

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

The regular meeting was called to order on July 19, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Present were Chairman Frank Eathorne, Vice-Chair Sharon Lovitt, Commissioner Mark Cash and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

Mr. Jeff Boner, local area rancher, Mr. Bill Salisbury representing Power Resources and Mr. Jim Fehlauer, representing Stone Energy, were present to discuss Highland Loop Road, CR 32. Mr. Boner felt it was a very under-constructed road for the amount of high use it receives. Mr. Fehlauer stated there were 185 producing oil wells in Scott Field, plus several other industry representatives using CR 32. Generally, about 29 vehicles per day, representing 37 families who earn their living through industry in this area use this road. In addition, there are about 4 ranch families who use the road. Mr. Fehlauer stated Stone Energy would help with any water needed for road construction. Mr. McWilliams asked Mr. Boner if he would object to realigning one portion of the road which would eliminate a bad corner where drifting is a problem. Mr. Bill Salisbury stated somewhere around 20 employees use a portion of the road several times a day. There are probably around 8-10 vehicles that travel the full length of CR 32. The paved area is now getting potholes. Mr. Eathorne discussed the possibility of knocking off a couple of hills where the drifting is bad and asked Mr. Fehlauer and Mr. Salisbury if their companies would consider helping with the road projects. Both gentlemen stated they would check with their company and let the Commission know.

The regular meeting recessed into a public hearing at 10:10 a.m. for budget adjustments in the amount of \$217,229 to be made to increase the expenditure budgets of the following Converse County Departments for FY 05: General Fund: Clerk of District Court 2347, Courthouse 38130, Jail 31645, R&B 75139; Fund 122 Grants 68892, Fund 128 HAHR 1076. There were no comments from the public.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the budget adjustments for FY 05 as advertised in the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Cash. Motion carried.

Mr. Dan Mayfield and Mr. Mark Knickerbocker, representing Douglas Motorsports Association, gave an overview of activities at the racetrack and presented handouts. Mr. Mayfield stated resurfacing the pavement would cost about \$60,000 and he wondered about the status of racing in future years. Mr. Eathorne reviewed the County's position on that property. Mr. Mayfield stated 150 acres would be needed if the racetrack were to be relocated with room to expand.

Mr. Bob Hunt asked if the County wanted to turn over the stockyards on old Hwy 59 to someone who would be interested in fixing them up. Due to its proximity to the city limits, the Commission stated they preferred to sell the scales and tear down the old corrals.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the agreement between Mrs. Shirley Forgey and Converse County Road & Bridge Department for water at \$0.03/gallon from LaBonte Creek for the Esterbrook Road reconstruction project. Seconded by Mr. Cash. Motion carried.

The regular meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Eathorne administered the oath of appointment to Mr. Robert Clausen, Mr. Parker Moore, and Mr. Dick Lisco as Viewers and Appraisers for the Private Road Application of Clark and Pfister Land Co. LLC.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the minutes of July 5 and 6, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Cash. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve the Professional Service Contracts between Ray L. Hoopman, William J. Disney, Cole N. Sherard, Eydie Lee Johnson and H. Rick Hollon and Converse County for the Guardian Ad Litem program through December 31, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Cash. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lovitt moved to approve allowing Converse County to conduct business with Wyoming Surplus Property. Seconded by Mr. Cash. Motion carried.

Mr. Cash moved to adopt Resolution 09-05, a resolution for the Official County Budget for FY 06. Seconded by Mrs. Lovitt. Motion carried.

Mr. Cash moved to adopt Resolution 10-05, a resolution for the mil levies for FY 06. Seconded by Mrs. Lovitt. Motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

/s/ Frank G. Eathorne, Jr., Chair. Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk.  
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