

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Budget meeting** held on Monday, **September 28, 2015** at 1:10 P.M. in the County Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to Order by the Reeve, Mr. Ron Bobocel, in the presence of the following persons:

		ATTENDANCE
		<u>Monday, September 28, 2015</u>
<u>Div. No.</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	
1	Dareld Cholak	Present
2	Ron Bobocel	Present
3	Craig Lukinuk	Present
4	Cary Smigerowsky	Present
5	Randy Orichowski	Present
CAO	Cory Ollikka	Present
Asst CAO	Lydia Cielin	Present
Finance Manager	Brenda Adamson	Present
Legislative Svcs/R.S.	Angela Bilski	Present

Members of Administrative Staff in attendance:

Doug Ponich – Public Works Manager	Present
Dave Kully – Public Works Shop Foreman	Present
Bob Novosiwsky – Public Works Foreman	Present
Trevor Tychkowsky – Safety Officer	Present
Ed English – Peace Officer/Rec. Manager	Absent
Jordan Ruegg, Planning & Dev. Manager	Absent
Tori Dey – Agricultural Fieldman	Present
Scott Franchuk – Fire Chief	Absent
Dave Franchuk – Env. Operations Manager	Present
Thomas Ponich – Gas Utility Operator	Present
Paul Miranda – GIS/Comm Director	Present

2. Agenda:

Agenda

1041-15: Cholak

That the Agenda for Monday, September 28, 2015 County Council Budget Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Issues for Decision:

Budget Presentation

Finance Manager, Brenda Adamson, presented the following:

- Not expecting much change in residential assessment.
- There may be a decrease in linear assessment due to the downturn in the economy.
- Wages & salaries expected to increase by 3%.
- Working on a three year budgeting cycle.
- Questions for Council:
 - What is an acceptable increase in the municipal tax rate?
 - What are Council's priorities for three year road plan?
 - Impact on programming?
- Agricultural disaster will negatively impact farm income.
- Remove uncollectible tax millrate in favor of fire protection millrate?
- Costs of equipment and parts will be higher due to lower Canadian dollar.
- Could use 2 new replacement tractors for mowing and snowplowing; cost shared between Agriculture and Public Works departments.
- May have to forego the purchase of a grader in 2016; would require amendment of the grader rotation plan.

- Re-evaluate fees for services i.e. snowplowing, gravel, etc. in the spring.
- Looking for a water revenue/cost comparison after a complete annual cycle of regional water line operation.
- Natural gas service charges seem to be appropriate at this time.
- Takeover of town line may fulfill future looping and capacity requirements.

1042-15: Cholak

That the next Smoky Lake County **Council Budget Meeting** be scheduled for Monday, **December 7, 2015** at 10:00 a.m., in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager left the Council Chambers, time 2:04 p.m.

Adjournment:

1043-15: Bobocel

That this meeting be adjourned, time 2:20 p.m.

Carried.



REEVE

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER