive weeks in compliance with W.S. § 24-3-110, and upon completion of such publication, a public meeting shall be held whereby all interested parties may be heard.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of October 2004. Board of County Commissioners Converse County, Wyoming. /s/ Frank G. Eathorne, Jr., Chair; Sharon K. Lovitt, Vice-Chair; Al Stoick, Commissioner. ATTEST: Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk.

Seconded by Mr. Stoick. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the contract between Sherri Blanchard, M.D. Converse County Health Officer and the Wyoming Department of Health.

Seconded by Mr. Stoick. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to lift the partial fire ban as stated in Resolution 10-04. Seconded by Mr. Stoick. Discussion: Tom Reed, County Fire Warden; Rick Andrews, Douglas Fire Dept; and Jeff Nelson, Glenrock Fire Dept, as well as Converse County Sheriff John Bey, all agreed to lifting the ban. Motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. /s/ Frank G. Eathorne, Jr., Chair. Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk

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