

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor:	Richard Furton
Mayor Pro-tem:	Absent
Trustees Present:	Aaron Kroschel, Galen Angelo, Ron Slaughter, Darryl Wilson, Rebecca Massey
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Visitors:	Dan Swallow, Brian McCabe(Mtn. Mail)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve January 27, 2014 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chaffee County Development Services Director, Dan Swallow, Update Report

Dan Swallow provided an overview of 2013 Permit Activity, Current Projects, New Projects, Administrative Projects in Poncha Springs and also reported on Process changes and improvements in the Chaffee County Development Services Department.

Resolution #2014-3, to Increase E911 Surcharge to \$1.50

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

This is one of three issues dealing with E-911 concerns that I mentioned to you at the last meeting. In the text of the resolution material it outlines the rationale for the requested increase in finding #C and I can provide budget projections out to 2023 if that helps you.

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-3, to Increase E911 Surcharge to \$1.50; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Second Amendment to 2006 Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning the Implementation of an E911 "Emergency Telephone Service"

MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve the Second Amendment to the 2006 IGA Concerning the Implementation of an E911 "Emergency Telephone Service"; seconded by Trustee Kroschel Motion carried unanimously.

IGA Between the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office and the ETSA

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to approve IGA Between the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office and the ETSA; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2014-4, In Opposition to Initiative 73

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to adopt Resolution #2014-4, In Opposition to Initiative 73; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2014-5, Approving a Mail Ballot Election

MOTION: Trustee Angelo made a motion to adopt Resolution #204-5, Approving a Mail Ballot election; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Request for Increase in Hourly Rate of Pay

Trustee Slaughter noted the Town did not approve COLA or merit increases for the employees and it might be sending a bad signal. Attorney Redmiles said this is what he wants to say, he is consistently under budget, I was \$5,000 under budget last year. I revised my request from \$125 to \$140, and here is why; when I started I was co-council with Bill the idea was he was going to bring me along and then I would take over. With Bill leaving rather suddenly, I took over sooner than planned. When I started co-council with the rate was \$115 and went to \$140. Probably three or four years ago Mayor Thonhoff came in and asked if I could stop doing the amount of work I was doing for the town and I told him I did not think that was possible because I was doing only what was necessary. I went down from \$140 to \$125, what I am asking for now is to go back to \$140, it is not an increase it is just going back to what I was at, town revenues are up and I am under budget, I have more experience and \$140 is very reasonable for a town attorney. Trustee Kroschel stated he agrees, Brad is working with the town and is doing a good job.

MOTION: Trustee Kroschel made a motion to approve the \$140 and hour; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried 5-1, after the following discussion, with Trustee Angelo dissenting.

Discussion: Trustee Wilson stated this is over a 10% raise, asking if anyone in the room had received a 10% raise, asking if the town attorney position should be put out to bid. Attorney Redmiles asked if anyone had taken a 15% cut. Trustee Kroschel stated the town would need to get a listing to see what other town attorneys charge in this area. Attorney Redmiles stated the last he knew Salida was at \$190, approximately five years ago. Trustee Massey spoke in favor of the \$140, noting she feels this is a fair fee for a town attorney. Trustee Angelo stated the town has told the other employees (at budget time) that pay increases would be reviewed at a later date, he stated he thinks it is wrong timing. He went on to say in that context he feels this request should be reviewed at the same time as the employees. Trustee Massey stated she disagrees because of the service Attorney Redmiles provides with his education, the town cannot get this from just anyone and we need an attorney that is watching out for the town and I think the \$140 is fair, in her opinion. Trustee Wilson stated he is not against it he just wanted to hear some discussion on the matter as he did not have the time to do research on what other towns pay and he was not aware that Attorney Redmiles took a cut. Mayor Furton stated maybe an increase in hourly rate was the wrong language for this request, noting it is restoring Attorney Redmiles \$140 per hour rate. Trustee Angelo stated the other departments came in under budget on items in the 2013 budget, which is much appreciated, but he feels the timing is wrong on this. Trustee Angelo stated if we don't consider it at the same time as the staff he feels it is inappropriate. Trustee Massey stated Attorney Redmiles provides a different service, noting the other staff is here full time. Trustee Angelo spoke unfavorably about

approving the request on the basis that the attorney is a professional with a college education, he went on to say he (Redmiles) is not the only one that took a cut in pay. Angelo spoke in favor of treating everyone equitable in regards to this matter. Trustee Slaughter stated the Board has agreed to review staff in regards to budget in July. Mayor Furton asked if the Board would be agreeable to holding a work session to revisit the financials in regards to staff pay. Administrator L'Estrange stated June – July would be a better time to revisit financials to see a better picture of how the budget is going. L'Estrange stated Attorney Redmiles works for the Board and the other staff works for him, so there is rationale in in this request. He went on to say it would be difficult to find a Town Attorney that would work for \$140 and hour. Trustee Wilson spoke in favor of revisiting the budget/financials in June/July relative to staff. The Board agreed .

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Report of Site Visit of Town Properties of February 15, 2014

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

On Saturday, February 15, 2014 we met at Town Hall to convene a meeting of the Town Board to review potential sites for a new Municipal facility. In attendance were Trustees Galen Angelo, Becky Massey, Ben Scanga and Mayor Richard Furton along with Staff of Greg Smith and myself. The Mayor had prepared a hardy meal of biscuits and gravy and sausages for the group. We discussed the short comings of the existing building and estimates' of costs to try and bring it up to modern standards. We went out to look at a potential location adjacent to our existing building and then got into vehicles to visit three other Town owned properties. The area near well # 3, while large enough, was deemed appropriate for equipment storage with a future storage shed. The lots at the Business Park were thought to be windy. The area at the Visitors Center was talked about but needs further revisions. It was clear we need to do more planning on things like building sizing and future needs.

L'Estrange informed the Board that Christy Culp, DOLA, would attend the next Board meeting to provide information on some planning tools that might be beneficial to the Board.

CDOT Contracts Out To Bid

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

We have been informed informally that our road improvement contract has been put out to bid. A meeting on site this week for perspective parties indicated they were to have bids in to C-DOT by the end of next week. We hope to have better information by your meeting.

PW Director Smith informed the Board CDOT would like to start the project in March.

Intergovernmental Meeting Wednesday, February 26, 2014 – 6 p.m. Salida Steamplant

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

Just a reminder that our quarterly meeting with the County and other Municipalities will be Wednesday the 26th at the Salida Steamplant at 6:00 PM. The Fire Consolidation and Water issues will be discussed.

P&Z Commissioners'

Administrator L'Estrange reported:

As of the date of this Memo we have not gotten confirmation from potential P&Z candidates.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Redmiles reported:

1 – in the TOMAR Case the lien priority is issue at hand, an agreement has been signed by all parties, some with reservations.

MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES:

Public Works Director Smith reported:

1 –the town’s Source Water Protection Plan is in the final stages; he noted Board and Community input is needed. He stated meetings/public hearing will be scheduled for this. It was agreed this will be a P&Z agenda item at the next meeting.

2 – work is in process to replace the Little River Ranch bridge

FINANCE:

Administrator L’Estrange reported:

Finance is on track with the budget. He informed the Board that the new Gun Shop is now open.

MOTION: Trustee Wilson made a motion to pay January bills; seconded by Trustee Massey. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

Richard Furton
Mayor

Attest:

Jerry L’Estrange
Town Administrator