

Approved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County
May 18, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. on May 18, 2021. Present were Chairman Jim Willox; Vice-Chair Rick Grant; Commissioners Robert Short, Tony Lehner, and Mike Colling; and County Clerk, Karen Rimmer.

Mr. Jason Wilkinson, Road and Bridge Supervisor; Mr. Shawn Kornegay, Foreman; and Mr. Cal Twiford, Consultant, provided updates on various construction and road projects, including the Mormon Canyon Road Project; Irvine Road Spur Bridge; and delineator pole installation HRRR grant and bid opening. Mr. Grant moved to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion from Knife River for all work on the 2020 Irvine Road Paving Project as of May 15, 2021; Mr. Short seconded; motion carried.

The Commissioners interviewed Sarah Repshire for the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Grant moved to appoint Mr. Repshire to the board for a three-year term, from June 2021 to June 2024; Mr. Short seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Bill Knox, Vice President of Operations, and Ms. Keelen Hauptman, Land Manager, Anshutz Exploration Corporation, met with the Commission to provide an overview of the company's operations in the Powder River Basin.

The Commissioners discussed American Recovery Plan funds with the County Treasurer, Joel Schell, including application process, funding amounts, and other parameters of receipt and use of the funding.

Representatives from Rocky Mountain Power presented their 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), including a detailed overview of their processes to complete the IRP.

Ms. Cindy Porter, Mr. Ed Werner, and Ms. Karen Werner presented an idea for improvements at Ayres Natural Bridge.

The meeting recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Departmental updates were provided by Ms. Darcey Cowardin, Public Health Nurse Manager, including COVID-19 vaccination numbers and procedures and upcoming and ongoing projects.

Ms. Dru Palmer, Dru Consulting, provided updates on various energy and natural resource projects, including the Converse County EIS; sage grouse implementation plan; migratory bird regulations; Thunder Basin National Grasslands; and other ongoing projects.

The minutes of the May 4 and 5, 2021 regular meeting were approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Colling moved to approve monthly reports (April): CCSO \$2909.60; Road & Bridge \$33,258.08; and ERAP funding \$2,235.35; Mr. Lehner seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to void warrants #058004 \$300 Deines, Smokey; and #058061 \$300 Jordan Largent; Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Grant moved to approve the distribution of Bankhead-Jones revenue in the amount of \$571,292.60 as presented by the Treasurer, with 95% to the County and 5% to schools; Mr. Colling seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to revise the May 5, 2021 appointment of Mr. Zygmunt Samiec to the Ridgewater Improvement District to expire in May 2022; and the May 5, 2021 appointment of Tracie Alexander to expire May 2023; Mr. Lehner seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Colling moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Department of Revenue, Converse County, and the Converse County Assessor for the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system, with no payment due by any party, until terminated; Mr. Lehner seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to approve Agreement between the Converse County Sheriff's Office and Cornerstone for semi-annual maintenance visits to Detention for a total cost of \$12,868, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Grant moved to approve a lease agreement between Converse County and the Converse Hope Center for a two-year term, for a total cost of \$1.00 per year; Mr. Colling seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County, the City of Douglas, and the Town of Glenrock, for the funding of the ACT Work Ready Communities program; Mr. Lehner seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Tim Schenk, GSG Architecture, provided an overview of the construction bid results for the Converse County Justice Center Phase 2 project. Following lengthy discussion, the Commission directed Mr. Schenk to clarify concerns with the presumptive low bidder and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Short moved to approve a lease between the County and Anadarko for a portion of T34N, R69W, Section 3 pending review by the County Attorney; Mr. Lehner seconded; motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

James H. Willox, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Rimmer, County Clerk
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