

**REGULAR MEETING  
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, COLORADO**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Thonhoff.

Those present: Mayor Thonhoff, Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel, Trustees –Roberts, Angelo, Donahoo, Slaughter, Collyer, Town Water Attorney Steve Monson, and Town Attorney Redmiles, Town Administrator Jerry L’Estrange, PW Director Greg Smith.

Mayor Thonhoff made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION: Mayor Thonhoff made a motion to adjourn to executive session for a conference with the Town Water Attorney and Town Attorney for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) and receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) regarding: Friend Ranch Water Change application; seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The regular Board meeting reconvened 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Thonhoff asked for a roll call.

Those present:

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve January 23, 2012 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**High Valley Center Pub & Grub Liquor License Renewal**

**MOTION: Trustee Collyer made a motion to approve High Valley Center Pub & Grub liquor license renewal application; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried with Mayor Thonhoff abstaining due to conflict of interest.**

### **Chaffee County Fairgrounds Liquor License Renewal**

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to approve Chaffee County Fairgrounds liquor license renewal application; seconded by Trustee Donahoo. Motion carried with Mayor Thonhoff abstaining due to conflict of interest.**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

#### **Access Control Plan (ACP) Update and Next Steps and other Planning Updates**

Administrator L'Estrange thanked the Mayor and all of the Trustees for attending the ACP meeting. He noted it was a positive meeting with the public interacting with CDOT professionals for an explanation of the Access Control Plan. L'Estrange added Mike McVaugh and Jim Horn, CDOT, spent Tuesday morning talking with individuals who had concerns. He went on to say this was beneficial in that the concerns were addressed one on one rather than in a group setting. L'Estrange added access to the 6 acre parcel that was recently donated to the town was also discussed; with options provided by CDOT reps.

L'Estrange noted information on other planning items was included in the packets by Planner Miller.

#### **Report on Action 22 Southern Colorado Water Summit**

Administrator L'Estrange gave an over view on the Action 22 Water Summit, noting items of discussion were; Hydraulic Fracturing, water shortage/availability for municipal use, conservation and reuse.

#### **Summary of Intergovernmental Meeting, January 31, 2012**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board the Dispatch payment plan was the most important concern and it started off with an overview from a County Commissioner. He went on to say, as everyone knows the County is/will be short of funds and will be asking the municipalities to help make up the short fall for dispatch services. L'Estrange stated several trial balloons were floated as to how funds could be obtained. He stated one was the County would keep the total amount of sales tax collected, instead of the County sharing back to the municipalities as is the case now. L'Estrange stated he had to respond that this would devastate Poncha's budget and the town would have to look at the option of un-incorporation, thus the County would be in the position to pay for everything. L'Estrange stated he was approached at another meeting by one of the Commissioners who asked why he got so mad. He explained to the Commissioner that he wasn't mad and he understands the Counties plight but had to advocate for the Town's interest. L'Estrange stated this item will be back on the next Intergovernmental agenda in April. He added Dan Short stated their budget didn't include a fourth quarter payment for the dispatch services for the Municipalities as indicated in the sample contract that came in the meeting packet. L'Estrange stated continued discussion will be needed to resolve the issue at hand.

## **Summary of the Emergency Services Consulting International Kickoff Meeting**

Administrator L'Estrange stated he attended the Monday kickoff meeting with ESCI regarding the comprehensive study of the fire agencies and EMS services. He stated the four gentlemen from ESCI outlined a very aggressive agenda of agencies, administrative staff, politicians and other stakeholders they would be contacting in the next three days. L'Estrange stated Wednesday afternoon the group reconvened and ESCI had accomplished most all of what they had set out to do. He said ESCI was pleasantly surprised to find a willingness from the rank and file participants to work together to find a way to provide:

- 1 - better customer service
- 2 - standardization of training and service provisions

L'Estrange stated ESCI received good input from the EMS service because they work with all the affected departments, noting entities will start getting preliminary reports from ESCI within two weeks and a more final product by April. He noted indications are the report will be a range of recommendations for some sort of consolidation to improvements for each agency. L'Estrange stated the town will benefit from participating in the study.

## **Recycling Meeting, February 16, 2012**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board he will attend the joint recycling meeting and report to the Board on the outcome. Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel ask about the Town's recycling containers if there should be a change in the program. PW director Smith stated Angel of Shavano Recycling is making the proposal for the change in the recycling and will provide the containers. Smith went on to say Angel of Shavano would work with the Town on the existing containers, i.e. relocate and/or sell. Kroschel requested staff follow up on this issue.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Attorney Redmiles informed the Board that he is now working on the CR 120 contract, noting a lot of specifics have to be met due to the Federal grant funding. Redmiles stated there are new pleadings in the TOMAR case he will follow up on.

## **PLANNING & ZONING:**

### **January 17, 2012 minutes**

Included in the packets.

## **OTHER:**

### **ACP Comments**

PW Director Smith reminded the Board that comments period for the ACP is still open, he is working on the CR 120 Trail contract with Attorney Redmiles, the geothermal testing is complete and the town will receive a report in 3-4 months.

## **Visitor's Center**

February 22, 2012 – 6:00 p.m. was set for a Visitor's Center Committee meeting.

**Town Clean-up Day**

Trustee Slaughter suggested incorporating an event, such as a talent contest, into the annual clean-up day. The Board agreed to consider this and discuss at a future meeting.

**Chip Seal Project**

Trustee Roberts ask when the chip seal project was scheduled, noting the streets are showing considerable wear. Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel stated the project should be done right to save what investment the town already has in the streets. PW Director Smith stated he hoped to have numbers for the project by mid March. The Board agreed this should be a priority as soon as weather permits.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Diana K. Heeney  
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

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Mark F. Thonhoff, Mayor

Attest:

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Jerry L'Estrange  
Town Administrator