

**MINUTES
SADDLE HILLS COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 9, 2006**

Meeting of the Council for Saddle Hills County was held in the Council Chambers of the Saddle Hills County Administration Building on Tuesday May 9, 2006.

PRESENT:

<i>TIM STONE</i>	<i>REEVE</i>
<i>DAVID ROWE</i>	<i>DEPUTY REEVE</i>
<i>CINDY CLARKE</i>	<i>COUNCILLOR</i>
<i>CLIFF TRAVIS</i>	<i>COUNCILLOR</i>
<i>BRUCE JACK</i>	<i>COUNCILLOR</i>
<i>BARBARA BUCK</i>	<i>COUNCILLOR</i>
<i>MIKE McRANN</i>	<i>COUNCILLOR</i>
<i>RICK MCDONALD</i>	<i>INTERIM CAO</i>
<i>SANDY PEDDLE</i>	<i>RECORDING SECRETARY</i>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Tim Stone called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Emdadul Haque, Director of Public Works entered the Council meeting at 10:12 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 5.6 Waste Management Committee Meeting
- 6.1 2006 Operating and Capital Budget
- 8.1 Provincial Forestry Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8.2 Grand Spirit Foundation

**MOTION
01.09.05.06**

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

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2006

The minutes from the April 25, 2006 regularly scheduled meeting of Council were presented for Council's review. The following corrections were noted:

Pg. 2 – 5.2 correction of the word bands to *band*

Pg. 8 – 8.1 add the word *an* in front of informative

8.2 add the word *plane* to the last phrase

Pg. 9 – 8.4 remove the word *reported*

8.5 correction of the word *has* to *had*

MOTION

02.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that the Council minutes from the April 25, 2006 regular scheduled Council meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

5.1 CAO Regular Council Meeting Report

The Chief Administrative Officer presented his report to Council.

MOTION

03.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer report for information purposes only.

Carried

5.2 Director of Public Works Report

The Director of Public Works presented his report to Council:

< Clarification requested regarding the re-construction of Town Ship Road 792. Does it have to be constructed on a 100-foot right-of-way or is a 66-foot right-of-way acceptable to council.

MOTION

04.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council direct administration to rebuild Town Ship Road 792 within a 66-foot Right-of-Way.

Carried

< Council requested confirmation as to when the upgrades to the Fourth Creek Hall bin pad would be scheduled. Administration advised that the upgrades to the pad are scheduled for June, 2006.

MOTION

05.09.05.06

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

Carried

5.3 Extended Warranty Purchase for Gravel Truck

Administration was requested to bring this item back with the noted information for further discussion.

MOTION

06.09.05.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council direct administration to purchase the extended warranty on the engine and transmission for Three Thousand Sixty-one (\$3,061.00) dollars for the Mack 2006 truck purchased from Nortrux, Grande Prairie.

Carried

5.4 Fuel Surcharge for Supply of Calcium Chloride – Tiger Calcium

Administration is to bring this item back with further information as requested by council to a future meeting.

5.5 Bonanza Fair Committee's Road Closing Request

Administration received a request from the Bonanza Fair committee to close Twp 801 from RR 125 to HWY 719 for approximately one mile during the Bonanza Fair. They have also proposed to divert traffic by using Twp 802 and Twp 800 as a detour.

MOTION

07.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council approve the Bonanza Fair Committee road closure request of one mile on Town Ship Road 801 from Range Road 125 to Highway 719 on July 21 to July 23, 2006.

Carried

5.6 Waste Management Committee Meeting

Deputy Reeve Rowe updated Council on the recent Waste Management Committee meeting that took place on May 5, 2006. The main topic was how to streamline the identification of County residents that use the CCS Landfill for billing purposes. It was decided that all residents of the participating municipalities will be given a color-coded card that will identify which municipality they reside in. These cards will facilitate the billing process to be more manageable for the CCS staff.

Emdad Haque, Director of Public Works departed the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Dwight Crouse, Director of Corporate Services entered the Council meeting at 11:00 a.m.

6.1 2006 Budget

Administration presented Council with the 2006 Operating and Capital budget for approval.

MOTION 08.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council adopt the 2006 Operating Budget of Nineteen Million Five Hundred and Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Five (\$19,545,355.00) dollars.

Carried

MOTION 09.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council adopt the 2006 Capital Budget of Ten Million Three Hundred and Six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty (\$10,306,660.00) dollars.

Carried

6.2 Mill Rate Bylaw 149-2006

Administration was directed to bring this item back with the noted amendments for review.

MOTION 10.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council give Bylaw 149-2006 first reading.

Carried

MOTION

11.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Jack that County Council give Bylaw 149-2006 second reading.

Carried

MOTION

12.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council introduce Bylaw 149-2006 for third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION

13.09.05.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council give Bylaw 149-2006 third reading.

Carried

6.3 Peace Library Systems

Administration was requested to bring information back about the Peace Library System information for further discussion.

MOTION

14.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council direct administration to bring the Peace Library System information back to the County fall budget discussions.

Defeated

6.4 Spirit River Arena Project

The County has been requested to provide financial assistance to the Spirit River arena upgrade project.

MOTION

15.09.05.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council make a one-time donation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) dollars to the Spirit River Arena project to be applied to the ice plant and subject to the project being tendered.

Carried

Kari Speaker Smith, CA from Fletcher Mudryk and Dwight Crouse entered the Council meeting at 11:32 a.m.

4.1 Fletcher Mudryk – Auditor

Kari Speaker Smith, presented Council with the 2005 audited financial statement for approval.

Councillor Bruce Jack stepped out of the meeting during budget discussions at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION

16.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council approve the transfer to reserves as per audit committee recommendation.

Carried

MOTION

17.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council adopt the financial statements as presented.

Carried

Kari Speaker Smith and Dwight Crouse departed the Council meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Council recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:32p.m.

Warren Pickard from the Wild Rose Foundation entered the Council meeting at 1:35 p.m.

4.2 Wild Rose Foundation

Warren Pickard made a presentation on the benefits of partnering with the Wild Rose Foundation to provide County residents with high-speed internet service. He stated that currently they have established contracts with Vulcan County, Brazeau County and County of Paintearth to provide internet services. Mr. Pickard explained the process that would need to be taken in order to provide internet services to Saddle Hills County residents.

Warren Pickard from the Wild Rose Foundation departed the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

6.5 2006 Cemetery Capital Project Grant Applications

Administration was requested to bring this item back with a break down of projected costs for further review.

MOTION

18.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council allocate funding for the Cemetery Capital Projects Grants as follows:

Ukrainian Baptist Cemetery Committee Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars, Blueberry Mountain Cemetery Committee Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars, St. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Committee Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars and the Bonanza & District Agricultural Society Fifty Four Hundred (\$5,400.00) dollars.

Carried

7.1 InfraGuide Federal Funding Support

Administration presented Council with an email from FCM requesting that the County send a letter to the federal Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities seeking continued funding support for the InfraGuide.

MOTION

19.09.05.06

Moved by Deputy Reeve Rowe that County Council authorize a letter of support for the InfraGuide funding to be sent and signed by Reeve Stone.

Carried

7.2 SRRA Track and Field Funding Request

Administration received a request for donations from the Spirit River Regional Academy for the annual track and field event.

MOTION

20.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council donate Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250.00) dollars to the Spirit River Regional Academy annual track and field event.

Carried

7.3 Rycroft Community Hall Board Funding Request

The County received a funding request from the Rycroft Community Hall Board for the purchase of a hot and cold food portable station. The cost of the unit would cost approximately \$6,203.61.

MOTION

21.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Clarke that County Council donate \$1,000 dollars to the Rycroft Community Hall Board for the purchase of a hot and cold food portable station.

Defeated

MOTION

22.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council consider this request in the context of the Capital and Operational Recreational Budget.

Carried

Councillor Cindy Clarke stepped out of the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

7.4 New Funding Opportunity

Administration presented Council with information on the New Green Municipal Fund (GMF) from FCM for review. Discussion ensued and direction was given to administration to bring this item back with the requested information to a future Council meeting.

7.5 Extension to File Financial Return

Administration sent an email to Municipal Affairs requesting an extension to file the financial information for 2006.

MOTION

23.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the email sent to Municipal Affairs for information purposes only.

Carried

7.6 2006 Spring Risk Management Seminar

Administration received information from Jubilee Insurance on the 2006 Spring Risk Management Seminar being held on May 30, 2006 in Edmonton.

MOTION

24.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council accept the 2006 Spring Risk Seminar for information purposes only.

Carried

7.7 Woking Area Structure Plan

Administration has received a letter from Scheffer Andrew Ltd Consultants with a proposed date for first reading of the Woking ASP. They are also requesting an increase to the current contract.

MOTION

25.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council table this item until further information is gathered and brought back to a future meeting.

Carried

8.1 Ainsworth Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Councillor McRann presented Council with an invitation to attend the 2006 Provincial Forest Advisory Committee Meeting in Whitecourt, on June 2 to June 4th, 2006. Discussion ensued and it was recommended that attendance to this event would be beneficial and informative.

MOTION

26.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Travis that County Council authorize attendance to the Forestry Advisory Committee Meeting in Whitecourt.

Carried

MOTION

27.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor Buck that County Council appoint Deputy Reeve Rowe as the alternate to attend the Forestry Advisory Committee meeting in Councillor McRann's absence.

Carried

8.2 Grande Spirit Foundation

Deputy Reeve Rowe presented Council with his report on the Grande Spirit Foundation meeting he attended. It was mentioned that staffing is still an issue but they are close to resolving this problem. Peace Country Health has announced a plan to increase wages for Homecare aids and other service workers by \$2.00 per hour. It was also noted that the Grande Spirit Foundation participated in a one-day job fair at the Crystal Gardens to promote employment opportunities.

MOTION

28.09.05.06

Moved by Councillor McRann that County Council accept the Ainsworth Public Advisory Committee meeting and the Grand Spirit Foundation meeting for information purposes only.

Carried

9. Information Items

1. Contact (assorted material)
2. Letter from Minister Rob Renner
3. Letter from Hector Goudreau, MLA
4. Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
5. AMSC's New Casual Legal Provider
6. Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act
7. MLA Review of Private Investigators & Security Guards Act

**MOTION
29.09.05.06**

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

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Tim Stone declared the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

REEVE

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