

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 - 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, 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
Visitors:	Joe DeLuca, Bob & Katy Grether, Jan & Chuck Azzopardi, Mickey Barry, Cailey McDermott(Mtn. Mail)

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

Administrator L'Estrange ask to add Energy Management Assistance Program presentation to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion to approve December 12, 2011 Board meeting minutes; seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CR 120 Trail Update**

PW Director Smith informed the Board the small purchase program and the first bid documents for the CR 120 Trail project are being completed. He noted the trail project will entail 3 contracts:

- 1 – Design from Pahlone Parkway to the Visitor's Center
- 2 – Engineering, testing and oversight of the actual construction
- 3 – Construction of the trail

Smith stated if the Board has no issues he will submit the documents to CDOT on January 10, 2012. The Board had no issues, Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel spoke in favor of starting trail construction from CR 145 to Pahlone as soon as is feasible.

### **Hutchinson Homestead request for sewer service alternative**

Joe DeLuca informed the Board that gravity sewer service for the Hutchinson Homestead Visitor's Center is problematic due to the location of the Salida sewer main, on the south side of five lane Hwy. 50 and the Visitor's Center site located on the north side, which would require boring under Hwy. 50, meeting CDOT regulations;

1-52" of cover over the main to prevent freezing

2-service line installed in a steel sleeve at least twice the size of the line, in this case the 4" service line would require an 8" steel sleeve the length of the bore, approximately 100". DeLuca estimated the cost for this would be between \$60 and \$80 thousand. He went on to say a Low Pressure Sewer System was looked at, with the option of mounting the service line to the side of a culvert that runs under Hwy. 50, which does not meet the 52" cover and would be subject to freezing. DeLuca stated the third option, on-site wastewater treatment system (OWS), better know as septic systems are technologically proven and affordable. He went on to say the Orenco Residential Advanced Treatment System AX-20 would meet the current standards and has been installed throughout Chaffee County. DeLuca stated the estimated cost for an Orenco system is \$18,128 as opposed to the estimated cost for the gravity system at \$82,092. DeLuca stated the Hutchinson Homestead group is requesting a letter from the town as property owner requesting the City of Salida and Chaffee County approve the use of an OWS for the Hutchinson Homestead Visitor Center based on the document facts presented.

**MOTION: Mayor Pro-tem Kroschel made a motion to send a letter supporting the documented facts presented by Joe DeLuca, Crabtree Group, requesting Salida and Chaffee County approve the use of an OWS for the Hutchinson Homestead Visitor Center; seconded by Trustee Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Resolution #2012-1, Establishing Posting Places**

**MOTION: Trustee Collyer made a motion to approve Resolution #2012-1, Establishing posting places; seconded by Trustee Slaughter. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board – Two Positions Open**

Planner Miller informed the board that the CCTAB is soliciting for Board members, noting their intent is for representation from all factions within the County. Administrator L'Estrange ask anyone with interest to let staff know.

### **Energy Management Assistance Program**

Emiley Evans, Trident Energy Services, Inc. gave a power point outlining what the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) has to offer, noting her group, Trident Energy Services, would serve as third party if the town should pursue any of the services supported by GEO. The Board agreed to look at the program and staff will follow up if there are areas the Board feels would be beneficial for the town.

## **2012 UAACOG Recycling Agreement**

Administrator L'Estrange stated the 2012 agreement is the same as in past years, noting Mickey Barry, Angel of Shavano Recycling came in and ask to speak to the Board on recycling. Mickey Barry stated the County is looking into changes within the recycling structure in the County, noting a February meeting has been scheduled for all entities to participate in regarding changes within the county recycling structure. The Board tabled the 2012 UAACOG agreement pending further information.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

### **Feasibility Study Regarding Combined Fire & EMS Services Update**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that the project is moving forward, noting dispatch will be included in the study.

### **UAACOG Source Water Assessment and Protection(SWAP) Program Update**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that he and PW Director Smith met with Jeff Olinger, UAACOG, and Eddy Balch, Colorado Rural Water, regarding the SWAP program, noting it will move forward and the town should benefit by ending up with a wellhead protection plan. L'Estrange stated he and Smith will work with the group on this project, noting staff time is the only commitment from the town.

### **Chaffee County Creative District**

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that there is interest within the County to develop a Creative District, noting staff will follow up as this unfolds.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Attorney Redmiles informed the Board that he needs to prepare and submit a response in the TOMAR case.

## **MAINTENANCE & UTILITES:**

### **December 14, 2011 meeting report**

### **January 4, 2012 meeting report**

Information included in the packets. PW Director Smith informed the Board that geothermal testing is being done at the old Boy Scout camp, and on Salida, Poncha Springs and Farrow properties. Mayor Thonhoff ask for an update on the town's water loss. Smith stated the PW crew is working at Well #3, after isolating the well and contact chambers, they think this is the site of a possible leak and will begin excavating to see if they can locate/fix it.

**FINANCE:**

**December 19, 2011 meeting**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION: Mayor Thonhoff made a motion to adjourn to executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) regarding: easements subject of possible legal action; seconded by Trustee Donahoo. Motion carried unanimously.**

The regular Board meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.  
The Executive Session convened at 8:05 p.m.  
The Executive Session adjourned at 9:34 p.m.  
The regular Board meeting reconvened 9:34 p.m.

**MOTION: Trustee Slaughter made a motion directing Town Attorney Redmiles to contact the Farrow's attorney regarding a current survey for the property/easements involved; seconded by Trustee Collyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 9:35 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