

COUNTY COUNCIL

February 17, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on February 17, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, Administrator A. Romeril, CPO S. Simpson and Ag Fieldman J. Meeks Jr.

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

MINUTES  
(09-02-26)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 3, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS  
TO AGENDA  
(09-02-27)

R. Ford moved to add the following items to the agenda:

AAMDC - Contact

AAMDC - Early Bird Registration

AAMDC - District 3 Highlights

AAMDC - District 1 Highlights

AAMDC - FCM Meeting Highlights

News Release - Job Protection for Reservists

TransCanada Pipeline - Regulated by NEB

ORRSC - Agenda and Minutes

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Workshop

Education Meeting in Lethbridge

CPR Land Contamination

Highway 4 Access Concerns

Possible Resolution for Spring AAMDC Convention

Carried.

ASB TRUCKS BIDS  
(09-02-28)

R. Taylor moved to accept the low bid of Raymond Motors in the amount of \$28,706 for a 2009 Ford F-250 H.D. Supercab 4x4 truck on conditions that the specs are met as bid upon.

Carried.

Ag Fieldman J. Meeks left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

COUTTS  
BYPASS ROAD

Administration will contact Genivar to ensure they are preliminarily designing the Coutts Bypass Road to be on the road allowance and that it will match up with the American road to the south.

HIGHWAY 4  
ACCESS  
(09-02-29)

W. Cunningham moved that Administration contact Alberta Transportation to determine whether an access road on the east side of the new Highway 4 will run south from the Dinosaur Museum to J. Bellews/Spencers in the SW 22-2-16-4.

Carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT  
FRAMEWORK  
(09-02-30)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the County's submission to the questions from the Law Enforcement Framework Discussion Paper as amended and forward the submission to Alberta Solicitor General.

Carried.

INCIDENT  
COMMAND  
COURSE  
(09-02-31)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the attendance of CPO S. Simpson at the Incident Command Post Workshop in Ottawa as the federal government is picking up the costs associated with him attending.

Carried.

ANNUAL GENERAL  
H & S MTG.  
(09-02-32)

W. Cunningham moved to reschedule the March 26, 2009 Annual General Health and Safety Meeting to April 2, 2009.

Carried.

CPO S. Simpson left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

EDUCATION  
DISTRICT  
MEETINGS  
(09-02-33)

G. Krokosh moved that R. Ford attend a Regional Board of Education District meeting at the Lethbridge Lodge on February 19, 2009 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:24 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:36 a.m.

GIS/GPS/IT Technician T. Nelson was present when the meeting reconvened.

VIDEO  
CONFERENCING

T. Nelson reported that we have just about reached our download requirement limits with our wireless net work. The next stage would be to hook up to the Super Net. The cost for the monthly fee ranges between \$500 - \$700 per month plus a monthly fee from a provider. The costs for video conferencing hardware would run in the area of \$5,000 - \$10,000. Other options can be investigated but they are very limited unless our current supplier can update their equipment. It is unlikely Telus will supply ADSL to the Village of Warner in the near future.

(09-02-34)

R. Ford moved to receive T. Nelson's report on Supernet and Internet limitations in the Warner Administration Office.

Carried

T. Nelson left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

S.A. MEDIC AIR  
(09-02-35)

R. Taylor moved to receive the Administrator's report on information being requested from S.A. Medic Air and STARS.

Carried.

CPA CONVENTION  
(09-02-36)

J. Meeks Sr moved that R. Taylor, R. Jones, K. Palmer and A. Romeril be registered to attend the Community Planning Association Convention in Red Deer on April 6 - 8, 2009.

Carried.

COUNCIL  
DATE CHANGE  
(09-02-37)

J. Meeks Sr moved to reschedule the April 7, 2009 Council meeting to April 9, 2009.

Carried.

LETH. MOTOR-  
CYCLE CLUB

Administration is still making attempts to obtain a reply back from the Lethbridge Motorcycle Club in regards to concerns raised by the local residents.

Accountant R. Shaw entered the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

BILLS FOR  
PAYMENT  
(09-02-38)

R. Ford moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$423,222.74 as at February 17, 2009.

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

AAMDC SPRING  
CONVENTION  
(09-02-39)

R. Taylor moved to schedule meetings with the following government departments and the topics are as follows:

AB. Environment	Potable Water Standards and Lack of Funding Supplemental Water Supply on Milk River Milk River Watershed Management Plan
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AB. Transportation     Coutts Bypass Road  
                                 S.H.'s 504 and 506  
                                 Highway 52 Shoulders  
                                 Rural Water Coop Funding  
  
Carried.

RAYMOND  
STIRLING WATER  
COMMISSION  
(09-02-40)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Administrator's update on the establishment of the Raymond Stirling Water Commission and note that the bylaw which establishes the Commission will have a clause which allows other municipalities to join at a later date.  
  
Carried.

M.P. RICK  
CASSON

M.P. Rick Casson entered the meeting at 11:29 a.m. He reviewed many topics and they included his efforts to obtain assistance on the Coutts Bypass Road around Canada/US Customs, gun control, Building Canada Fund, New Deal for Cities and Communities Grant, Rink Funding Program, new rules for Department of Fisheries and Oceans in regards to environmental studies, endangered fish species in the Milk River and CPR contaminated rail beds. A general question and answer period was also held.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:09 p.m.

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

M.P. Rick Casson was not present when the meeting reconvened.

AMBULANCE  
CONCERNS  
(09-02-41)

W. Cunningham moved to forward a letter to MLA B. Jacobs outlining the concerns the County has in regards to how the new provincial ambulance operation will negatively affect emergency volunteers and dispatch services.  
  
Carried.

WATER  
TREATMENT  
RESOLUTION  
(09-02-42)

R. Taylor moved to prepare a resolution for the Fall AAMDC Convention that would request a provincial funding formula change that would assist communities who are required to upgrade their water treatment facilities due to the revised Drinking Water Standards that must be met by 2012.  
  
Carried.

SDAB  
(09-02-43)

R. Ford moved that J. Meeks Sr be registered to attend the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board workshop on February 19, 2009 in Taber.  
  
Carried.

COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

(09-02-44)     R. Ford - The Southgrow workshop was attended where the topics included time management, how to increase productivity and how to reduce operating costs. The Emerging Trends legal workshop was attended where topics included housing issues, contamination of lands, land use framework plans, TILMA and contracted employee's. The Strategic Planning Session was also attended.  
  
W. Cunningham moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.  
  
Carried.

IN-CAMERA  
(09-02-45)

G. Krokosh moved to go in-camera at 1:20 p.m.  
  
Carried.

(09-02-46)

J. Meeks Sr moved to revert to regular session at 1:51 p.m.  
  
Carried.

SALARY  
NEGOTIATIONS  
(09-02-47)

R. Taylor moved to implement the 2009 Salary Grid adjustments as of January 1, 2009 for those staff who have accepted the new grids as presented.

Carried.

ADJOURN  
(09-02-48)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Carried.

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Administrator