

**CONVERSE COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY  
JOINT POWERS BOARD  
April 7, 2021; The Paisley Shawl - Glenrock**

**Regular Meeting**

The Converse County Municipal and County Joint Powers Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 a.m. by Chairman Tony Lehner with the following present; voting members: René Kemper, Jim Willox, Ken Montgomery, Bruce Roumell, Boots Faunce, Mike Colling, Tony Lehner, Jon Maines, guests: Vere Cooper, Nathan Hughes, Karic Moulton, Russ Dalgarn, Johnna Shepherd, Rick Grant, Robert Short and Holly Richardson.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Willox moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021, Ms. Kemper seconded, motion carried.

**New Business**

Proposed amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws were discussed. Mr. Willox moved to approve the amendments to the Agreement as presented, Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried. Mr. Roumell moved to approve the bylaws as presented with an additional change to the meeting dates, Mr. Montgomery seconded, motion carried. The Agreement will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for filing following the review of the Attorney General.

**Business Review**

The Fire Suppression Authority (FSA) Board is working on budgets for FY22. Sites for rural fire halls have been determined and building plans will be reviewed by the State Fire Marshall.

Mr. Cooper relayed that bills from CenturyLink have increase fees for both wireless and landlines. These higher than expected costs will overrun the budgetary line items by \$10-\$12K for the year. The invoice for Glenrock SIP Interface between the PD's current ECW system and their existing Admin phone lines has not been received. The quote for Motorola for \$5,428.67 had been signed. This will be researched.

**Other Entities - Business Updates**

Public Health will soon discontinue drive throughs for COVID vaccinations and instead offer on-site vaccination clinics at Public Health. Testing for COVID has slowed down.

The Tourism Promotion Board is updating their accounting software.

The County Commissioners will further discuss phase II of the Joint Justice Center before going to bid.

Mr. Willox provided an update on the distribution of American Recovery Act Funds. This round of funding will be more flexible with two (2) years to use. The processes have not been defined as yet.

**Call to Audience**

It is predicted to be the third driest summer since 1985 with anticipated high fire danger.

Plans for a state-wide Congressional staffer tour this August are underway.

It is unknown at this time what the effect of Biden's executive order for drilling on federal lands will be on the Converse County EIS.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held in July with the location to be determined at a later date. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:53 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Kim Pexton, Secretary/Treasurer

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Mr. Tony Lehner, Chairman