

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.,  
Carbon Building – Courthouse Annex  
215 W. Buffalo St., Rawlins, WY**

A regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex, Rawlins, WY. Attending the meeting were Chairman, R. Travis Moore, Vice Chairman Gwynn Bartlett, Commissioners John Espy, John Johnson and Sue Jones.

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

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve January 2025 payroll and benefit expenses of \$990,560.88 and insurance claim and premium expenses of \$199,271.88. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve payment to Sunrise Sanitation for \$75.00. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed with all voting for the motion except Commissioner Jones who abstained due to personal conflicts.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$289,220.56 for an aggregate total today of \$1,479,128.32. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Detail Line Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
Advanced Network Mgmt., Inc.	Servicing Contract & Data Back-Up	\$63,895.10
Amazon Capital Services	Misc. Charges	\$220.33
APG Media of The Rockies	Advertising County Office Closure	\$40.00
AT&T Mobility	CCSO MDT Service	\$37.99
Baggs, Town of	Water Services & Office Rent	\$336.11
BI Inc.	Electronic Monitoring Services	\$1,885.00
Blakeman Propane	Propane Services	\$2,645.32
Blue Knight Security LLC	Inmate Transportation	\$8,250.00
Bob Barker Company, Inc.	Jail Clothes	\$357.26

Bomgaars Supply	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$208.20
Bridger Fabrication	1/2" Plate	\$422.60
Brown & Hiser LLC	Legal Services	\$1,760.00
Bullock Law, LLC	Legal Services	\$1,260.00
Carbon County Comet	1/7 BOCC Mtg Minutes	\$486.00
Carbon Co. Fire Protection District	Vehicle Services	\$822.50
Carbon Co. Higher Ed Center	Catered Lunch	\$136.40
CareRight Technologies, LLC	Jail Medical Services	\$203.50
Casada Funeral Home	Funeral Home Charges	\$1,500.00
Casper Winnelson Co.	Urinl Repair Kit X2	\$394.22
Charter Communications	Video Services	\$765.68
CIDNET	Facility Data	\$1,350.00
CML Security	B39 Key Blanks	\$416.00
Cowboy Chemical	Jail Cleaning Supplies	\$442.00
Dolan Consulting Group	Event Registration	\$95.00
Drummond Refrigeration LLC	Lid Latch	\$25.78
Dynamic Controls Inc.	Retention Release	\$3,640.40
Elk Mountain, Town of	Water Services	\$69.50
Enbridge Gas UT WY ID	Gas Services	\$464.92
Encampment, Town of	Water Services	\$105.00
Engineering Associates	Engineering/Construction Management	\$3,461.34
Fatbeam LLC	IT Internet & Website & IT WAN	\$4,590.00
France, Tara	Reporter Services	\$536.95
Galls/Quartermaster	One Line Brass Nameplate X3	\$175.49
Goodman, John W.	Soberlink Monitoring	\$883.50
Hall, Trace	Daily Deposit Refund	\$51.00
Hanna, Town of	Water Services	\$256.46
Heintz Surveying & Eng., LLC	GIS Services Dec & Jan	\$607.50
Holden, Kirsten	Monitor & Charger Deposit Refund	\$875.00
Jones Simkins	Audit Services	\$6,640.00
Kilburn Tire Company	Balance Tire/Rotation/Alignment	\$194.95
KTGA/KBDY	Radio Site Rent	\$370.00
Kurtak, Karen	Mileage Reimbursement	\$62.70
Lifetime Benefit Solutions, Inc.	Cobra-Buy Up Fee	\$70.00
Mckesson Medical-Surgical	Medical Supplies	\$914.41
McNees, James	Mileage Reimbursement	\$77.00
Medicine Bow, Town of	Water Services	\$169.60
Merchant McIntyre & Assoc., LLC	Feb 2025 Retainer	\$8,000.00
Merseal Law, LLC	Legal Services	\$9,760.19

Modern Marketing, Inc.	Wipes/Gift Certificate	\$516.53
Mountain Trail Medical	Medical Services	\$6,500.00
MPM Corp / Evergreen Disposal	Trash Services	\$110.00
Napa - Saratoga	Misc. Auto Parts	\$685.07
NMS Labs	Autopsy	\$159.00
Norco, Inc.	Misc. Supplies	\$1,962.17
Olde Trading Post	Fuel	\$169.05
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. Auto Parts	\$35.98
Othram Inc.	DNA solves Crowdfunding Campaign	\$2,500.00
Perkins Oil Co.	Fuel	\$8,440.11
Quadient, Inc.	Meter Tapes/Ink Cart	\$304.95
Quill Corporation	Printer Ink	\$406.36
Rawlins Automotive	Misc. Auto Parts	\$2,695.80
Rawlins Hardware - 5410	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$95.33
Rawlins Hardware - 5465	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$317.83
Rawlins Pack and Ship LLC	FedEx Shipping Label	\$24.60
Rawlins, City of	Water Services & Landfill Fees	\$4,151.73
Rocky Mountain Power	Electric Services	\$20,772.99
Rocky's Quik Stop	Diesel Fuel Dixon Baggs	\$2,268.04
Rodriguez, Randy	Monitor & Charger Deposit Refund	\$654.00
Saratoga, Town of	Water Services	\$49.82
Scenturion K9 Consulting	Decoy Course for Doug Wellemeyer	\$250.00
Secretary of State	Notary Fee	\$120.00
Shively Hardware	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$229.91
Stage Stop General Store	Toilet Paper	\$27.54
Stinker Stores Inc.	Fuel	\$3,946.84
Summit Food Service	Jail Meals	\$19,085.25
Sunrise Sanitation Service, LLC.	Trash Services	\$75.00
Swanson Services Corporation	Jail Commissary Supplies	\$1,893.72
The Cowboy Couture	Sheriffs Uniforms	\$611.64
Tin Boy Garage	Tie Rod/Ball Joint/Misc Parts	\$991.13
Transunion Risk & Alt. Data	Sheriff Investigations	\$175.00
United States Postal Service	Postage	\$10,000.00
Valley Oil Company	Diesel	\$1,044.73
Vol. of America Northern Rockies	Youth Crisis Bed	\$50,000.00
Webster, Matthew S.	Mileage Reimbursement	\$97.35
West End Sinclair	Fuel	\$201.93
Wex Bank	Fuel	\$355.00
Wille, O.R.	Mileage Reimbursement	\$82.50

WY Coroner's Association	Association Dues 2025	\$175.00
WY Dept of Health	Rental For State Vehicle	\$117.50
WY Dept of Transportation	New Plate 2023 Kw 236114	\$10.00
WY Dept of Workforce Services	Bromley Unemployment	\$1,332.88
WY Machinery Company	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$13,127.38
Wyoming Health Fairs	Ee Blood Draws	\$285.00
Wyoming Law, PC	Legal Services	\$810.00
WY Water Rights Consulting, Inc.	Water Permit	\$1,500.00

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the consent agenda noting any item could be removed for separate action. Clerk Smith noted the consent agenda includes February 4, 2025, regular meeting minutes; monthly receipts from the Carbon County Clerk in the amount of \$17,479.00 and Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$5,604.50; and a bond for Elizabeth Carlin, Treasurer for BOCES Region V in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **Attorney**

Sarah Chavez-Harkins, Carbon County Prosecuting Attorney requested a housing stipend for legal lift-off intern from the University of Wyoming. A legal liftoff is a mentorship program meant to be held over the course of an academic break. The intention is to provide the student with a possible mentor into the future, and for a supervisor to allow a student the opportunity to observe real world practice and provide a discussion of various issues. The program aims to provide students with an opportunity to develop professional skills, and for mentors to develop positive early practice protocols with young professionals who are just beginning their legal journey.

The board authorized Attorney Chavez-Harkins to offer a housing stipend from the Attorney's budget for a legal lift-off intern.

Attorney Davis presented a letter of understanding for the Seminoe Pumped Storage Project for board approval. Commissioner Espy requested the letter be amended to include Tristan Rice on the email correspondence.

Vice Chairman Bartlett moved to approve the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) letter of understanding for the Seminoe Pumped Storage Project and authorize chairman's signature when the letter is received. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Road and Bridge**

Kandis Fritz, Road and Bridge Coordinator presented an amendment to a Road Use Agreement for board approval and Chairman's signature.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the amendment to the Rock Creek Wind Road Use Agreement Number One with Carbon County to amend the haul route of County Road 15 from 10 miles to 6.3 miles. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Emergency Management**

Lenny Layman, Emergency Manager, introduced Tony Anderson from the National Weather Service and discussed Carbon County's Early Alert & Warning Stations and gave a presentation of the Orion mobile system. Mr. Layman also provided an update for his office.

### **Commissioners**

Commissioner Sue Jones stated that she received an email requesting to officially appoint Lela Emmons to the Carbon County Wyoming250 Committee. This committee will have their first meeting this Friday.

Commissioner Jones moved to appoint Lela Emmons to the Carbon County Wyoming250 Committee. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Espy moved to enter into executive session at 9:56 a.m. with Clerk Smith and Ashley Mayfield Davis 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 11:00 a.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CARBON COUNTY (MHCC)**

Mark Kostovny introduced Interim CFO Will Grant and Director of Revenue Cycle, Felicia Kimble. Mr. Grant provided a financial presentation through December 2024. His presentation reflected that net revenue is down 16% from the previous year. Expenses are only down .04% from the previous year.

Mrs. Kimble detailed statements hadn't been sent out in a year and bad debt hadn't been reported. Statements are now going out monthly. She detailed the cleanup the office has been doing and discussed the implementation of the portal. They have started a team to look into denials of claims.

Commissioner Jones stated that the presentation lacks important details about their losses. She asked for the status of cost reports and discussed the debt that should have been written off previously from very old debt. She stated this is a management company issue and a board of

trustees' issue. She also mentioned the vendors who haven't been paid and the holds on various accounts. Mr. Grant stated cost reports only relate to Medicare.

Commissioner Espy stated that after 12 years he has heard every excuse and he is used to getting comprehensive reports, not two bars on a graph. The complaints he has heard from the public are very frustrating.

Commissioner Johnson discussed his experience with his father's care and commended the employees and cleanliness of the hospital. There is a public up-roar over the current mismanagement. You can't blame the county when a few years ago you had 12 million in the bank. He was very frustrated by their contract with Quorum/Ovation 12 years ago and the continued renewal of that contract.

Vice Chairman Bartlett clarified the BOCC's responsibility is for the building only. She expressed frustration that she wasn't asked to pay her co-pay for a recent visit. The same issues have been coming up for a very long time and nothing gets resolved.

Commissioner Jones stated that the concerns with MHCC start at the top with the board of trustees. She stated the community needs the hospital and the immediate needs the hospital provides.

Mark Kostovny said Ovation is not the management company only their consulting company. Their contract ends in December and he stated that the BOCC did not approve of them renewing contract with Ovation for management company. He suggested since the BOCC must approve management company; he recommended a task force to seek a new management company through RFP process. He stated that the problem is lack of consistency in management. Commissioner Jones thanked Mark for his comments. She knows Ovation isn't a management company and things can't continue the way that it has always been.

Chairman Moore says he likes the forward-looking suggestions. He stated it is very important to maintain the staff that is currently there. They need to proceed with kindness for the sake of the staff especially.

Commissioner Johnson asked that given the information regarding amount of debt, how long does the Board of Trustees' anticipate the hospital getting out of the hole? Mr. Grant stated it took more than a year to get into the situation and it will take more than a year to get out but doesn't have an exact estimate.

Commissioner Jones said to increase revenues you have to increase patient numbers. She asked how would the board of trustees intend to do that? Mr. Grant stated it must be both people and controlling expenses. Mrs. Kimble stated they are working on customer service in her department. Gerry Steele said he wanted to bring his administration skills to the board when he was appointed five years ago. He says mistakes have been made but it's been a learning process. He has been making the best decisions with the information provided to them.

Board Member, Gary Georgen, said from his perspective he agrees the services that have always been provided can't likely continue. Vice Chairman Bartlett asked if they have ever considered

putting the clinic or nursing home in the hospital building. Mark said they have had those discussions. He believes that additional space could be utilized.

### **CITIZEN & COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION**

Tink Day stated she tried attending a recent board meeting was asked to leave due to an executive session due to the sale of assets. She emailed the COO about concerns regarding real estate being an executive session matter. She didn't see this topic in statute for executive sessions and addressed it with the board's attorney who assured her it was. She discussed the sale of the clinics and the secrecy. She asked why there's a COO and why there's a third-party billing company? Her main question is why the buildings weren't put out to bid and how much they made from that sale.

Attorney Davis clarified County's role with the hospital and it is limited to appointing the hospital board of trustees and maintaining the building.

Vice Chairman Bartlett asked Mr. Grant if the hospital's audit was complete. He stated it would be in a couple of weeks.

Henry Johnson a citizen from the Town of Encampment discussed access to medical care. He discussed competing clinics in the area.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Espy moved to go into executive session at 12:15 p.m. with Clerk Smith and Ashley Mayfield Davis to discuss personnel, potential litigation and other matters considered confidential by law. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to come out of executive session at 12:42 a.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Vice Chairman Bartlett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Espy moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting of this Board will be held Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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 listen online at the website listed below. To be placed 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.carboncountywy.gov](http://www.carboncountywy.gov) or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.

