

Unapproved Minutes  
Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on July 21, 2009 at 8:05 a.m. Present were Chair Ed Werner, Vice-Chair Mike Colling, Commissioners Dave Edwards, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

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

Mr. Willox moved to authorize WLC Engineering and CC R&B Road Foreman Scott McWilliams to complete a bid package for the possible rehabilitation on a portion of 55 Ranch Road (CR 23). Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the bid for the rehabilitation of 55 Ranch Road pending the bid cost and after a review by the R&B Foreman and the Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Sarah Repshire recommended expanding the Wellness Program benefit (physical fitness) to all County employees. Also discussed was the possibility of expanding to include other fitness centers pending those facilities having the ability to track attendance and prepare an invoice to the County.

Mr. Lehner moved to extend the Wellness Program to include all County employees who receive a County payroll warrant effective August 1, 2009. Mr. Edwards seconded. Discussion: The program will be re-evaluated in January 2010 to consider extending this wellness benefit. Motion carried.

The regular meeting recessed at 10:10 a.m. for a public hearing for citizens' input on budget amendments as follows: FY 09 Budget amendments of \$38,524 in General Fund cash to: Coroner \$3,939, Elections \$4,092, Emergency Mgt \$10,493, and Fire Suppression Authority \$20,000; \$1,982,892 in Unanticipated Grant Revenue to Misc Grants \$1,901,929; Homeland Security \$75,093, and MCH \$5,870; \$25,603 in E-911 Cash to E-911; cash transfers of \$650,000 from Fund 235 to Fund 231 and \$500,000 from Fund 245 to Fund 231 for FY 10 road projects. Chairman Werner stated the budget amendment was not needed for Rural Fire to FSA, so it was stricken from any action. Public Comments: Mr. Willox stated the overdrafts were anticipated. County Clerk Lucile Taylor stated most adjustments were for unanticipated grant expenditures and reimbursements and upcoming road projects.

The public hearing closed at 10:14 a.m. and the regular meeting reconvened.

Mr. Willox moved to accept the budget amendments as advertised and discussed in the public hearing. Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Contract Between the Wyoming Department of Health, Community and Public Health, Public Health Nursing, and Converse County for Public Health Nursing Services for FY 10. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the Consulting Services Agreement Between IXP Corporation and Converse County for an Assessment of a Consolidated Joint Communications Center for the City of Douglas, Town of Glenrock and Converse County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$67,410 which shall terminate October 31,

2009. Mr. Willox seconded. Discussion: the County's share is one-third (\$22,470) of the total cost. Motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve the MOU between WYDOT and Converse County, Project ACSTP 139.21 P581013, for 2275 cubic yards of Recycled Asphalt Pavement with a value of \$136,500. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to ratify the contract for the purchase of a building located at 255 N Russell Avenue, Douglas, WY at a cost of \$170,000. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried with Mr. Willox abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Colling moved to approve, by short title, Resolution 13-09 adopting the official County Budget for FY 10. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve, by short title, Resolution 14-09 setting the amounts to be raised by taxation and the necessary levies for FY 10. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Gary Dickau discussed some ideas to help with the reconstruction or rebuilding of county roads. Largely discussed was adding a crown and the possibility of asking the oil companies, who are generally willing to help, to add production water to the road surface if the DEQ would allow this usage. Also discussed was the possibility of the current contract blade operators using the County's equipment, as temporary operators, when available, to work on the roads during optimal times. Or, adjust the work schedules of the County's blade operators to coincide with optimal rebuilding opportunities.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Sean McCabe, Mr. David Phillips, Mr. David Grogg representing Duke Energy, along with their attorney, Ms. Jenifer Scoggin, discussed the proposed Top of the World Wind project to be sited in Converse County. Mr. McCabe gave a short review of the company and the proposed project. County Attorney Quentin Richardson asked for better communication to happen with Converse County well before the ISC's hearing to resolve concerns and any changes that may have occurred in the interim periods.

The Commissioners voiced their concern about the Campbell Hill Wind Project as it relates to changes whereby a County road was used for access for deliveries and that road was not identified in the original permitting application. Ms. Scoggin stated that was a result of a sub-contractor working with a private landowner. Generally, the Commission felt that Duke Energy and the Commissioners have to work together to be responsive to the ISC processes and to the citizens within the County.

The regular meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m. on July 21, 2009. /s/ Ed Werner,  
Chair Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

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