

Unapproved Minutes  
Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on April 21, 2009 at 8:26 a.m. Present were Chair Ed Werner, Vice-Chair Mike Colling, Commissioners Dave Edwards, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

The Duke Energy Wind Project's impact to Converse County Roads was discussed. The Commission will contact Tom Schroeder, DEQ-Industrial Siting Council regarding this concern.

Mr. Willox moved to ratify the request of Miller Construction to put a water line under Brownfield Road at a depth of 8 feet. Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Ms. Holly Richardson, Special Projects, discussed new legislation dealing with subdivisions. The Commissioners discussed the new laws and which of those laws to incorporate into the Converse County Subdivision Regulations;

Ms. Janet Maines and Mr. Mike Miracle provided a copy of the minutes of the Monkey Road Service and Improvement District where that Board voted to ask the County for the continuance of a road maintenance assessment.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the request of Monkey Road Service and Improvement District to assess \$120 per lot within the district for the maintenance of roads and to have the assessment scheduled with the County's tax notices. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the minutes of April 7 and 8, 2009. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Douglas, Wyoming and Converse County for the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award in the amount of \$11,053 towards an L-1 Fingerprint Capture Device to be purchased prior to April 20, 2013. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to cancel the voiding of warrant #29468 as the warrant cleared and to void warrant #29815 Ann Hunter \$52.80. Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Frank Eathorne discussed various changes in Federal legislation that is occurring and how it may affect Converse County. Mr. Eathorne stated the County may want to form a Converse County Natural Resource Committee made up of five to seven citizens that can advise the Commission on these types of issues. The Committee members do not receive any funding. Chairman Werner asked Mr. Eathorne if he could find individuals to serve and bring back a recommendation to the Commission. County Clerk Lucile Taylor will contact Mr. Doug Thompson, Fremont County Commissioner, about establishing this type of committee.

Mr. Ben Austin, Mr. Kirby Wilson, and Mr. Jay Magnuson, representing the Douglas Motorsports Park Association, discussed the upcoming race season and their expectations for a great season. There is a new track manager, Dick Alexander, and the Association has worked on cutting expenses. Chairman Werner stated the County should be listed as an additional insured on the Liability Policy. The County has concerns about the property tax payments, as well as the lease payments and encouraged the Association to make at least a partial payment every month.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the following premiums for the County Employees' Health Insurance Plan effective July 1, 2009 and as recommended by the Management Team: Employee, \$678; Employee plus Dependent, \$1,223; Employee and Spouse, \$1,280; Family, \$1,473. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

The regular meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened 1:06 p.m.

Chairman Werner read the notice of the Private Road Application that was submitted to Converse County by Mr. James Hardee, Attorney for the applicants, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Joe Johnson. Mr. Dennis Meier, acting as the Hearing Officer for Converse County, introduced himself and conducted the hearing. Mr. Meier closed the hearing at 2:28 p.m.

County Attorney Quentin Richardson reviewed the options the Commission can pursue on the Private Road Application.

Mr. Willox moved that the applicant has demonstrated that they do not have access to their land. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved that the application should be certified to the District Court for further action as appropriate. Mr. Colling seconded. Roll call vote: ayes, Colling, Edwards, Lehner; nay, Willox. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed into a work session for the scholarship reviews.

Mr. Willox authorized the Chairman to negotiate the terms and enter into a contract with Communication Technologies, Inc. for an annual maintenance contract on radio communication equipment. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2009. /s/ Ed Werner, Chair. Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

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