

SPECIAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 2009

A Special County Council meeting was held in the County Office on June 4, 2009. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, R. Ford, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, J. Meeks Sr, G. Krokosh, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril, Superintendent R. Coppieters, Ag Fieldman J. Meeks Jr, Accountant R. Shaw, CPO S. Simpson and GIS/GPS/Computer Tech T. Nelson (arrived later).

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

STRATEGIC

PLANNING NOTES
(09-06-01)

R. Ford moved to approve the Strategic Planning Notes from the meetings held February 11-13, 2009 and they are attached.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA

(09-06-02)

G. Krokosh moved to add the following items to the agenda:
MSI Operating Grant Guidelines

Carried.

MSI GRANT

Administration will investigate whether the current lodge housing, regional library and community recreation costs are eligible expenditures under the new MSI Operating grant guidelines.

HIGH SPEED
INTERNET

(09-06-03)

R. Ford moved to provide internet service provider/access options to the residents of the County through the County newsletter, and further, no additional research or investigations need to be conducted for additional internet service providers for County residents due to the county being covered 90 - 95% by several private internet service providers.

Carried.

HEALTH
SERVICES

(09-06-04)

R. Taylor moved to work with the Towns and Villages to deal with health care services issues as they arise.

Carried.

AMBULANCE
SERVICES

(09-06-05)

R. Taylor moved to work with the Towns and Villages to deal with changing ambulance levels and response time issues as they arise.

Carried.

EDUCATION
(09-06-06)

W. Cunningham moved to invite the Local School Board representatives to a County Council meeting to discuss issues of mutual concern as well as receive updates on educational issues and matters that affect the rural students within the County of Warner.

Carried.

SUCCESSION
PLANNING

A lengthy discussion over the various methods on what is an acceptable succession planning model for the county was debated. No decision was reached at this time. This issue will be discussed again at the conclusion of the agenda.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for a recess at 10:22 a.m.

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

ASSISTANCE TO
RAW WATER

COOPS
(09-06-07)

R. Ford moved to amend County Policy 320.24 to include provisions to assist raw water coops by supplying equipment services such as backhoes for the repair and maintenance of rural raw water coops, on a cost recovery basis, and further, prepare a draft for Council's consideration.

Carried.

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HAMLET
POTABLE
WATER
(09-06-08)

J. Meeks Sr moved to support the regional potable pipeline study and continue to pursue approval and funding from the government for the construction of the regional potable water pipeline.

Carried.

JOINT
ENFORCEMENT
(09-06-09)

W. Cunningham moved to forward a letter to the local RCMP requesting their departments to supply a greater presence in the rural areas of the County of Warner.

Carried.

During the next Council visit from the RCMP the following topics are to be discussed:
Thank you for their work,
Request additional presence as events that are held in the County,
Circulate through the County Parks on a regular basis,
Explain their role during a "State of Local Emergency".

Council does not wish to be involved in a joint enforcement program and a disaster training role within the Towns and Villages.

PROVINCIAL
LAND USE
POLICIES
(09-06-10)

R. Taylor moved to maintain an active role in the Provincial Land Use decision (protecting agricultural land) and continue to monitor the M.D. of Pincher Creek's land use policies as they relate to wind turbine farms.

Carried.

Administration will keep in contact with ORRSC to make sure our wind turbine policies are current and reflect the needs within the County of Warner.

T. Nelson entered the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

AESA
(09-06-11)

J. Meeks Sr moved that the Ag Service Board continue to monitor the possible end of the AESA program as it currently operates.

Carried.

PROVINCIAL
AG PROGRAM
DOWNLOADS
(09-06-12)

G. Krokosh moved that the Ag Service Board continue to monitor provincial downloading of agricultural programs to the local Ag Service Boards on an annual basis.

Carried.

BIO CONTROL
(09-06-13)

G. Krokosh moved that the Ag Service Board monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the bio control program which is currently in place within the County of Warner.

Carried.

ROAD PROGRAM

Council approved the 2009 road construction program at the June 2, 2009 Council meeting.

PAVEMENT
COSTS
(09-06-14)

R. Taylor moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report that a mile of a 4 inch pavement lift, with base work, is estimated to cost approximately \$880,000 per mile.

Carried.

LUNCH

Reeve R. Jones called a recess for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 12:50 p.m.

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SPLIT MILL RATE
(09-06-15)

G. Krokosh moved to not proceed with a split mill rate between residential properties and farmland properties at this time.

Carried.

RECREATIONAL
MILL RATE
(09-06-16)

R. Taylor moved to survey the rural municipalities within the Foothills Little Bow Municipal Association to determine what kind and amount of annual financial support is offered to the urban communities (excepting hamlets) within their boundaries.

Carried.

CRIME
PROTECTION
(09-06-17)

R. Taylor moved to ask the RCMP to clarify what their role is in establishing a crime prevention program and the assistance they can give in its establishment, and further, this can be added as a topic of discussion at their next visit to Council.

Carried.

EMERGENCY
RESPONDERS
(09-06-18)

R. Ford moved that the issues of attracting emergency responders (fire and ambulance), junior fire fighting program, school visits by fireman and regional emergency coordinator be topics that can be placed on the next Tri/Quad Council meeting agenda.

Carried.

All staff, except the Administrator, left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

SUCCESSION
PLANNING
(09-06-19)

K. Palmer moved to encourage retiring staff to give a minimum 6 months notice before leaving and then the County proceed with advertizing for a replacement staff, and further, accept applications from both internally and externally for the position.

Carried.

(09-06-20)

R. Taylor moved to place the topic of Succession Planning on the October or November 2009 Council agenda for further review.

Carried.

RAYMOND
AMBULANCE

A quick review of the Town of Raymond's position was conducted and will be followed up with at the June 16, 2009 Council meeting.

ADJOURN
(09-06-21)

R. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 a.m.

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator