

**Unapproved Minutes**  
**Board of Commissioners of Converse County**

In accordance with W.S. 18-3-516(s), the required County Notices of Publication are available on the County's website at <http://conversecounty.org>

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. on July 19, 2016. Present were Chair Rick Grant, Vice-Chairman Robert Short, Commissioners Mike Colling, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

The regular meeting recessed at 8:15 a.m. into a public hearing for citizens' input on a FY 16 budget adjustment: \$7104 from 126.01110 Hland Sec Cash to 126.04045.610.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Willox moved to approve the budget adjustment as advertised, Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Cal Twiford discussed various county road projects.

Mr. Bruce Johnson, Tallgrass Midstream, discussed the plans for a pipeline carrying natural gas liquids starting in northern Converse County and coming south to the Tallgrass plant.

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 5 and 6, 2016 were approved as amended and ordered filed. The amendment covers votes on action items where the motion passes, but there was a split vote.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the FY 17 Aid to Others' Contract for Services: The Enterprise, Boys & Girls Club Douglas, Boys & Girls Club Glenrock, Glenrock Chamber, Children's Advocacy Project, Coalition, Lions' Club, WY Child & Family Dev, WY Independent Living, Youth Development Services, LPHS, Paleon Museum, Glenrock Housing Authority, Solutions for Life, CC Human Resource Council, Mr. Short seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to approve the Catering Permit of the Four Aces for the Deer Creek Days Ranch Rodeo on August 5 and 6, 2016, Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to approve the Canvassing Board as submitted by County Clerk Lucile Taylor for all elections in CY 2016, Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

The Commission submitted a letter to WYDEQ, Air Quality Division, on behalf of Black Hills Bentonite, LLC for a proposed Leonardite Mining Permit.

Mr. Lehner moved to approve

**RESOLUTION 04-16**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, with the consent of the landowners, deems it to be in the public interest to establish a road in accordance with Sections 24-3-101 and 24-3-108, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended, to be known as **STEPHENS ROAD, (CR #20)**, with the proposed roadway described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a point on the center line of Deer Creek Road (CR #19) in Section 33, T33N, R76W and terminating in Section 13, T32N, R77W for a total of 3.43 miles as depicted on the attached survey. This roadway is a strip of land 60 feet wide, 30 feet on either side of the centerline.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that **STEPHENS ROAD (CR#20)** as described above, be and is hereby declared to be a public county road.

Dated at Douglas, Wyoming this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve

**RESOLUTION 05-16**

**CONVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 the Converse County Clerk, the budget-making authority, prepared and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners the budget for the FY 17, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of public hearing on such budget, together with the summary of said budget was published in the *Douglas Budget* June 29, 2016, a legal newspaper published in the County of Converse and of general circulation, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such budget at 4:00 p.m. in the Converse County Courthouse in Douglas, Wyoming on July 18, 2016 at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, following such public hearing, no alterations or revisions were made to such proposed budget,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Converse County Commissioners that the County budget be adopted as the official County Budget for the FY 17 ending June 30, 2017 and that the expenditures of each officer, department, or spending agency be limited to the amount herein appropriated.

**DATED THIS** 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING:

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Richard C. Grant, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lucile K Taylor, County Clerk

County Commissioners	\$364,051	IT	\$155,676
County Clerk	\$549,089	Special Projects	\$54,651
County Treasurer	\$489,342	Health	\$304,248
County Assessor	\$505,476	Parks & Recreation	\$255,716
County Sheriff	\$2,683,814	Bldg/Maintenance Reserve	\$3,864,941
County Attorney	\$1,163,624	Salary Reserve:	\$140,000
Courthouse/Maint.	\$568,793	Other Roads	\$4,130,907
County Surveyor	\$106,834	General Accounts	\$988,926
County Coroner	\$62,787	Fire Departments	\$1,199,366
Clerk of Dist Court	\$514,105	Airport, Hospital, Library	\$2,441,661
County Jail	\$2,118,950	Aid to Others	\$531,800
Agricultural Agents	\$150,882	Operating Reserve Fund:	\$3,522,049
Road & Bridge	\$4,167,439	Depreciation Reserve:	\$1,041,222
Elections	\$183,690	General Fund Requirements:	\$32,514,180
Emergency Management	\$254,141		

Original Record on file at County Commissioners' Office, Converse County Courthouse, Douglas, Wyoming

Mr. Short seconded.

Mr. Colling moved to approve

**RESOLUTION 06-16**

**CONVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 the Converse County Board of Commissioners adopted a County budget for FY 17 ending June 30, 2017 calling for the following appropriations:

	Appropriations
General Fund	\$32,514,180

and, **WHEREAS**, after deducting all other cash and estimated revenue, it is necessary that the following amount be raised by general taxation, and in order to raise such sum of money, it is necessary that a levy be made for FY 17 ending June 30, 2017 as shown:

	Amount to be raised	Mil Levy
General Fund	\$18,263,457	12.000

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Converse County Commissioners that the foregoing levy be made for FY 17 ending June 30, 2017.

**DATED THIS** 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING:

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Richard C. Grant, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_

Lucile K. Taylor, County Clerk

Mr. Lehner seconded.

Mr. Short moved to rescind the approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with GSG Architecture, additional services for FF&E design services, Jt. Justice, not to exceed \$10,000 and appropriate reimbursables, as the City of Douglas chose to deny this Amendment as presented, Mr. Colling seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Hal Hutchinson discussed the 1¢ projects, as well as the Joint Justice project. ECS has been directed to proceed with exhibits for an easement for Rocky Mountain Power at no cost to the Jt. Justice project.

The regular meeting recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Short moved to approve the MOU with the City of Douglas for Coulter Trail pending the approval of the County Attorney and authorize any Commisaioner to sign, Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the Contract between the WY Department of Health, Public Health Division and Converse County for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, \$24,370 ending March 31, 2017, Mr. Short seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-16  
OF  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING**

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A PARTIAL CLOSURE  
OF CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING DUE TO  
EXTREME FIRE DANGER**

**WHEREAS**, the entirety of Converse County, Wyoming, has a high fuel load which may result in a potentially high fire danger throughout the County and the fire danger is aggravated by unrestricted outdoor fires and open fires; and,

**WHEREAS**, because of this extremely high fire danger presently existing in Converse County, the Converse County Fire Warden has recommended to the Converse County Board of Commissioners that the Board order a partial closure of the entirety of Converse County, Wyoming; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 35-9-301, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended, grants statutory authority to any Board of County Commissioners, within the State of Wyoming, to close or limit the use of any area with its county including, but not limited to the prohibition and/or restrictions of any type of open fire for such period as is deemed necessary and proper, subject to rules promulgated by the Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Wyoming; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 35-9-303, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended, the Board of Land Commissioners have promulgated Rules and Regulations necessary for county fire wardens and boards of county commissioners to carry out the purposes of Sections 35-9-301 through 35-9-304, Wyoming Statutes, 1977, as amended; and, that such rules and regulations, among other things, set forth those uses and restrictions and exceptions pertaining to partial closures; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and in the best interests of the citizens of Converse County, Wyoming, that the Converse County Board of Commissioners order a partial closure within the boundaries of Converse County, Wyoming, and provide certain exceptions and exemptions to such partial closure order;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING:

That the Board of Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, make and enter its Order imposing a partial closure within the boundaries of said county, prohibiting and/or restricting the use of open and outdoor fires within the unincorporated areas of this County, as follows:

All outdoor and open fires and the discharge of fireworks within the unincorporated areas of Converse County, Wyoming, are prohibited except as provided below:

1. Gas and charcoal fires within enclosed grills;
2. Use of acetylene cutting torches and/or electric arc welders in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius; fire suppression or fire guard must be on site.

3. Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten (10) feet in radius.
4. Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., where such fires are contained inside of containers, are attended, and are provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten (10) feet in radius;
5. Controlled burns for range improvements, but only with the written permission of the County Fire Warden.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following persons shall be ordered to be exempt from the partial closure prohibition and restrictions: Any federal, state or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities and any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the partial closure order is to be effective and in force July 20, 2016, at 12:00 a.m. upon the signing of the Order of Closure made and entered by authority of this Resolution and shall remain in force and effect until November 30, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the use of any area in violation of the Resolution shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed thirty (30) days or both the fine and imprisonment. Restitution shall also be ordered. Wyoming Statutes, Section 35-9-304.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

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Richard C. Grant, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

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Mr. Short seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to appoint Ms. Denise Johnson to an unexpired term ending June 30, 2018 on the Converse County Library Board of Directors, Mr. Short seconded, motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Richard C. Grant, Jr., Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk  
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