COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2026

Council Members Present: Reeve Konieczny, Division 3
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1
Councillor Ray Nedzielski, Division 2
Councillor Allen McCutcheon, Division 4
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6
Councillor Jerri Ziegler, Division 7

Administration Present: Pat Podoborozny, Chief Administrative Officer
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2026-222
Moved by: Councillor Nafziger
THAT the September 9, 2026 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as amended with the addition of item 6.2 Strategic Plan 2026-2030 and item 6.3 Tax Forfeiture Property Bid Acceptance under Requests for Decision.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 August 17, 2026 County Council Meeting

2026-223
Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski
THAT the August 17, 2026 regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

5. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

2026-224
Moved by: Councillor McCutcheon
THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as information.

Carried

6. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Letter of Support - Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Destination Marketing Organization Designation

2026-225
Moved by: Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT County Council provide a letter of support to Go East of Edmonton Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) for their Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) application through Alberta Ministry of Tourism and Sport.

Carried

6.2 Strategic Plan 2026-2030

2026-226
Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT Council approve the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan, incorporating the vision, mission, values, goals and strategic priorities outlined in the plan, and direct Administration to proceed with implementation.

Carried

6.3 Tax Forfeiture Property Bid Acceptance

2026-227
Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski
THAT County Council accept the bid of $15,500 for the Tax Forfeiture Property described as Lots 13-15, Block 6, Plan 8103S in Ranfurly.

Carried

7 REPORTS

7.1 Reeve
7.2 Council
7.3 CAO
7.4 Operations
7.5 Planning and Community Services
7.6 Protective Services
7.7 Corporate Services

2026-228
Moved by: Councillor Ziegler
THAT Council accepts the reports as presented.

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Royal Canadian Legion re Military Service Recognition Support
8.2 Lamont County re NE Regional ASB Conference
8.3 Invitation to Support Highway 36 Safety Advocacy Letter

2026-229
Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski
THAT County Council move to support the Special Areas Board in their advocacy efforts with other municipalities along the corridor for alternate passing lanes on Highway 36, and that Administration advise the Special Areas Board of the County of Minburn's participation as a signatory on their letter to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

Carried

8.4 Elk Island Public Schools re Resiliency Framework Learning Session
8.5 Town of Vegreville re Vegreville Country Fair Participation
8.6 MP Shannon Stubbs re Advocacy for Flood Relief

9 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)

9.1 Action Item List

2026-231
Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

Carried

Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Jason Warawa, Mike Fundytus, Davin Gegolick and Audra Kropielnicki left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

10 CLOSED SESSION

2026-232
Moved by: Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) specifically Section 20, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy and Section 29, Advice from officials, at 11:08 a.m.

Carried

10.1 Oiled Roads Policy
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization

Norm De Wet left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

10.2 2027 COLA
ATIA Section 20, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

10.3 Viking Health Foundation Funding Request
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

11 OPEN SESSION

2026-233
Moved by: Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council move to revert to Open Session at 11:58 a.m.

Carried

12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

12.1 2027 COLA

2026-234
Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio
THAT County Council approve a 3.0% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for eligible County employees effective January 1, 2027 and that the associated financial impact be incorporated into the 2027 Operating budget.

Carried

2026-235
Moved by: Councillor Nafziger
THAT County Council authorize Administration to offer participation in the Alberta Public Executive Pension Plan (APEX) to the occupants of the Director 2 positions, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and applicable legislation.

Carried

13 Adjournment

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Original Signed
Reeve

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer