

Unapproved Minutes

Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on June 16, 2009 at 8:02 a.m. Present were Chair Ed Werner, Vice-Chairman Mike Colling, Commissioners Dave Edwards, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

Mr. Mike Earnst asked if the proposed animal shelter should be put on the ballot this year for a special election. The Commission believes the western side of the County needs to have buy-in from the leadership in Glenrock and Rolling Hills for a new shelter and there was probably not enough time to get the information together for an election this year. Also discussed was having an MOU with Glenrock, Douglas and the County for the yearly operational costs.

Mr. Scott McWilliams, R&B, discussed the reconstruction of Esterbrook Road scheduled for this summer.

Architects Mr. Bob Johnson and Mr. Tim Schenk presented updated costs for the proposed justice center, which now includes the courts, and discussed options where cuts can happen.

Sheriff Clint Becker and CCEMA Coordinator Russ Dalgarn discussed Project Lifesaver. The cost to the County is \$6200 with the purchase of four transmitters. The total cost would be split between CCSO and CCEMA. Monthly cost to replace the batteries and band is \$8/mo per client. There is a \$2000 grant available to cover the costs above the \$6200.

Mr. Willox moved to approve Resolution 10-09, by short title, a Resolution establishing standards for determining when a site may be declared a nuisance under W.S. §18-2-101(a)(viii). Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried. This resolution is required by W.S. 18-2-115. The entire resolution is available at the Clerk's Office and the County's website at www.conversecounty.org. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve Resolution 11-09, by short title, A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A PARTIAL CLOSURE OF CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING DUE TO EXTREME FIRE DANGER. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried. This partial closure was recommended by the County Fire Warden. The entire resolution and text of the ban is available at www.conversecounty.org and the Clerk's Office. The ban contains the following language:

That the Board of Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, make and enter its Order imposing a partial closure within the boundaries of said county, prohibiting and/or restricting the use of open and outdoor fires within the unincorporated areas of this County, as follows:

All outdoor and open fires and the discharge of fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Converse County, Wyoming, are prohibited except as provided below:

1. Gas and charcoal fires within enclosed grills;
2. Use of acetylene cutting torches and/or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius;
3. Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius.
4. Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M., where such fires are contained inside of containers, are attended, and are provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten (10) feet in radius;
5. Controlled burns for range improvements, but only with the written permission of the County Fire Warden.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:05 and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Commissioners Ed Werner and Mike Colling were excused from the meeting.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Application of Wy Child and Family Development for their two properties as identified and located in Converse County. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the 2009 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan, Converse County, WY. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Lease Agreement between the Converse County Coalition Against Violence and Converse County for the building located at 126 N 5th Street, Douglas, WY beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the Contract between the Wy Department of Health, Community and Public Health Division, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Section, Converse County WIC Program and Converse County for the term of July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$16,416. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Grant Award for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Grants Program Directorate FY 2008 Buffer Zone Protection Program; (BZPP) Grant, Project ID 08-GPD-CON-BZ-BZL8 and the Converse County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$75,816.10 for the term of September 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Contract for Services between Converse County Sheriff's Office and Eva Ripley for Food Service for Inmates at a monthly cost of \$13,550.63 for the term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Agreement between Converse County, acting by and through its Sheriff and Cornerstone Programs Corporation for providing detention

services for juveniles for a term of twelve (12) months beginning July 1, 2009 at a cost to the County of \$131/day per juvenile. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the Agreement between Wyoming Central ABATE and the Converse County Sheriff's Office for two off-duty law enforcement officers to provide coverage for the Hog Fest on the evenings of June 26-27, 2009 at the South Recreation Center. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to void warrant 30084, Wy Dept of Health, \$13,904.56. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the minutes of June 2 and 3, 2009. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. on June 16, 2009.

Ed Werner, Chair

Attest: _____
Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk
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