

**SADDLE HILLS COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 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 24, 2006.*

**PRESENT:**

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

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

***ABSENT:***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Tim Stone called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 7.8 Amalgamation Information and Study
- 7.9 Intermunicipal Meeting
- 7.10 Ambulance Consultation
- 7.11 Land Use Bylaw Review
- 8.2 Weyerhaeuser
- 8.3 Reeve's and CAO's Meeting
- 8.4 Grande Spirit Foundation

**MOTION  
01.01.24.06**

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

**Carried**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2006**

The minutes from the January 10, 2006 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following corrections were noted;

Pg. 5 – 8.1 remove the first *of* in the fourth sentence  
Agenda cover page correct Constable to reflect *Staff Sergeant*

**MOTION**  
**02.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the January 10, 2006 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

*Emdadul Haque entered the Council meeting at 10:28 a.m.*

#### **5.1 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

The Director of Public Works report was presented to Council. Discussion ensued and Council asked who is conducting a traffic count within Saddle Hills County. Public Works is not aware of one being conducted in the County at present time.

**MOTION**  
**03.01.24.06**

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

**Carried**

#### **5.2 Spray Truck Disposal**

Administration would like Council direction on how to proceed with the disposal of the 1979 Spray Truck. The normal procedure has been to take obsolete equipment to auction, but administration has received a request to purchase from Ditch Doctors for a bid price of \$3,750.00.

**MOTION**

**04.01.24.06**

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council direct administration to proceed with the sale of the Spray truck by auction.**

**Carried**

*Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works departed the meeting at 11:10 a.m.*

**7.1 Peace Country Regional Science Fair**

Administration received a letter from NAIT, regarding the annual Peace Country Regional Science Fair. Would County Council like to make a donation to the science fair once again?

**MOTION**

**05.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council direct administration to complete the Peace Country Science Fair donation form for the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.00) dollars.**

**Carried**

**MOTION**

**06.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council authorize a representative to attend the Peace Country Regional Science Fair.**

**Carried**

**7.2 2005 Fall Convention Evaluation**

Does Council wish to discuss this as a group or does Council wish to hand it in and have administration compile on Council's behalf? Discussion ensued and administration was given direction to submit the evaluation form on Councils behalf with suggested comments.

**7.3 Advertising Sponsorship**

At present the County does not sponsor ads with the exception of Fire-Prevention week through our fire halls. Does Council wish to sponsor any of the events listed by the Signal?

**MOTION**  
**07.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council sponsor all community events as presented by the Signal.**

**Carried**

**7.4 Gundy Rural Fire Protection Agreement**

Administration presented Council with a copy of the attached agreement that has expired. As per the Signing of Agreements Policy AD19, the renewal of this agreement must come to Council. The agreement presented is the same as before with the deletion of reference to fire hydrants.

**MOTION**  
**08.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council authorize the Reeve and CAO to sign the Gundy Rural Fire Protection Agreement.**

**Carried**

**7.5 Un-audited Financial Statements for October and November 2005**

Administration is presenting Council with copies of the October 2005 and November 2005 un-audited financial statements for review.

**MOTION**  
**09.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council accept the Un-audited Financial Statements for October 2005 and November 2005 for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

**7.6 Effective Public Input**

Administration received information on the Effective Public Input seminar that will take place in Edmonton on February 17, 2006. Administration would like to know if any Councillor would be interested in attending the seminar. Discussion ensued and administration was given direction to contact Municipal Affairs and see if they will be hosting a seminar in the Peace Area.

### **7.7 Photocopier Purchase – Public Works Office**

Administration presented Council with quotes for the replacement of the existing photocopier at the Public Works Office.

**MOTION**  
**10.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council authorize the purchase of a Ricoh 1515MF work station from Hi-Tech Business Systems for the purchase price of Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty (\$3,430.00) dollars.**

**Carried**

### **7.8 Amalgamation Information and Study**

Discussion ensued and Council asked for this item to be tabled until the next Council meeting.

**MOTION**  
**11.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council table this item until the February 14, 2006 meeting.**

**Carried**

### **7.9 Inter Municipal/Provincial Meeting**

Administration received information on the next possible Inter Municipal/Provincial meeting. MD of Clear Hills is asking for feed back on the dates given to see what would work best for everyone. Discussion ensued and administration was directed to respond to the request with the date of March 16, 2006.

### **7.10 Ambulance Governance**

Discussion ensued and Reeve Stone asked if Council would allow him to formulate a response in conjunctions with the other GPREMS partners on the County's behalf. County Council supported this recommendation.

### **7.11 Amending Land Use Bylaw**

Discussion ensued and Council would like administration to publicize a consultation period for the Land Use Bylaw. This will allow County residents and ratepayers to have a chance to notify the County if they feel that this bylaw could use some updating.

**MOTION  
12.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct administration to proceed with a consultation period on the Land Use Bylaw.**

**Carried**

*Staff Sergeant, Guy Landreville entered the Council meeting at 11:43 a.m.*

### **4.1 RCMP Yearly Update**

Staff Sergeant Guy Landreville presented Council with a yearly update on the Spirit River RCMP Detachment. It was noted the there was an increase in investigation from 2004 to 2005 by 150 cases. Due to this increase in investigation cases, the clerical staff is starting to feel a bit overwhelmed with additional data input. This is due to a new data entry program that the RCMP has purchased nation wide and everyone is still getting used to the program. The Spirit River detachment is looking for additional clerical help. This would be a half time job and the municipalities are being asked to pay for this position. It was also discussed that there is a shortage of housing in Spirit River and the surrounding area. This is making it very difficult to have our local RCMP members live in the immediate area. The RCMP is asking for the communities to help out with this concern by notifying them of any possible housing that maybe available. There are 5 active members in our area and 2 currently reside within Spirit River.

*Staff Sergeant, Guy Landreville departed the Council meeting at 12:12 p.m.*

*County Council recessed for lunch at 12:13 p.m. reconvened at 1:17 p.m.*

*Deputy Reeve Rowe departed the Council meeting at 12:13 p.m.*

### **8.1 Agricultural Service Board**

Reeve Stone presented Council with his report from the ASB meeting that was held on January 17, 2005. It was noted that the ASB passed a Beaver Dam Policy and they will be submitting it to Council for adoption. It was also noted that there will be a new brushing map available for 2007 and this will show the remaining area to be brushed left to be completed.

### **8.2 Weyerhaeuser Report**

Councillor Clarke reported on the Weyerhaeuser meeting she attended on January 19, 2006. It was noted that Weyerhaeuser achieved a 2 year recordable incident free record. It was mentioned that Weyerhaeuser will be implementing a new substance impairment policy for all staff members. They are also working on a policy on using cell phones while operating a vehicle. It was noted that Weyerhaeuser was in violation of the Annual Operating Agreement in Saddle Hills County. They conducted activities in proximity to nesting areas.

### **8.3 Reeves and CAO's Meeting**

Reeve Stone reported on the Reeves meeting he attended. It was noted that the format of the meetings has been changed by the new zone director. One of the topics discussed was the provincial no smoking law and how they would implement it. There was also discussion on agenda items for the upcoming Zone meeting.

### **8.4 Grande Spirit Foundation**

Deputy Reeve Rowe was to update Council on the Grand Spirit Foundation. This report will be presented at the next Council meeting due to his departure.

### **MOTION** **13.01.24.06**

**Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the Agricultural Service Board, Weyerhaeuser and the Reeves and CAO's meeting reports for information purposes only.**

**Carried**

**9. Information Items**

1. Alberta Seniors and Community Support
2. FCSS
3. Peace Country Health
4. FCM Election Alert
5. Contact (assorted material)
6. AAMD&C District Highlights
7. Rural Transportation Funding
8. Recruitment and Retention of Municipal Staff
9. NADC
10. Letter from Rycroft Community Hall Board

**MOTION**  
**14.01.24.06**

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

**Carried**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Tim Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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**REEVE**

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**CAO**