

**SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2006**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday January 10, 2006.

PRESENT:

***TIM STONE
DAVID ROWE
CLIFF TRAVIS
BRUCE JACK
BARBARA BUCK
MIKE McRANN
KEVIN MINER
SANDY PEDDLE***

***REEVE
DEPUTY REEVE
COUNCILLOR
COUNCILLOR
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CAO
RECORDING SECRETARY***

ABSENT:

CINDY CLARKE

COUNCILLOR

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tim Stone called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the agenda:

8.1 Ainsworth Report

MOTION

01.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2005

The minutes from the December 13, 2005 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following corrections were noted;

Pg. 3 – Motion 4 – change the wording to include *Ksituan / Devale*

Pg. 8 – *remove the second sentence*

MOTION
02.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the December 13, 2005 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The Director of Public Works report was presented to Council.

MOTION
03.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Director of Public Works report for information purposes only.

Carried

5.2 Traffic Count Locations – 2006

Administration presented Council with a map of the 2003 traffic count survey that was conducted. Administration is asking for direction on how to proceed for 2006. Discussion ensued and Council gave direction to administration as to what new road they would like to add to the 2006 traffic count.

5.3 Bridge Repair Proposal – Bridge File 71427

Administration is presenting Council with an engineering cost estimate for the repair of Bridge File 71427 by EXH Engineering.

MOTION
04.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council direct administration to proceed with the replacement of the strip deck and other repair work on Bridge File 71427 subject to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's approval.

Carried

5.4 Fence Within the Road Rights-of-Way of Twp 820

Administration is asking Council for direction on how to proceed with a fence that was built on the Rights-of-Way of Town Ship Road 820.

MOTION
05.01.10.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council direct administration to write the landowner noting that the fence is not on property line, this is acceptable in the interim. If in the future the fence needs to be moved, it will be at the landowners cost.

Carried

5.5 Engineering Consultant's Costs

Administration presented Council with a cost estimate from EXH Engineering for the assessed bridge files for 2006.

MOTION
06.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council direct administration to proceed with the bridge assessment for Bridge Files 77071, 73257, 76014, 75359, 73711, subject to Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's approval.

Carried

5.6 Prioritization of Drainage Ditches

Administration presented Council with a listing from Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation of drainage projects that are eligible under a one-time rehabilitation funding under Northern Alberta Erosion Control (NAEC) Program. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation is asking for Council direction on the prioritization of the list.

MOTION

07.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council reaffirm the priority list of prioritization of eligible drainage ditch projects under the Northern Alberta Erosion Control Program.

Carried

6.1 Synergy Alberta Group

Administration was asked to research the next conference held by Synergy Alberta and bring the information back to the January 10, 2006 meeting. Discussion ensued and at present there is no conference scheduled for 2006, however they will update administration with any information on a possible date.

6.2 Vision Meeting

The Vision meeting date was set for January 26, 2006, and administration would like to know if Council has a venue in mind for the meeting. Discussion ensued and Council has moved the Vision meeting date to February 16, 2006. There were also suggestions made as to the venue for the meeting. Administration was requested to check into 3 different locations and bring the information back to the next Council meeting.

7.1 Proposed Paving Letter

Administration presented Council with a draft copy of the proposed paving agreement between Saddle Hills County and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation.

MOTION

08.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council authorize Reeve Stone to sign the agreement.

Carried

7.2 Request for Support

Administration received a request for support from the Town of Fairview, MD of Fairview and NAIT Fairview campus for their application to have the proposed Peace Officer College built in Fairview. They are asking Saddle Hills County Council to send a letter supporting this request to the Honorable Harvey Cenaiko, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security.

MOTION
09.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council write a letter supporting the Fairview groups application efforts in bringing the Peace Officer College to the Fairview area.

Carried

7.3 Emergency Public Information Course

Administration would like to know if any Councillors would be interested in attending a Emergency Public Information Course on February 11 & 12, 2006.

MOTION
10.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council authorize attendance to the Emergency Public Information Course.

Carried

8.1 Ainsworth

Councillor McRann reported on the Ainsworth meeting that he attended on December 15, 2005. It was noted that their new mill expansion will be around 21 acres under roof once the project is complete. Approximately 90 – 100 truck loads a day of finished product will be moved from the facility. There was also mention of their Grizzly Bear study, and it was noted that previously their count was about 800 – 1000 bears in the province. However they feel that the actual number of animals may be lower than the estimated numbers provided. Councillor McRann mentioned that the next meeting will be held on March 21, 2006.

MOTION
11.01.10.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council accept the Ainsworth report for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Assessment Base Year Modifier
2. Letter from Minister Oberg
3. Thank you from Wilma Oberg
4. County of Newell No.4 – Rural Transportation Grant
5. Northern Sunrise County – East-West Connector
6. Northern Sunrise County – Sale of Railway
7. Municipal Supplier
8. Automobile Deduction Limits & Expense Benefit
9. Jack Layton – A Commitment to Cities
10. Peace Country Health
11. AAMD&C National Issues
12. AAMD&C Executive Highlights
13. AAMD&C Minister Meeting Summary
14. AAMD&C Special Constable Review
15. Contact (assorted material)
16. FCM Members Advisory

MOTION
12.01.10.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council accept the information items for information purposes only.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Tim Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

REEVE

CAO