

SMOKY LAKE COUNTY

Minutes of the **County Council Budget meeting** held on Thursday, **May 4, 2017** at 1:03 P.M. in the County Council Chambers.

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

		<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
		<u>Thursday, May 4, 2017</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.	Patti Priest	Present

Members of Administrative Staff in attendance:

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

One member of the public entered Council Chambers, time 1:20 p.m..

2. Agenda:

Agenda

666-17: Cholak

That the Agenda for Thursday, May 4, 2017 County Council Budget Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

3. Minutes:

No Minutes.

4. Request for Decision:

2017 Three-Year Road Plan

Discussion

The Three Year Road Plan identifies and prioritizes the roadway improvements required. The three year road plan was approved on October 20, 2016. The following changes have been made so far:

County Council Motion 585-17: That Smoky Lake County amend the 2017 Three-Year Road Plan to adjust the 2017 Gravelling Project Budget of \$800,932.00, by an increase in the amount of \$994,418.00, for a Total 2017 Gravelling Project Budget in the amount of \$1,795,350.00, for the purpose of additional road gravelling throughout all divisions due to above average moister last fall, and poor road conditions this spring; and that funds for the

adjustment be allocated from: the Operating Reserve in the amount of \$500,000.00, the Gravel Contingency Budget in the amount of \$163,134.00, and the Operations Budget for the remainder.

County Council Motion 661-17: That Smoky Lake County amend the 2017 Three-Year Road Plan - "Oil Treatment / Paving" Project P1713: Township Road 584 between Highway 855 and Range Road 175 by deferring the said project to the 2018 Three Year Road Plan; therefore decreasing the 2017 "Oil Treatment / Paving" amount from the total amount of \$155,000.00 to a zero amount.

667-17: Smigerowsky That Smoky Lake County amend the 2017 Three-Year Road Plan by deferring the following 2017 Road Projects: C1612, C1622, C1715 and C1725 to the 2018 Three-Year Road Plan; and adding project: C1735: Construction of Township Road 604 between Range Road 181A and Range Road 182 at a budgeted cost of \$80,000.00.

Defeated.

668-17: Orichowski That Smoky Lake County **amend the 2017 Three-Year Road Plan** as follows:

See Motion 669-17
Re: Project C1735

- Construction Project **C1715** described as Range Road 200, between Township Road 594 and Township road 592, **be deferred to the 2018 Three-Year Road Plan;**
- and **incorporate** a *new* Construction Project **C1735** described as 0.4 miles of Township Road 604 between Range Road 181A and Range Road 182 with a budget in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Carried.

669-17: Lukinuk That Smoky Lake County **amend the 2017 Three-Year Road Plan** as follows:

- Construction Projects: **C1612** described as Township Road 590 between Range Road 142 and Range Road 140, and **C1622** described as Range Road 142 between Township Road 590A and Township Road 590, **be deferred to the 2018 Three-Year Road Plan;**
- and **remove** the "*new*" Construction Project **C1735** described as 0.4 miles of Township Road 604 between Range Road 181A and Range Road 182 previously added to the 2017 Three-Year Road Plan on May 4, 2017, Motion 668-17.

Carried.

2017 - Total Function Budget

The Finance Manager presented the 2017 Total Function Budget with changes incorporated from the April 21, 2017 Budget Meeting, as well as changes from today: May 4, 2017 County Council Budget Meeting.

670-17: Cholak That County Council approve the **2017 Total Function Budget** for Smoky Lake County as amended, with total **Revenue** in the amount of **\$18,805,988** and total **Expenditures** in the amount of **\$20,564,511** including **amortization** of **\$1,758,523**.

Carried.

Joint Council Meeting with Village of Waskatenau

671-17: Orichowski That the **Joint Council Meeting with Village of Waskatenau** be re-scheduled from Monday May 8, 2017, to **May 23 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**; to be held at the County Council Chambers.

Carried.

5. Issues For Information:

Property Tax Rate Options

Finance Manager, Brenda Adamson, presented information for setting the 2017 Property Tax Rate, and spoke to the following points:

- There would be a shortfall in the 2017 Budget if the 2016 Property Tax Rate is used due to the changes in Property Assessment.
- The Three Year Financial Plan predicted a need for a 10% increase in tax revenue for 2017.
- Deletions of capital projects as well as fine tuning the operations budget has decreased the municipal tax revenue required by \$400,000 as of May 3, 2017.
- Property Assessment has decreased so the Property Tax Rate needs to increase to compensate.
- Requisition amounts from the Foundation and School Boards have changed very little from 2016, however, Smoky Lake County's decrease in Property Assessment forces the need to increase the requisitions tax rates.

672-17: Lukinuk

That the presentation provided by Brenda Adamson, Finance Manager for Smoky Lake County on the Assessment facts and Tax Rate options in relation to the Smoky Lake County 2017 Budget, be filed for information.

Carried.

6. Correspondence:

No Correspondence.

7. Delegation:

No Delegation.

8. Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

673-17: Lukinuk

The next Smoky Lake County Council **Budget Meeting** be scheduled for **May 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** in County Council Chambers.

Carried.

Adjournment:

674-17: Lukinuk

That this meeting be adjourned, time 3:15 p.m.

Carried.

REEVE

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER