

CONVERSE COUNTY MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY JOINT POWERS BOARD

April 6, 2016

7:00 a.m.

The Plains - Douglas

Regular Meeting

The Converse County Municipal and County Joint Powers Board meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m. by Chairman Robert Short with the following present; voting members: Leda Price, Mike Colling, Jon O. Maines, Leroy Kingery, Jim Willox, Doug Frank, guests: Russ Dalgarn, Tony Lehner, Nicholas Larramendy, Rick Andrews, Tony Tolstedt, Justin Scott, Chad Holler, Clink Becker, Cindy Porter, Melissa Ohnstad, Ron Casalenda, Rick Grant, Spike Jordan and Holly Richardson.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Colling moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2016, Ms. Price seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Willox gave a status report on the Converse County and Greater Crossbow EISs.

Mr. Frank relayed that the Town of Glenrock had hired a new chief of police.

Mrs. Porter requested ideas for a proposal she is working on for federal coal impact funds to assist out-of-work coal miners.

Business Review

No update was available for the Tourism Promotion Board.

Mrs. Ohnstad with the Public Health Department introduced Mr. Larramendy as Mr. Howe's replacement. A state-wide tabletop Ebola response exercise was conducted in January with a dispensing exercise to be conducted soon.

Mr. Andrews with the Fire Suppression Authority Board reported that the new Douglas fire trucks were delivered three weeks ago.

Police Chief Casalenda reported on the E-911 revenue and expenditures to date. The new E-911 radio equipment is in Casper being tested.

As an update for combined dispatch, there will be a pre-construction meeting at the County Courthouse Friday, April 8th with Sampson Construction, the general contractor for the project. Mr. Hal Hutchinson has been hired as the construction manager for the project. The target date for occupancy is October 2017.

Call to Audience

Mrs. Porter relayed that the Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, CANDO and the Tourism Promotion Board are working to combine their entities to eliminate duplication of tasks to cut expenses.

A new caretaker for Ayres Natural Bridge Park has been hired and will begin work at the Park on April 13.

The County is looking at acquiring a portion of the Double D Ranch in order to provide access to the creek at the north end of the County Park.

Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

The next meeting of the Joint Powers Board has been tentatively planned for July in Glenrock.

Mr. Robert Short, Chairman

Attest: _____
Mr. Jon O. Maines, Secretary