

Unapproved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County

The regular meeting was called to order on December 21, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Present were Chair Ed Werner, Vice-Chair Mike Colling, Commissioners Dave Edwards, Tony Lehner, Jim Willox and County Clerk Lucile Taylor.

Mrs. Maria Katherman, who lives on Inez Road, was concerned about safety on that road due to the movement of heavy equipment. She suggested reducing the speed limit to 20 mph for trucks. In addition, if the road could be widened, it should be at the expense of Chesapeake. She also expressed concern for other county roads as development occurs and suggested monitors could be put on the affected roads. Commissioner Lehner asked if pilot cars could be required. Mr. McWilliams stated the gravel trucks appeared to be the worst offenders when it came to speeding. Law Enforcement is patrolling the roads more frequently and that has helped.

County Attorney Quentin Richardson discussed posting of Open Range signage on County roads. He stated that the statutes are very vague and offered some possible solutions.

Mr. McWilliams, R&B, stated that Chesapeake needed a letter from the County (as required by the State) in order to put water on County roads.

Ms. Cheryl Schwartzkopf, Weed and Pest, asked who determines what is in the County Employees' Health Plan? She questioned the determination that comp time cannot be used to extend benefits. Weed and Pest stated they would like to see clarification on the usage of comp time to extend benefits based on the definition of comp time provided by the Department of Labor. Chairman Werner stated the Management Team should review the language.

Mr. Don Gushurst, Maintenance Department, stated there was a mold and mildew problem in the basement of the Courthouse. The Commission stated the problem needed to be addressed immediately.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the minutes of December 7 and 8, 2010. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to void warrant 33314, GSG Architecture 8,567.85. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve the lease agreement between the Glenrock Hospital District and Converse County Public Health for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at a cost of \$150.00 per month. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the six-month Agreement between Dave R. Thomson of Niobrara County and Converse County Road and Bridge for trespassing fees to a gravel pit at a cost of \$1/yard. Mr. Lehner seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Willox moved to approve a revision to the County's Policy Manual regarding Inclement Weather/Courthouse Closing effective January 1, 2011. Mr. Colling seconded. Discussion: the revised policy will be distributed to all County department heads as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Mr. Lehner moved to allow the Official Newspaper of Converse County to place a vending machine in the Courthouse. Mr. Willox seconded, motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m. on December 21, 2010. /s/ Ed Werner, Chair
Attest: Lucile K. Taylor, Converse County Clerk

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