

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 2, 2010

A County Council meeting was held on March 2, 2010 in the County Office. In attendance were Reeve R. Jones, W. Cunningham, R. Taylor, G. Krokosh, J. Meeks Sr, K. Palmer, Administrator A. Romeril and Superintendent R. Coppieters.

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

MINUTES
(10-03-01)

R. Taylor moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2010.

Carried.

ADDITIONS
TO AGENDA
(10-03-02)

K. Palmer moved to add the following items to the agenda:

Rural Physician Action Plan Award
Highway Chip Seal Letter to Minister Ouellette
Warner Community Betterment Society
Alberta Transportation - Damage to Windshields
County Road Bans
2010 Salary Negotiation Minutes
Rural Fire Hydrants
Councillor Reports

Carried.

P.W. REPORT

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

NEAR MISS

Superintendent R. Coppieters reported the details regarding a near miss with lifting with the overhead A Frame. Several questions and answers were supplied. A hazard assessment and further training has been conducted with staff on the use of the A-Frame. Administration will review the policies, process and procedures with Management.

2010 GRAVEL
CRUSH
(10-03-03)

W. Cunningham moved to approve a 30,000 cubic yard crush for each of the following gravel pits for 2010:
Owen Pit and the Nett South Pit.

Carried.

SNOW GRAVEL
PIT
(10-03-04)

J. Meeks moved to receive Administration's report on the progress being made on a possible crush at the Snow Gravel Pit, and further, estimates to conduct a species at risk investigation on the NE 23-2-17-4 are being received, and further, a letter has been forwarded to Mr. Snow asking for permission to store crushed gravel on the lease lands.

Carried.

COUTTS
BYPASS ROAD

The County has not received a reply from one of the affected landowners adjacent to the Coutts Bypass Road Project, but a reply is anticipated to be received within the next week.

RID ROAD
BAN LETTER
(10-03-05)

G. Krokosh moved that no road ban will be placed on the oiled road from the Raymond Irrigation District shop/yard entrance to Highway 52 in order that their heavy equipment and trucks can have access in and out of their shop and yard.

Carried.

COUNTY
ROAD BAN
(10-03-06)

G. Krokosh moved to implement a road ban on all County of Warner controlled oiled and paved roads effective at 7:00 a.m. March 3, 2010.

Carried.

TRANSPORTATION

GRANTS

(10-03-07)

G. Krokosh moved to receive the two letters from Alberta Transportation which outline the transportation grants available to the County for 2010 and further approve and sign the amending agreement for funding under the Federal Gas Tax Fund for \$210,437 from 2010-11 through 2013-14.

Carried.

2010 ROAD
CONSTRUCTION

PROGRAM

(10-03-08)

G. Krokosh moved to approve the 2010 Road Construction Program in the amount of \$1,643,956 as distributed and consists of approximately 13 miles of road.

Carried.

CHIP SEAL ON
HIGHWAYS

A letter has been forwarded to Transportation Minister Ouellette regarding the County's concerns over the quality of the chip seal project on Highway 4 and S.H. 845.

GRADER USE
ON WILDFIRES

More information is being requested from Mr. Kevin Jess of the Fire Commissioner's Office on a training session that can be utilized by grader operator's during a wildfire.

(10-03-09)

R. Taylor moved to receive Superintendent R. Coppieters report as presented.

Carried.

RECESS

Reeve R. Jones called for recess at 10:20 a.m.

Reeve R. Jones called the meeting back to order at 10:30 a.m.

R. Coppieters was not present when the meeting reconvened.

CPO REPORT

Report was presented in written form.

NOISE CONTROL
BYLAW LETTERS

(10-03-10)

K. Palmer moved to receive letters from G. ZoBell and R. McKenna regarding their concerns over the Noise Control Bylaw which has received second reading only, and further, forward a reply that the County will monitor the use of the track during the season.

Carried.

RURAL FIRE
HYDRANTS

(10-03-11)

K. Palmer moved that Administration contact the Raymond Irrigation District to see if there are irrigation district waterlines where additional rural fire hydrants can be located, and further, R. Taylor will contact the S.E. Alberta Water Coop to see if they will allow fire departments access to their line for emergency water.

Carried.

(10-03-12)

J. Meeks Sr moved to receive CPO S. Simpson's report as presented.

Carried.

FIRE MASTER
PLAN

(10-03-13)

G. Krokosh moved to review the County's contribution/funding rates for the water trucks, rescue trucks and man hours for the fire departments in the 2010 budget deliberations.

Carried.

RAYMOND IMDP

(10-03-14)

R. Jones moved to forward a letter to the Town of Raymond regarding the proposed review of the IMDP between the County and the Town and propose the following:

1. The IMDP is a valid document and the County supports the agreement to remain in effect until 2012.
2. If there are specific areas of concern, the Town can forward a written request to review that item(s), along with recommended wording for changes and reasons for the changes,
3. County Council will review the proposed changes and will determine whether they

support the review of the specific concern. During the review, the County Council will determine whether the proposed changes are in the best interest of the County and County ratepayers to be affected.

4. If the changes are deemed to be emergent in nature, a joint meeting will be held to discuss the issue.

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.

MILK RIVER
DOCTOR
RECRUITMENT
(10-03-15)

R. Taylor moved to receive the update on the Milk River Doctor Recruitment and further, no decision will be made in regards to a further \$1,000 contribution for repairs/maintenance of the medical clinic equipment purchased until the four affected municipalities meet and discuss the issue.

Carried.

WARNER
COMMUNITY
BETTERMENT
SOCIETY
(10-03-16)

W. Cunningham moved that R. Taylor attend the organizational meeting of the Warner Community Betterment Society on March 18, 2010 at the Warner Elks Hall.

Carried.

2010 SALARY
NEGOTIATIONS
(10-03-17)

W. Cunningham moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 Salary Negotiating Committee and the three year settlement (2010 - 2012), and further, proceed with the changes to the 2010 salary grid and health benefit packages as presented.

Carried.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

W. Cunningham - A Health and Safety Meeting was attended where discussions took place on near misses, hazard assessment and other topics. The HealthZone Newsletter will be circulated to staff and councillors. A meeting was held with government representatives on the Fish Species at Risk located in the Milk River.

IN-CAMERA
(10-03-18)

R. Taylor moved to go in-camera at 1:42 p.m.

Carried.

(10-03-19)

G. Krokosh moved to revert to regular session at 1:54 p.m.

Carried.

K. Palmer - A Raymond Recreation Board meeting was attended. They have 490 children registered in soccer. The Raymond Handibus is operating but have funding concerns. The Town of Raymond is being asked to contribute more to the organization.

R. Taylor - The Alberta Irrigation Projects Association convention was attended in Calgary. There was considerable amount of information on water licences, Alberta Wetland Policy, Ducks Unlimited and rights of those who have water licenses.

G. Krokosh - The Chinook Arch Regional Library Conference was attended in Lethbridge. Video conferencing is available at the libraries and could be used for many courses and training sessions.

R. Jones - A meeting with the Town of Raymond on the IMDP was attended as well as Salary Negotiations were concluded. Several meetings have been attended with the AAMDC including a recent meeting with the Cabinet Ministers.

(10-03-20) R. Taylor moved to receive the Committee Reports as presented. Carried.

ADJOURN
(10-03-21) K. Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:21 p.m. Carried.

Reeve

Administrator