

COUNTY COUNCIL

September 1, 2009

A County Council meeting was held in the County Office on September 1, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, Jamie Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters and CPO S. Simpson.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES
(09-09-01)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2009.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(09-09-02)

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

AAMDC - Contact
Canadian Badlands Vantage Newsletter
Fortis Alberta - Automated metering notification
Genivar Engineering Estimate - Coutts Bypass Road
Road Allowances
Highway 4 and Ragget Fencing

Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS
REPORT

As presented by Superintendent R. Coppieters and it is attached.

THREE YEAR
BRIDGE
PROJECT LIST
(09-09-03)

R. Taylor moved to approve the 2010 - 2012 bridge repair list and submit to Alberta Transportation for their consideration.

Carried.

COUTTS BYPASS
ROAD
(09-09-04)

R. Ford moved to receive Reeve R. Jones and Administration's report on the Coutts Bypass Road funding under the Canada Building Fund and wait for the government's written confirmation or a new contribution agreement before contracting the services of an engineering firm.

Carried.

WEIR BRIDGE
EROSION

No further information has been received about possible funding opportunities under the Milk River Watershed program.

NEW DAYTON
AND CPR
DRAINAGE
(09-09-05)

W. Cunningham moved to receive Administration's report on discussions with representatives of CPR on a proposed joint drainage project required between the Hamlet of New Dayton and the CPR tracks, and further, CPR will be investigating with their engineers to see if a drainage channel is required for their purposes.

Carried.

FUEL TAX
REBATE
(09-09-06)

R. Ford moved to forward a letter of concern to Alberta Finance Minister Iris Evans regarding the denial of the County's appeal for the fuel tax rebate if MLA B. Jacobs is unable to gain positive results, and further, contact the M.D. of Pincher Creek regarding similar concerns with their fuel rebate application.

Carried.

NELSON FAMILY
RANCHES
GRAVEL AGREE.
(09-09-07)

K. Palmer moved to approve and sign the Gravel Crushing Agreement with Nelson Family Ranches Ltd for 100,000 cubic yards of gravel at \$8.25 per yard as presented.

Carried.

LOADER WEIGH
SCALES
(09-09-08)

R. Taylor moved to investigate the cost of placing weigh scales on the County loaders.

Carried.

ROAD
ALLOWANCES

(09--09-09)

A discussion on the use of undeveloped road allowances ensued and the concept to lease them to adjacent landowners. This is not recommended at this time.

G. Krokosh moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:02 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:25 a.m.

CPO REPORT

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

H1N1 VIRUS
(09-09-10)

W. Cunningham moved to purchase 1000 pen hand sanitizers to be distributed to assist in combating the H1N1 virus.

Carried

RCMP MTGS.

No issues were raised to discuss with the RCMP at the 2009 Fall AAMDC Convention.

IRRIGATION
PIVOTS

(09--09-11)

There have been many reports and complaints of irrigation pivot end guns not being shut off when they reach the road allowances. These complaints are being investigated.

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

Carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS
MEMORIALS

The following past elected officials have passed away and their names will be forwarded to the AAMDC for recognition:
John Otto and Delbert Collins.

TAX DEFERRAL
FOR LIVESTOCK
(09-09-12)

G. Krokosh moved to receive Administration's report on the Livestock Tax Deferral program for herd disposal in 2009 due to drought conditions, and further, the government will be conducting the necessary research to determine whether a municipality can be included in the tax deferral program.

Carried.

J. SKEITH LOT
PURCHASE
(09-09-13)

(09-09-14)

R. Taylor moved to waive the condition that Lot 14, Block 4, Plan 5173AA be consolidated with Lot 13, Block 4, Plan 5173 AA due to the costs associated with the consolidation.

R. Taylor moved to allow J. Skeith's existing septic line to cross under the alley between Lots 20 and 14 in Block 4, Plan 5173AA on condition J. Skeith is responsible for all costs to repair, fix or replace the existing line only under the alley caused by any traffic which utilizes the alley and further, J. Skeith also accept the costs and liability which may arise from any vehicle or equipment that may be subject to damage by passing over the septic line or field within the alley right of way.

Carried.

TAX RECOVERY
LAND SALES

(09-09-15)

No bids or inquiries were received from the advertising in the Lethbridge Herald and the Prairie Post for the tax recovery lands described as the NE 2-3-12-4 and SE 24-2-14-4.

K. Palmer moved to establish a price for the tax recovery lands described as the NE

2-3-12-4 for \$325 per acre and this will be offered to the current lessee, Deer Creek Livestock Company Ltd.

Carried.

(09-09-16)

G. Krokosh moved to establish a price for the tax recovery lands described as the SE 24-2-14-4 for \$375 per acre and this will be offered to the current lessee, Roger Thielen.

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 1:00 p.m.

ORRSC AND
LAND USE
FRAMEWORK
(09-09-17)

R. Ford moved to submit the completed questionnaire regarding material for a position paper that will be completed by the ORRSC on behalf of their members.

Carried.

SOUTHGROW
BUSINESS
WORKSHOP
(09-09-18)

W. Cunningham moved to receive the information on the Southgrow sponsored workshop entitled Growing Your Business.

Carried.

SOUTHGROW
VISION BUILDING
SESSION
(09-09-19)

W. Cunningham moved that Reeve R. Jones and Administrator A. Romeril attend the Southgrow Vision Building and Goal Setting Session on September 29, 2009 at the Saddle Room at the Lethbridge Exhibition Grounds.

Carried.

DISASTER SOCIAL
SERVICE
WORKSHOP
(09-09-20)

R. Taylor moved that members of the County staff attend the Alberta Emergency Management workshop in Lethbridge on October 23, 2009 regarding operating an efficient emergency reception center.

Carried.

HICKEN CFO
& NRCB
(09-09-21)

R. Taylor moved to forward a letter to the NRCB regarding the Council's concerns to the location of a confined feeding operation (NE 20-5-20-4) for the following reasons:

- the CFO is located too close to a neighbor's residence,
- the prevailing winds will take any odor from the CFO into the acreage immediately across the road,
- the CFO will significantly reduce the value of the acreage due to the nuisances associated with a CFO in such close proximity, and
- any rights associated with a long term resident's home is being discarded by a relatively new owner of the land for the proposed CFO.

Carried.

B. LAVERGNE &
D. GALLANT
(09-09-22)

R. Ford moved to receive B. Lavergne and D. Gallant's offer to purchase the deeded road allowance to the east of Lot 3, Block 150, Plan 0813686 and approve its sale to them based on the following conditions:

- the purchase price is \$2,500 per acre,
- the land must be subdivided to take a parcel from the current title and revert it back to the southerly east/west road allowance and all costs associated with the subdivision be the responsibility of the purchasers,
- the balance of the deeded parcel be consolidated to Lot 3, Block 150, Plan 0813686 and all costs associated with the consolidation be the responsibility of the purchasers.

Carried.

NEW DAYTON

CAT PROBLEM
(09-09-23)

R. Taylor moved that Administration investigate possible cat control measures or bylaws that can be enforced to control an overabundance of cats that are located within the Hamlet of New Dayton.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - Goldsprings Park may need some gravel donated to create new campsites if they do not have sufficient on hand. A request may be received at a later date. Both senior lodges are full.

(09-09-24)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented.

Carried.

COUTTS
BYPASS ROAD
(09-09-25)

R. Ford moved to receive the new revised contribution agreements for the Coutts Bypass Road under the Canada Building Fund and further, approve and sign the contribution agreement for the construction of the project.

Carried.

(09-09-26)

R. Ford moved to accept Genivar Engineering's proposal and quote (less than \$75,000) for engineering services for the Coutts Bypass Road and appoint them as the engineers for the construction project.

Carried.

IN-CAMERA
(09-09-27)

R. Ford moved to go in-camera at 2:14 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Carried.

(09-09-28)

R. Ford moved to revert to regular session at 2:26 p.m.

Carried.

ADJOURN
(09-09-29)

G. Krokosh moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator