

Unapproved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on September 15, 2009 at 8:02 a.m. Present were Chairman Ed Werner, Vice-Chairman Mike Colling, Commissioners Dave Edwards, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

The Commission interviewed Mr. Joe Rankin for consideration for appointment to the Wy State Fair Advisory Board.

Mr. Jerry Steele offered his services as a consultant or contractor to Converse County for any projects where his experiences may benefit the County, especially for road and bridge projects.

The Commission interviewed Mr. Larry Leake for consideration for appointment to the Wy State Fair Advisory Board.

Mr. Tom Nordwick, MHCC and Mr. Garland Marso, Converse County Bank, were present to discuss an equipment lease for the hospital.

Mr. Willox moved to authorize the Chairman to sign all required documents for the Master Lease Purchase Agreement between Converse County Bank and Converse County, on behalf of Memorial Hospital of Converse County. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Sean McCabe, Mr. Dave Phillips and Ms. Jennifer Scoggins, representing Duke Energy and the Top of the World Wind Project, were present to give more details on the project. The Commission asked for a road usage agreement if a County road is to be used by Duke Energy or by any of the subcontractors. Also discussed was the location of the hearing – if the project is in Converse County, the Commission felt the hearing should be held in Glenrock or Douglas; and, milestone notification by Duke Energy on the completion of the project to help subcontractors with receiving payments for services rendered.

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

Mr. Skip Lewis, Mr. Garrett Falkenburg and Ms. Cheryl Schwartzkopf, Weed & Pest, discussed the grasshopper problem in this County. The Weed & Pest may ask for 2 mils in their next budget year to help cover the grasshopper infestation under a special program at a cost of approximately \$3.09 per treated acre. The landowner would pay about 20% of the cost and Weed & Pest would pay the balance.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the 24-Hour Catering Permit for the Hotel Higgins to cater an event at the Arrow S Arena on September 24, 2009. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried with Mr. Colling abstaining.

Mr. Lehner moved to allow the Chairman to sign the Grant Award Agreement for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Public Health Emergency Response Wyoming Department of Health and Converse County Public Health Nursing Services in the amount of \$54,701 for a term of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 pending approval by the County Attorney. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve the Grant Award for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Grant Programs Directorate, Interoperable

Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP), Fiscal Year 2009 in the amount of \$6,824.35 for a term ending March 31, 2011. Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant Agreement between the Wy Community Development Authority and Converse County (on behalf of Solutions for Life) in the amount of \$46,270 for a term ending September 14, 2010. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve the Subcontract for Services (CDBG Grant #122) between Converse County and Solutions for Life. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2, and 8, 2009. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to appoint Mr. Joe Rankin to a term ending September 30, 2013 on the Wyoming State Fair Advisory Board. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to allow the Chairman to sign a Complaint to Recover or Promissory Note and Enforce Security Agreement on an Economic Development Loan. Mr. Edwards seconded, motion carried with Mr. Colling abstaining.

The regular meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m. on September 15, 2009. /s/ Ed Werner, Chair Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

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