

COUNTY COUNCIL

September 2, 2008

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on September 2, 2008. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters and CPO S. Simpson.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES
(08-09-01)

R. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 19, 2008 as amended.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(08-09-02)

G. Krokosh moved to add the following items to the agenda:
Southgrow Meeting
Tax Recovery Lands - Request to Purchase
H. McCrudden versus County
Gravel Quality - Division 7
Milk River Cemetery Gravel Request

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters.

BORDER ROAD

The Border Road needs to be maintained and the grass on the shoulders need to be cut. Superintendent R. Coppieters will notify Toole County.

PUBLIC WORKS
SECURITY
(08-09-03)

G. Krokosh moved that Public Works investigate a security system for the Warner Public Works Yard due to the recent break in.

Carried.

GAS TANK
REPLACEMENT
(08-09-04)

R. Taylor moved to proceed with the revised quote for the six gas tank installations and associated costs in the amount of approximately \$240,000.

Carried.

GRAVEL QUALITY

Public Works will monitor the gravel crushes to ensure the quality of the gravel continues to meet the contract specifications. Concerns over gravel quality in Division 7 were expressed. The contract specifications may need to be changed in order to insure the quality of the gravel is increased.

MILK RIVER
CEMETERY
(08-09-05)

W. Cunningham moved to donate the supply and hauling of 80 yards of crushed gravel to the Milk River Cemetery.

Carried.

MSI FUNDING
EQUIPMENT
(08-09-06)

R. Taylor moved that Public Works come forward with a written proposal for heavy construction equipment replacement utilizing the Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding Program.

Carried.

(08-09-07)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieter's report as presented.

Carried.

CPO REPORT

As presented by CPO S. Simpson and it is attached.

CRIME STOPPERS
(08-09-08)

R. Jones moved to offer a reward for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for the recent vandalism of county equipment and theft of fuel to a maximum of \$5,000 and further, work with the local RCMP and Crime-Stoppers and receive their input in this effort.

Carried.

ROAD ALLOW.
LAND USE
AGREEMENT
(08-09-09)

R. Taylor moved to approve the Land Use Agreement with Alberta Environment for a ground monitoring well system that is located on the road allowance between Sections 12 and 13 of 2-16-4, on condition the County can terminate the agreement with 30 days notice to Alberta Environment due to a possible road upgrade or any other reason the County deems necessary.

Carried.

(08-09-10)

G. Krokosh moved to receive CPO Simpson's report as presented.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:34 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:48 a.m.

R. Coppieters and S. Simpson were not present when the meeting reconvened.

RAW WATER
LINE
RESOLUTION
(08-09-11)

R. Ford moved to approve the "Specific Funding For Raw Water Lines in Rural Alberta" resolution and further, present it to the Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association for their approval at the meeting scheduled for September 19, 2008.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR
EDUCATION
COURSES

Administration will obtain an agenda for the education courses being offered for elected officials.

SOUTHGROW

A Southgrow meeting regarding the initiatives of the alternative energy program is being held in Lethbridge on Friday, September 5, 2008 and R. Jones, G. Krokosh and R. Taylor will be attending.

CARDSTON
REZONING
(08-09-12)

R. Taylor moved that the County has no objections to the proposed rezoning of a portion of the lands in the NE 21-6-21-4 being rezoned from Agriculture to Single Country Residential.

Carried.

MUNICIPAL
SPONSORSHIP
GRANT
(08-09-13)

K. Palmer moved to apply for the replacement of the four roof top air/heat units on the County Administration Building, due to their inefficiency and age (installed in approximately 1980), under the Municipal Sponsorship Grant.

Carried.

2009 STRATEGIC
PLANNING
WORKSHOP
(08-09-14)

K. Palmer moved to tentatively set a date for the 2009 Council Strategic Planning Workshop in the first two weeks of February 2009, and further, a facilitator will be contracted, and the location will be in the Waterton, Pincher Creek or Westcastle area. Possible topics include joint services, retaining employees, succession planning, recreation, long term goals, vision for the county, future taxation needs, assessment growth, regional raw and potable water systems, rental equipment from ASB, municipal services, overall labor issues, government lobbying needs, economic development, environmental (green) issues, and wind farm industry.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:57 p.m.

SALE OF TAX
RECOVERY
LANDS
(08-09-15)

K. Palmer moved to receive the letter from R. C. Balog requesting to purchase the tax recovery lands in the NW 33-1-17-4 and further, Administration moved forward with the possible sale according to Policy 120.42, Sale of Tax Recovery and Lease Lands.

Carried.

H. MCCRUDEN

The County is scheduled for an Examination of Discovery with H. McCrudden's legal counsel and the County of Warner legal counsel on October 9, 2008.

IN-CAMERA
(08-09-16)

R. Taylor moved to go in-camera at 1:08 p.m.

Carried.

(08-09-17)

R. Taylor moved to revert to regular session at 1:12 p.m.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

J. Meeks Sr - A Alberta Farm Safety Committee meeting was attended. Additional teachers for the farm safety courses have been contracted.

G. Krokosh - The Chinook Arch Library is preparing a three year budget which is being reviewed at their next meeting.

R. Ford - The Village of Coutts is interested in alternative energy options and would like to discuss possible options with the County. R. Ford will meet with R. Telford of the Village.

R. Jones - The AAMDC met with Health Minister R. Liepert and talked about ambulance transition, the need for more rural doctors and revised standards, and the first responder radio system. An FCSS meeting will be attended on September 3, 2008.

(08-09-18)

R. Ford moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(08-09-19)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator