



**MINUTES
County Council Regular Meeting**

Lac Ste. Anne County held a County Council Meeting on April 24, 2025 commencing at 9:33 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the County Administration Building in Sangudo, Alberta.

Councillors Present: Joe Blakeman, Reeve
Nick Gelych, Deputy Reeve
George Vaughan, Councillor
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Councillor
Ross Bohnet, Councillor
Lorne Olsvik, Councillor
Kevin Lovich, Councillor

Councillors Absent:

Staff Present: Trista Court, GM of Community Engagement
Aren Skogstad, Agricultural Services Manager
Greg Edwards, GM of Operations
Carla Callihoo, Finance Manager
Rob Smyth, Assessment & Taxation Manager
Sarah McGrath, Assessment & Taxation Clerk
Twyla Lesko, Communications Coordinator
Lori Vanberg, Administrative Support Clerk

Also Present: 4 members of the public were in attendance.
3 members online.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Joe Blakeman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

10.C.1. Signing Authority - CIBC Bank Account - Onoway Regional Medical Clinic

ASSESSMENT & TAXATION

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Acceptance of the Agenda

173-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council approves the April 24, 2025, County Council meeting agenda as amended. Carried.

Tax Relief for Small Parcels

174-2025 MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council approve the cancellation of municipal property taxes for the following properties, as allowed through Section 346 of the *Municipal Government Act*:
5302254002, 5303341002, 5402331007, 5404233002, 5405082005,

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5405092001, 5507104001, 5507223002, 5507333002, 5705211001,
5707143002, 5807012002, and 5705014002.

Carried.

Small and Agricultural Parcel Tax Relief

175-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council approve the application of a tax reduction amounting to 50% of the current minimum municipal tax rate, to the following properties per Policy 03-010-007:

5503204002, 5507113001, 5507122001, 5507123001, 5507142001,
5507143001, 5507143002, 5507151001, 5507154001, 5507221001,
5507222001, 5507223001, 5507224001, 5507232001, 5507271002,
5507272001, 5507281001, 5507283001, 5507331001, 5507332002,
5507334001, 5606092002, 5608034001, 5608283001, 5608283003,
5608284001, 5608292001, 5608332002, 5703073001, 5703083001,
5703162001, 5703171001, 5703172002, 5703181001, and 5703181002.

Carried.

Reschedule October 23, 2025 County Council Meetings

176-2025

MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that the County Council approves rescheduling the regular County Council meeting and Organizational Meeting originally set for October 23, 2025, due to its proximity to the Municipal General Election on October 20, 2025, and further instructs Administration to reschedule the meetings to October 30, 2025.

Carried.

BYLAWS & POLICIES

Policy 02-010-001 Flooding Prevention Incentive (Recommend Cancellation)

177-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council formally cancel Policy 02-010-001 Flooding Prevention Incentive, which was suspended indefinitely on March 25th, 2021 through resolution 222-2021.

Carried.

Policy 02-010-004 Beaver Control (Proposed)

178-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Lloyd Giebelhaus that County Council approve Policy 02-010-004 Beaver Control Policy, as presented.

Carried.

Borrowing Bylaw 14-2025 - Fire Services Apparatuses

179-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council approve first reading for Borrowing Bylaw 14-2025 for the purchase of Fire Services Apparatuses for \$1,825,000, and proceed with advertising for this long-term debt of ten years, as according to sections 251 and 258 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

OPERATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS

FLEET & SHOP

HEALTH & SAFETY

OPS - OTHER ITEMS

CORPORATE SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE

UTILITIES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FIRE SERVICES

CPS - OTHER ITEMS

ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY MANAGER

FINANCE

CIBC Signing Authority - Onoway Regional Medical Clinic

180-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council approve Joe Blakeman (Reeve), Nick Gelych (Deputy Reeve), Trista Court (Acting County Manager, Greg Edwards (GM of Operations) and Brian Hartman (GM of Infrastructure) with signing authority at Lac Ste. Anne County's Bank Account with CIBC in Onoway, for the Onoway Medical Clinic.

Carried.

10:00 a.m. Presentation 2024 Financial Statements

181-2025

MOVED BY Councillor George Vaughan that County Council approve the 2024 Lac Ste. Anne County Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

182-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Lorne Olsvik that County Council enters a Closed Session subject to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act at 10:07 a.m. to discuss the following:

- Personnel

- Third-party agreements

subject to Sections 16 and 17 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP).

Carried.

183-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council adjourns the Closed Session at 10:58 a.m.

Carried.

11:00 a.m. Presentation - Community Futures Yellowhead East - Michelle Jones

184-2025

MOVED BY Deputy Reeve Nick Gelych that County Council receive the presentation made by Michelle Jones, Executive Director for Community Futures Yellowhead East, for information.

Carried.

Reschedule May 1, 2025 Planning Meeting

185-2025

MOVED BY Councillor Ross Bohnet that County Council reschedule the Governance & Priorities Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025, to Friday, May 2, 2025.

Carried.


Interim County Manager

186-2025


MOVED BY Councillor Kevin Lovich that County Council appoint Trista Court as the Interim County Manager of Lac Ste. Anne County.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT



Reeve



Interim County Manager