

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, COLORADO**

**MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Thonhoff, who asked for a roll call.  
Those present:

Mayor:	Mark Thonhoff
Mayor Pro-tem:	Aaron Kroschel
Trustees:	Rick Roberts, Galen Angelo, Ron Slaughter, Darrell Donahoo, Bret Collyer
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Town Planner:	Absent
Visitors:	Kerrie Neet (CDOT), Joe Stone (Mtn. Mail)

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve May 3, 2010 Special Board minutes; and the May 10, 2010 regular Board meeting minutes seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CDOT – Cost Estimate and Scope of Work for Road Diet Study**

Ms. Kerrie Neet, CDOT, referred to the information provided in the Board packet, outlining the cost estimates and scope of work for the Access Control Plan and Road Diet Study for Poncha Springs, noting the costs for the ACP are down from \$47,000 to \$32,803, based on CDOT and the Town Staff taking on more of the work and cutting back on consultant travel time. Ms. Kerrie Neet stated the total cost for the Road Diet Study is \$20,856, noting they had initially discussed only funding Phase I, which would provide the information on long term trends in traffic and whether US50 could be reduced from five lanes down to three lanes and still meet safety and capacity needs 20 years out, the cost estimate for this phase \$9,306. She continued, if the data supports the Road Diet Approach, then CDOT would pursue phase 2, which is preparing the report for the Chief engineer's approval and evaluating funding options. Phase 2 estimated costs \$11,550. The Board discussed the proposal, agreeing to move forward with the proposed ACP and Road Diet Study.

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to approve \$19,306 for the ACP and Road Diet Study, the funding to come from unappropriated surplus funds; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Thonhoff ask for a timeline on the project. Ms. Neet stated it is dependant on how soon an IGA between the town and CDOT is in place, noting once this is done the project can move forward.

#### **Draft Ordinance #2010-7, Capital Impact Expansion Fees**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that EPS had provided the final report on the impact fee study and a draft ordinance to implement the fees. He went on to say he has not had the Town Attorney review the draft ordinance pending Board direction. Trustee Roberts stated it seems it would be beneficial for the Board to hold a worksession to discuss the proposed fees, noting a joint meeting with the Planning Commission might be the avenue to take. The Board agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on the proposed impact fees.

#### **IGA County-wide Sales Tax and Use Tax Draft Resolution #2010-6**

**MOTION: Mayor Thonhoff made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-6, supporting the cooperative efforts of Chaffee County and the three municipalities incorporated within Chaffee County to reach an IGA for a county-wide sales and use tax; seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Guidance re: Retail Office Park Tap Fees and Sign Requirements**

Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel stated he would like to re-visit the pricing and sign requirements for the retail park lots, noting it would be beneficial to have adequate signage for businesses located in the retail park, and noting the current pricing includes a sewer tap fee. The Board agreed further information is needed on the pricing and sign requirements, asking to have the item on the next agenda. Administrator L'Estrange will follow up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Los Girasoles Liquor License Renewal**

**MOTION: Trustee Roberts made a motion to approve renewal of Girasoles Inc, dba Los Girasoles tavern liquor license; seconded by Trustee Donahoo. Motion carried 6-0, with Mayor Thonhoff abstaining due to conflict of interest.**

#### **Guidance for Participation in Municipal Coalition – Street Lights**

The Board agreed it was not financially sound to continue in the Municipal Coalition – Street Lights case, as town revenues are in a downturn.

**Mayor Thonhoff recessed the Board meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

**Mayor Thonhoff reconvened the Board meeting at 7:19 p.m.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**FEMA Study Update**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that per Mr. Don Reimer, Chaffee County, the FEMA Map Study was delayed, but is back on track, noting the scope of work has been updated with a cost savings of \$39,500.

**Letter of Support for Geothermal Project was sent out**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that the college student's are now in the area collecting data, noting the Town's letter of support for this project was sent out with the offer that a test bore could be done on town property, if applicable.

**Calendar for Water Case and Notice of Fees for Felt , Monson, Culichia, LLC**

Information included in the packet. Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that the information regarding the Friend Ranch change case was provided in the packets and also a notice of an increase in rates for the water attorney.

**Clean-up Day/ Yard Sale Report**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that the annual clean-up day was a success, finding those attending friendly and the day ending with the dumpster full.

**Well Permits Have Been Signed**

Information provided in the packets.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Update on Medical Marijuana**

Attorney Redmiles updated the Board on state related medical marijuana topics. The Board requested further information for the next Board meeting. Administrator L'Estrange will follow-up with requested information.

**Update Pending Lawsuit**

Attorney Redmiles stated the town has received "Notice of Claim Pursuant to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act" from former Town Administrator's (Patricia Alderton) attorney. Attorney Redmiles advised the Board not to comment on the potential case.

## **MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES:**

### **Visitor's Center Update- selection of contractors**

PW Director Smith informed the Board that three submittals were received for the Visitor's Center RFQ, noting two of the three will be selected to design the structure and the review committee will select from these to do the construction.

### **Letter of Support for Hutchinson Homestead Grant Applicatio**

The Board approved a letter of support for the Hutchinson Homestead grant application.

## **FINANCE:**

### **Pay April Bills**

**MOTION: Trustee Roberts made a motion to pay April bills; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **FIBark Parade**

Mayor Thonhoff volunteered to put something together for the annual FIBark parade.

### **Verizon Tower**

Trustee Donahoo ask for an update on the construction of the Verizon cell tower. Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel stated the application is in the works with the county and construction should be forthcoming.

### **Old Boy Scout Camp**

Attorney Redmiles stated the old Boy Scout camp on CR 115 is in bad shape, noting a lot of damage has been done to the buildings and site.

With no further business the board meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Diana K. Heeney, CMC  
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark F. Thonhoff, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry L'Estrange  
Town Administrator