

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 21, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on April 21, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, K. Palmer and Administrator A. Romeril.

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

MINUTES
(09-04-39)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 9, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-04-40)

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

AAMDC - Contact
AAMDC - Deadline Approaching for Alberta Traffic Safety Committee
News Bulletin - Improved Worksite Safety Rules
News Release - Amends Bill 19 - Greater Certainty for Landowners
News Release - Increased Funding for Libraries
News Release - Land Use Plan Participation - Evan Berger
STARS - Thank you
Alberta Parliamentary Digest
Ridge Country Housing Minutes
Energy From Waste Alliance Newsletter
Wrentham Fire Department
2009 Milk River/Coutts/County Waste Transfer Station Budget
2009 Aerial Photos
Setback Waiver Discussion
Administration and P.W. Washroom Upgrades
New Dayton Water Treatment Plant Inspection Report
Clear Hills County Expenditures

Carried.

SPEED ZONE
BYLAW
(09-04-41)

R. Taylor moved to amend Traffic Control Bylaw 732 by implementing the following 60 kph speed zone:
Road to the east of the NE 19-6-20-4.

Carried.

POLICING
OPTIONS
(09-04-42)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Administrator's report which indicated that there are no contracted policing options for the County to enforce the Highway Traffic Act through private enterprises.

Carried.

COUNTY
ROAD TOUR

The road tour is scheduled for April 30, 2009 starting from the County Office at 9:00 a.m.

STRATEGIC
PLANNING
SESSION
(09-04-43)

W. Cunningham moved to forward the discussion on the Strategic Planning Session topics to a future Council meeting.

Carried.

WRENTHAM
FIRE DEPT.
(09-04-44)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the contribution to the Wrentham Fire Department of up to \$10,000 towards a \$20,000 used truck to be used as water supply truck, and this be included in the 2009 County Budget.

Carried.

MILK RIVER
TRANSFER
STATION
(09-04-44)

K. Palmer moved to establish a contribution towards the Milk River/Coutts/County Waste Transfer Station operating expenses for the 2009 in the amount of \$7,302.70.

Carried.

CHIN PARK

M. Simpson and S. Simpson entered the meeting at 9:35 a.m.. They made a revised proposal to operate Chin Park under a contract. They presented information from a survey that supported her proposal to operate Chin Park. They plan on operating a concession stand, ice cream and slushies as well as sell fire wood as well as operate the park a outlined in the proposed contract. After a question and answer period, the delegation left the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

CANADIAN
BADLANDS

C. Amos, Executive Director of Canadian Badlands, entered the meeting at 10:02 a.m. She presented a video and power point presentation on the activities of the Canadian Badlands and how it will benefit the County of Warner and the communities within it. They feel they have the support of the provincial government because they represent 58 communities in Southern Alberta. After a question and answer period, C. Amos left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:36 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:41 a.m.

2008 ANNUAL
AUDIT

YPM Auditors D. Mundale and C. Storvold entered the meeting at 10:42 a.m. to present the final 2008 Audited Financial Statements for the County of Warner. Accountant R. Shaw was also present. A thorough review was presented to Council.

(09-04-45)

K. Palmer moved to approve the 2008 Audited Financial Statements which showed a overall operating and capital surplus in the amount of \$52,117.

Carried.

The YPM delegation left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

MUNICIPAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN

Planner S. Harty from ORRSC entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to review the proposed amendments to the County's Municipal Development Plan. Topics covered confined feeding operations, setbacks and restricted areas around urban areas.

LUNCH

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

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:55 p.m.

M.D.P. CONTD.

Discussions continued on the amendments and additions to the County's Municipal Development Plan. Discussions included buffer zones for confined feeding operations, wind energy policies, environmental protection areas and protecting the Milk River Aquifer recharge areas. After considerable discussion, Planner S. Harty will make the proposed changes to the M.D. P. The revised document will then be presented back to Council for first reading. S. Harty left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

2009 BUDGET

Administrator A. Romeril reviewed the draft 2009 Budget in detail with Council. Several changes will be incorporated into the budget.

(09-04-46)

K. Palmer moved to receive the 2009 Proposed Budget as amended and present a final version at the next Council meeting for Council's final consideration, and further, the 2009 mill rate will be approximately a 7% reduction from 2008.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 2:42 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 2:52 p.m.
Accountant R. Shaw was present when the meeting reconvened.

BANK RECON-
CILIATION
(09-04-47)

R. Taylor moved to approve the bank reconciliation statement as at March 31, 2009 and it is attached.

Carried.

BILLS FOR

PAYMENT
(09-04-48)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Schedule of Disbursements in the amount of \$618,214.38 and it is attached,

Carried.

R. Shaw left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

AERIAL PHOTOS
(09-04-49)

R. Taylor moved to receive Administration's report on obtaining color aerial photos at a net cost of approximately \$30,000 and proceed with obtaining estimates for flight costs for the Hamlets of New Dayton and Wrentham and the urban fringe areas of Raymond and Stirling for future considerations.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON
WATER PLANT
INSPECTION
(09-04-50)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the Alberta Environment Inspection Report for the New Dayton Water Treatment Plant and further, A. Romeril and R. Taylor meet with Alberta Environment Representative Bob Vatcher to see how the problems outlined in the report can be remedied.

Carried.

CANADIAN
BADLANDS
(09-04-51)

K. Palmer moved to rescind Motion 09-03-19 to cancel the County's membership in the Canadian Badlands, and further, approve the \$.50 per capita contribution for 2009.

Carried.

CHIN PARK
(09-04-52)

G. Krokosh moved to leave Chin Park operation in the hands of the Ag Service Board for this year due to labour advantages and look at a possible operating contact over the winter.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

No Committee Reports were presented.

IN-CAMERA
(09-04-53)

R. Taylor moved to go in-camera at 3:44 p.m.

Carried.

(09-04-54)

G. Krokosh moved to revert to regular session at 3:52 p.m.

Carried.

ALBERTA
INFRA-
STRUCTURE
(09-04-55)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Alberta Infrastructure information on the property described as Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 9610742 and further, the County is not interested in acquiring the property.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-04-56)

K. Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator