

**REPORT TO THE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.
Carbon Building- Courthouse Annex,
215 W. Buffalo Street, Second Floor, Rawlins, WY**

A regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex in Rawlins, WY. Attending the meeting were Chairman, Sue Jones, Vice Chairman Travis Moore, Commissioners John Espy and John Johnson.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the agenda as amended to remove Memorial Hospital of Carbon County. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Espy moved to approve October 2023 payroll and benefit expenses of \$1,186,828.60 and insurance claim and premium expenses of \$7,620.63, the report of expenditures in the amount of \$465,063.34, for an aggregate total today of \$1,659,512.57. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vendor	Detail Line Description	Total
Advanced Network Mgmt., Inc.	Managed Services Contract	\$2,315.00
All Traffic Solutions Inc.	Messaging Suite Subscription	\$2,850.00
APCO International Inc.	Licensing Service Fees	\$500.00
APEX Communications	Radio Installation & Contract Services	\$4,947.34
APG Media of the Rockies	Misc. Ads	\$620.00
Arca Search	Digital Archiving of Clerk Files	\$1,166.00
AT&T Mobility	OEM Phones	\$874.95
Baggs, Town of	Office Rental & Water Services	\$198.70
Bank of Commerce	Blue Safety Checks	\$188.52
BI Inc.	Electronic Monitoring	\$2,418.00
Big Bale Company	4 Tires	\$1,304.96
Big Sky Communications Inc.	Headset	\$68.00
Bituminous Paving Inc.	CR 203 Chip Seal Project	\$17,434.01
Black Hills Energy	Gas Services	\$8,632.92
Blue Knight Security LLC	Cancelled Inmate Transport	\$3,525.00
Bomgaars Supply	Misc. Supplies	\$197.55

Bridger Fabrication	Supplies, Flatbed & Bumpers & Rear Airbag Kit/Light Kit/Mounting	\$8,018.59
Brown & Hiser LLC	Legal Services	\$122.52
Camfil, USA Inc.	Poly Wire	\$456.00
Capital Business Systems Inc.	Copiers	\$1,086.12
Carbon County Comet	COVID/Flu Clinics Ad	\$140.00
Carbon County Treasurer	222 W Pine Cp Property Tax	\$1,249.10
Carbon County Veterinary Hospital	Dog Medications	\$111.42
Carbon Power & Light Inc.	Electric Services	\$2,069.99
CDW Government, Inc.	Headset/Wired Combo Mouse	\$208.36
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Misc. Inmate Supplies	\$1,295.34
CIDNET	Jail Data	\$750.00
Coal Creek Law	Legal Services	\$500.00
Core Legal, LLC	Legal Services	\$630.00
Cox, Richard W.	Meals, Milage and Hotel	\$920.49
Dell Marketing L.P.	OEM Computers	\$8,765.56
Dennis Supply Company	Cfm Ignition Module	\$605.43
Dynamic Controls Inc.	Camera Internet Router	\$4,742.89
Econo Signs, LLC	Seasonal Road Signs	\$3,156.00
Elevated Safety Solutions	Random Drug Testing	\$144.00
Engstrom, James D. DDS	Inmate Dental Services	\$2,500.00
Fatbeam LLC	Fiber & Internet	\$5,170.00
FFF Enterprises, Inc.	COVID Vaccine	\$20,633.60
Futurity IT, Inc.	Orion License Renewal	\$1,350.00
Galls/Quartermaster	Deputy Uniforms & Supplies	\$586.44
Grainger	Misc. Parts and Supplies	\$511.07
Greater WY Big Bros./Sisters	County Prevention Services Oct 2023	\$9,144.21
Herman, Bobbie	Mileage	\$49.50
Jones Simkins	FY23 Audit Services	\$43,125.00
Kaisler, Todd	Mileage	\$99.00
Kilburn Tire Company	6 Tires	\$1,430.00
Konexus	Mass Notification Sys. Subscription	\$10,150.50
KTGA/KBDY	Tower Rent& Misc Ads	\$370.00
Kurtak, Karen	Mileage	\$62.70
La Combe, Antennette	Monitor Deposit Refund	\$387.00
Lally, Brian J.	Fuel Reimbursement	\$51.48
Loan Payment Processing Center	Courthouse/Carbon Bldg. Interest Pymt.	\$153,396.73
Magpul Industries Corp.	Ambidextrous Slings	\$449.20
McNees, James	Mileage	\$77.00
Medicine Bow, Town of	Water Services	\$874.60
Mid-American Research Chemical	Thermal Lock/Sealer/Thermo Pack	\$1,248.75

Motorola Solutions	Radio Programming	\$157.14
MPM Corp / Evergreen Disposal	Trash Services	\$130.00
Napa - Saratoga	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$202.33
Newberry, Michael R.	Meals, Mileage and Hotel	\$756.35
Norco, Inc.	Welding Supplies & Cylinder Rental	\$1,389.96
Olde Trading Post	Fuel/Supplies	\$46.16
Orde, Curtiss J.	ALS Kit, Mileage, Per Diem	\$2,717.86
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. Supplies	\$62.71
Perkins Oil Co.	Fuel	\$8,194.62
Positive Concepts/ATPI	Thermal Paper	\$260.64
Quill Corporation	Index Tabs	\$323.81
R.P. Lumber Company, Inc.	Shipping Charges & Misc Supplies	\$303.08
Rawlins Automotive	Misc. Auto Parts & Supplies	\$837.45
Rawlins Hardware - 5410	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$537.72
Rawlins In Motion	Grinch Program Ad	\$120.00
Ready, Justin	Mileage	\$88.00
Republic Services #642	Hanna Sc Trash Services	\$324.35
RHS Graduating Class of 2028	8th Grade Promotion Party	\$500.00
Rice-Prior, Denise	Mental Health Services	\$1,100.00
Rietveld, Toni	Planner	\$11.65
Rocky Mountain Power	Electric Services	\$18,421.19
Rocky's Quik Stop	Fuel	\$423.53
Saratoga Sun	County Road 203 Final Payment Ad	\$160.38
Saratoga, Town of	Water Services	\$48.50
Schaeffer Mfg. Co.	Grease	\$642.30
Shippy, April	Interpreter Services	\$20.00
Shively Hardware	Tractor Window & Misc. Supplies	\$2,037.96
Smith Psychological Services	Deputy Evaluation	\$800.00
Stage Stop General Store	Paper Towels/Tape/Bug Spray	\$25.83
Staples Advantage	Paper/Pencils	\$92.18
State of Wyoming DCI	Sex Offender Fees	\$50.00
Stinker Stores Inc.	Fuel	\$19,015.69
Summit Food Service	Jail Meals	\$13,293.31
Swanson Services Corporation	Jail Commissary Supplies	\$1,610.78
Terminix	Jail Pest Control	\$44.00
Thayer, Janell	Mileage	\$46.20
The Cowboy Couture	Embroidery	\$90.00
The Product Center	Imaging Unit for Fingerprint Machine	\$497.71
Tin Boy Garage	Diesel Fuel Supplement	\$179.88
Transunion Risk & Alt. Data	Trulookup Program	\$179.00
Triple X Contracting, Inc.	Trash Services	\$130.00

US Bank	Misc. Charges	\$2,194.74
Valence Health Corp	Inmate Medical Services	\$13,000.00
Valley Oil Company	Fuel	\$1,555.71
WACO	Commissioner's Waco Registration	\$750.00
West End Sinclair	Fuel	\$270.31
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$508.24
Wille, O.R.	Mileage	\$82.50
Wille, Ron	Gravel	\$657.00
Wrigley, Janelle	Meals, Mileage and Hotel	\$1,757.31
WY Behavioral Institute	Emergency Detention Fees	\$5,090.00
WY Clerks of District Court Assoc.	2023-2024 Annual Association Dues	\$150.00
WY Dept of Health	Vehicle Usage	\$115.52
WY Machinery Company	Gaskets/Seals & Equipment Repair	\$1,595.22
WY Rents, LLC	Manlift Rental & Lanyard	\$655.75
WY Cleaning & Solutions LLC	CCSO-Epoxy Floor Application	\$3,295.00
Y2 Consultants, LLC	Chokecherry P&Z Land Use Plan Update	\$2,477.00
Zoco Unlimited Inc.	Conex Storage Container for Paper	\$8,560.00
Zumbrennen Electric Inc.	Various Elect. Repairs at County Bldgs.	\$12,597.23

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the consent agenda noting any item could be removed for separate action. Clerk Bartlett noted the consent agenda includes the November 7, 2023, regular meeting minutes; bonds for Clint Weber, Treasurer for the Baggs Cemetery District in the amount of \$5,000.00, and Alice S. Miller, Treasurer for the Town of Medicine Bow in the amount of \$100,000.00; Continuation Certificates for Stephanie Irvine, Treasurer for the Carbon County Weed and Pest Board in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Raymond Barkhurst, Board Member for the Carbon County Weed and Pest Board in the amount of \$50,000.00. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Gwynn Bartlett, County Clerk overviewed employees having reached years of service milestones in November.

ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS

Sheriff

Alex Bakken, Carbon County Sheriff, requested to waive procurement policy and purchase a 2024 Polaris Ranger with tracks and trailer for departmental and search and rescue. The Sheriff will be utilizing donated funds from HF Sinclair and impact funding from Transwest that was originally allocated for the purchase of a UTV for a projected total of \$50,000.00. Shively's North in Carbon County was at least \$2,000.00 under all comparable estimates and they currently have the

requested model in transit. The Sheriff's staff did perform a documented informal bidding process with dealers in the region.

Commissioner Espy moved waive the procurement policy based on the Sheriff's documented informal bidding process and this being the lowest price and approve the purchase of a 2024 Polaris Ranger with tracks and trailer from Shively's North with funds received from HF Sinclair and Transwest Express impact assistance for a total of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Annette Penman, Riley Smart and Marissa Lucero with HF Sinclair were present and the Sheriff thanked them for their donation noting it will make a life-saving difference.

Sheriff Bakken stated that the Sheriff's Department has received an initial approval on a grant that was applied for in July of this year. Sheriff Bakken applied for BJA COVID-19 Detention and Mitigation in Confinement Facilities grant to repair and update the jail's aging HVAC system. As of last week, he had received initial approval for the original \$25,000.00 requested that will be utilized with funds requested during budget session for the repair of the HVAC system.

Road & Bridge

Kandis Fritz, Road & Bridge Coordinator, provided an update on the FY24 CMAQ project and the award received. She reported the final total is \$208,584.00 with a match of \$52,146.00 for a total of \$260,730.00. Ms. Fritz reported the CMAQ grant agreement will assist in placing mag chloride to 18 miles of CR701, 7 miles of CR608, 6 miles of CR291 and 11 miles of CR121.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize any commissioner to sign a CMAQ grant agreement with WYDOT using road funds as the match. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fritz presented a letter to landowners that will be affected by the potential amendments to the Carbon County Road and Bridge Policy for board approval and Chairman's signature. The two roads with major changes are County Roads 497 and 499, parts of which are in Natrona County. Commissioner Espy agreed with the Buzzard Road #497 but asked that CR499 be addressed in another way and asked that be removed from the letter. Civil Attorney Ashley Davis stated they have a proposed letter but asked if the board wanted changes to the proposed policy that will be heard at a public hearing. Commissioner Espy asked that the proposed policy changes be amended to not include this road. Attorney Davis reported this was already advertised and the Board decided it would take public comment and go through the process with this as advertised.

Ms. Fritz stated that she doesn't intend to strand landowners however when the highway closes 9 days in a row they will not be able to make it.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve and authorize a letter to landowners regarding the proposal to amend Carbon County Roads 497 and 499 to seasonal roads which would modify the maintenance provided for these roadways and to schedule a public hearing for January 16, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Building and Grounds

Jeff Askins, Building Manager presented two contracts with Zumbrennen Electric Inc. for board approval and Chairman's signature.

Vice Chairman Moore moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Contracts for Services with Zumbrennen Electric Inc. for LED upgrades to the Museum, Senior Center, Maintenance Shop, and the 3rd floor of the Carbon Building in the amount of \$31,012.19, not including any incentives and repair and replacement of the power line at the Rawlins Road and Bridge shop in the amount of \$2,397.23. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Askins stated that Dynamic Controls has begun work on heating controls at the Jeffrey Center and should be done within a few weeks.

Attorney

Ashley Mayfield Davis, Carbon County Civil Attorney presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management for board approval and Chairman's signature. In January 2023 the county signed up to be a cooperating agency in Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement project.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Chairman's signature to the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management and Carbon County for development of the Section 368 Energy Corridor Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for the purpose of recognizing Carbon County as a Cooperating Agency in the Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

County Treasurer, Lindsey West reported the first half of property tax collections began November 10 and the new plate series will be coming in 2024 and have been received. She added the county did receive Taylor Grazing in November, later than the normal June payment.

Emergency Management

Lenny Layman, Emergency Management Coordinator reported senior center preparedness presentations will be held November 29 in Rawlins, November 30 in Saratoga, December 6 in Encampment, December 12 in Elk Mountain and December 13 in Medicine Bow presentations that have been done so far have gone really well. Region III Hazard Mitigation plan is coming due and he is planning to kick off in January with the contractor hired by the state to complete the plan.

Clerk

Gwynn Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk, presented board applications for various boards.

Commissioner Espy moved to appoint Chad Engstrom and Jason Burke both as Sportsmen to the Carbon County Predator Management District for a 3-year term ending December 2026; reappoint Oliver R. Wille to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term expiring November 2026 and to reappoint Gerald Steele as Member At-Large to the Carbon County Predator Management District for a 3-year term ending December 2026. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a service agreement with Merchant McIntyre & Associates for board approval and Chairman's signature. This agreement is only for 3 months and they hope to gain a one-year commitment thereafter.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the Merchant McIntyre & Associates Service Agreement for the purpose of assisting the county with obtaining Federal funds for a term of three months totaling \$24,000.00 to be paid from Gateway South impact assistance funds. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented an amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Rawlins pertaining to snow removal and storage. The County provides the City with use of the property behind the County's Detention Center on Harshman Street for the placement and storage of snow and road materials. The county may also provide a secondary area on the north corner of the County Fairgrounds on E. Daley Street and Harshman Street for dumping of snow only and only with the building manager's authorization. The city shall be responsible for clearing or leveling the areas as needed for such storage of snow. She added she is waiting on approval from the City and requested authorization for any commissioner to sign today pending the City's approval.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize any commissioner's signature on Amendment Number One to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Carbon and the City of Rawlins a Wyoming Municipal Corporation dated November 22, 2022, contingent upon the City's approval and if changed the County Attorney and Commissioner's re-approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented the 2024 commissioner meeting schedule and related resolution for adoption.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt the 2024 Commissioners Meeting Schedule and approve Resolution No. 2023-38, Amendment Number 7 (Seven) to Resolution 2013-12, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, Carbon County Wyoming Setting Meeting Schedules. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 38

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 7 (SEVEN) TO RESOLUTION 2013-12, A RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CARBON COUNTY WYOMING
SETTING MEETING SCHEDULES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §18-3-502, the Board of County Commissioners shall meet the first Tuesday of each month or at such other times as may be designated by resolution of the board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Carbon County Resolution 2013-12 the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County Wyoming will also meet the third Tuesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the first or third Tuesday of the month may occasionally fall on a holiday, a day the board is unable to meet or a day when it may be more convenient to meet on an alternate date; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall constitute the seventh amendment to Resolution 2013-12, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners, Carbon County Wyoming Setting Meeting Schedules.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED because the budget public hearing shall be no later than the 3rd Monday in July and the budget resolutions shall be adopted within 24 hours of the hearing, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners regular meeting is hereby rescheduled to Monday, July 15, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the county seat rather than July 16, 2024; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED because the third Tuesday in August is Primary Election Day, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners is hereby rescheduled to meet August 27, 2024 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Platte Valley Community Center, Saratoga, WY rather than August 20, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED because the first Tuesday in November is General Election Day, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners is hereby rescheduled to meet November 12, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the county seat rather than November 5, 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED 21st day of November 2023.

-s- Sue Jones, Chairman

Attest:

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, County Clerk

Clerk of District Court

Clerk of District Court, Mara Sanger has transitioned to her new electronic system and it went well. Electronic filing will be required in May 2024.

Commissioners

Chairman Sue Jones discussed another potential appointment to the Land Use Plan Steering Committee noting that this applicant responded with interest in serving on the committee after the last BOCC meeting.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the appointment of Aron Anderson and resignation of two members to the Land Use Plan Update Steering Committee. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Moore requested the BOCC consider passing a resolution and offering support for the Governor's position on energy policies and he read an op-ed to that effect.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the BOCC's signatures on a letter supporting the Governor's energy policies. Vice Chairman Moore seconded. Commissioner Espy amended his motion to include Resolution 2023-39 supporting the Governor's energy policies seconded by Vice Chairman Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023 – 39

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Wyoming, supporting Governor Gordon's 'All of the Above' Energy Strategy is Growing Jobs and Investment Across Wyoming,

WHEREAS, conservatives across the country have long supported an "all of the above" energy policy and this approach not only aligns with conservative free enterprise principles but also promotes consumer choice, free enterprise competition, economic development, and job development; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mark Gordon campaigned on an "all of the above" state energy policy to become Governor of Wyoming. Over the past five years, Governor Gordon has actually delivered on that promise by implementing a series of actions that have resulted in Wyoming emerging as a state leader in both traditional and emerging market energy development. This has led to impressive results in economic development and job growth across the state; and,

WHEREAS, despite its low population, Wyoming is the third largest energy-producing state in the country largely because of the state's consistent policies encouraging responsible energy production. Most of that energy, of course, is produced in the form of coal, oil and natural gas. Wyoming should remain proud of the state's critical role powering the country by maximizing domestic energy resources. At the same time, Wyoming must also position itself as a leader in emerging energy resources as well; and,

WHEREAS, as county commissioners, we prioritize economic development that results in jobs that are located and remain in Wyoming. Wind energy used to be inefficient and account for a minuscule portion of our energy supply. But through technological advancements, wind energy is now a major player in the U.S. energy market and Wyoming is a leader in this emerging industry. Wind energy projects, and the resulting power lines, are major construction projects that generate quality jobs in our local Wyoming counties. For example, construction just began on the TransWest Express Transmission Project – a privately funded \$3 billion power line that starts in Carbon County and will facilitate electricity produced in Wyoming to be shipped to out-of-state markets; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Gordon's focus on making Wyoming a lead player in emerging energy sources does not end with wind energy. Governor Gordon has also pressed for Wyoming to become a leader in nuclear energy development as well. State officials are working with nuclear reactor manufacturer TerraPower to build Wyoming's first nuclear reactor. The investment to build one of the world's most advanced nuclear reactors is expected to exceed \$4 billion, an enormous economic windfall to Kemmerer, Lincoln County and the State; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Gordon should be commended for establishing Wyoming as a key leader in energy innovation as well. Wyoming is pushing technological advancements in carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technology. These technologies have existed since the 1970s, but radical environmental groups and the EPA have effectively ground this development to a halt. According to the Payne Institute for Public Policy, “One of the biggest challenges new [carbon capture] projects face is the EPA’s slow permitting process.” This move by far-left environmental groups has essentially stifled innovation in an area that would be highly beneficial to traditional energy production across Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Gordon stopped waiting for the EPA to act on these technologies and instead put Wyoming in the driver’s seat. Wyoming took the permitting for underground carbon storage projects away from the EPA and placed approval authority in the hands of Wyoming officials. The Petroleum Association of Wyoming thanked Governor Gordon and President Trump for empowering the state and bringing decisions about carbon capture “closer to on-the-ground development. Now major coal, oil and gas producing states – including West Virginia and Texas – are racing to catch up with Wyoming, to take over carbon capture permitting from the federal EPA; and,

WHEREAS, as county commissioners, we commend Governor Gordon for not only campaigning on an “all of the above” energy policy but actually delivering on that promise. To remain a leader in U.S. energy development, Wyoming must not only continue to support traditional energy production but also insert itself as a leader in emerging energy resources. Governor Gordon and other state leaders have done exactly that and these specific actions will benefit the Wyoming economy for years to come; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS to support Governor Mark Gordon’s ‘All of the Above’ Energy Strategy as it is Growing Jobs and Investment Across Wyoming.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Wyoming, on this 21st day of November 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

By: -s-Sue Jones, Chairman

Attest:

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Espy provided an update on the WY Public Lands initiative and the Natural Resource Committee will be taking up the matter with language beneficial for Carbon County.

Vice Chairman Moore encouraged county folks to attend various holiday functions and help community members as needed.

Commissioner Jones reported three hangars at Dixon Airport need appraised then will likely be demolished. There must be an independent fee estimate for engineering fees and she will head this up and she hopes this can all be accomplished next summer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Espy moved to go into executive session at 9:58 a.m. with Clerk Bartlett, Ashley Mayfield Davis and Matt Webster to discuss personnel, potential litigation and other matters considered confidential by law. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to come out of executive session at 10:58 p.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CARBON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Johnn Rutherford was present to represent the Carbon County Fire Protection District and provided an update on their progress of getting setup.

INTERVIEWS FOR COMMISSIONER VACANCY AND APPOINTMENT

Chairman Jones advised that the Republican Party met Thursday, November 2, 2023, and has submitted three names of individuals they felt qualified to fill the vacancy. The individuals chosen were interviewed in alphabetical order: Emilee Berger, Joey Correnti IV and Garrett Irene and each were interviewed in this order. The BOCC has twenty days from receipt of these names to select one of them to fill this vacancy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Espy moved to go into executive session at 1:52 p.m. with Ashley Davis and Gwynn Bartlett to consider the appointment of a public official and other matters considered confidential by law. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to come out of executive session at 2:03 p.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

BOCC APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Garrett Irene to fill the Carbon County Commissioner vacant seat. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Espy moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carbon Building – Courthouse Annex located at 215 W. Buffalo St., Rawlins, WY. The public is invited to attend, or you can listen online at the website listed below. To get on the agenda, call the Clerk's Office by the Thursday before the meeting. Per Wyo. Stat. §18-3-516(f), access to

county information can be obtained at www.carbonwy.com or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.