

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 5, 2011  
County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Chairman Terry Weickum; Vice Chairman Jerry Paxton; Commissioner Leo Chapman; Deputy County Attorney Mike Kelly; County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett; and Deputy Clerk Kathy Turner.

Chairman Weickum called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$7,040.28. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vendor	Detail Line Description	Total
CARBON COUNTY TREASURER	VARIOUS CASH ITEMS	\$7,040.28

**CLERK**

**Minutes**

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the minutes of the June 21&22, 2011 regular meeting and June 27, 2011 budget workshop of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Monthly Receipts**

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the fees collected of the Department of Planning and Development receipts for the month of June 2011 in the amount of \$681.00. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the Carbon County Clerk statement of fees collected for the month of June 2011 in the amount of \$16,890.50. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Bonds**

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve a bond for Jana C. Cook, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Riverside in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Carbon County Salary Publication**

Clerk Bartlett presented the Publication of Gross Salaries for Carbon County Wyoming and advised this is a statutory requirement.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the Publication of Gross Salaries for Carbon County Wyoming as of July 2011. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Official Publication Bids**

Clerk Bartlett opened two sealed bids for the county's official publication. Bids were as follows: Daily Times bid \$5.65 per column inch for display, classified display and legal advertising and the Saratoga Sun bid \$4.95 per column inch for legal, display and classbox advertising from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. She noted the Daily Times is published five to six times a week and the Saratoga Sun is published once a week.

Deputy Attorney Mike Kelly stated he would review the legal requirements and make a recommendation later today.

### **State Lands and Investments**

Clerk Bartlett reported that at a previous meeting there was a discussion regarding the countywide consensus list for funding allocated by the legislature. She stated the projects are due in a few weeks and asked the BOCC to decide today what they would like Carbon County to apply for. Commissioner Paxton stated the Crisis Center is the priority but the County should have two plans. Clerk Bartlett stated that a substitution list will also be approved and possibly the county will be on that list. There was a discussion of property to build a Crisis Center and funding of the Crisis Center.

Commissioner Paxton moved that the county's project be the development of a Crisis Center for the block grant consensus funds and that the application reflect \$200,000.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded and Clerk Bartlett asked the BOCC if \$200,000.00 was enough as there are no matching funds in the budget and the application would have to reflect this. She stated there is no match requirement. Chairman Weickum stated the county will worry about the match later. Chairman Weickum stated the county will own the project, lease it to the board and they will sublease it to whoever runs it. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Amended Joint Powers Agreement**

Clerk Bartlett presented an amended agreement for the Carbon County Visitors Council. Clerk Bartlett noted that Deputy Attorney Kelly has reviewed and approved the agreement and asked Deputy Attorney Kelly if there is a requirement for the county to pass a resolution. Deputy Attorney Kelly stated there were statutory changes and the agreement does not have any substance of change and would recommend the county adopt by resolution. Clerk Bartlett stated she would talk about this at a future meeting.

## **Power Line Joint Resolution**

Clerk Bartlett presented a resolution for preferred power line corridors for the TransWest Express Transmission Project and Gateway South to cross portions of Sweetwater County, Carbon County, and Moffat County. Deputy Attorney Kelly stated his one concern is language requiring all of the two proposed transmission lines and future lines follow the same recommended corridor and depending on the type of transmission there is a certain mandatory minimum distance between the transmission lines.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the Resolution 2011-15, a Joint Resolution Regarding Preferred Power Line Corridors between the Boards of County Commissioners of Moffat County, Colorado; Carbon County, Wyoming; and Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION 2011-15**

#### **JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING PREFERRED POWER LINE CORRIDORS BETWEEN THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO; CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING; AND SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING**

**WHEREAS**, two interstate power transmission lines, the TransWest Express Transmission Project and Gateway South, are proposing to cross portions of Sweetwater and Carbon Counties, Wyoming, and Moffat County, Colorado, hereafter referred to as the “Three Counties.” The TransWest Express route begins south of Rawlins, Wyoming, and terminates near Las Vegas, Nevada, while the Gateway South route begins northeast of Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and terminates near Mona, Utah.

**WHEREAS**, all three Boards of County Commissioners support environmentally responsible energy and minerals extraction, energy generation and energy transmission as vital components of our local and state economies and a part of our local custom and culture.

**WHEREAS**, all three Boards of County Commissioners acknowledge the need to cooperate in identifying a preferred power line corridor that is contiguous across state boundaries, as well as balances the need of each county’s citizenry, environment, and economy.

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit A identifies possible corridors which the transmission lines may follow through the Three Counties.

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing a separate Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for each project and the Three Counties are participating in the development of these EIS documents under Cooperating Agency status with the BLM.

**WHEREAS**, the Three Counties have gathered feedback through their respective constituents and met in a duly noticed, joint Board of County Commissioner meeting June 1, 2011, in the Carbon County Commissioner Chambers to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the various proposed corridors.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Three Counties prefer a power line corridor that follows the Old Dad Road in Wyoming and the Seven Mile Ridge route in Colorado as identified in Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Boards of County Commissioners for Moffat County, Colorado; Carbon County, Wyoming; and Sweetwater County, Wyoming jointly agree that the two proposed power lines as well as future power lines should be built in the same corridor or other existing power line corridors in their respective counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, this resolution in no way prevents each of the Three Counties from implementing their own requirements or stipulations regarding power line construction, zoning, or other regulations.

**Adopted July 5, 2011.**

-s- Thomas J. Mathis  
Chairman, Board of Moffat County Commissioners

July 5, 2011  
Date

-s- Terry Weickum  
Chairman, Board of Carbon County Commissioners  
Attest: -s- Gwynn G. Bartlett  
Carbon County Clerk

July 5, 2011  
Date

-s- Wally J. Johnson  
Chairman, Board of Sweetwater County Commissioners

June 29, 2011  
Date

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **Treasurer**

County Treasurer, Cindy Baldwin, presented abatements and rebates for the County Assessor. She also reported that the county's estimated valuation will increase to approximately \$915,134,660.

#### **Clerk of District Court**

Clerk of District Court, Deborah Olson reported she would like the BOCC to do their best to ensure county employees get raises.

#### **Attorney**

Deputy Attorney Mike Kelly reported there is a NAVAID scoping meeting this week. He noted appeals from numerous ranchers on the Green Mountain common allotment have been received. Deputy Attorney Kelly noted there is a Board of Equalization hearing scheduled next Tuesday.

#### **Emergency Management**

John Zeiger, Emergency Management Coordinator reported that Carbon County and the municipalities within have expended over \$860,000.00 in damages from flooding. He reported there was a lightening strike last night that caused a small fire.

#### **RECESS**

Chairman Weickum called a recess at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:19 a.m.

## **Road & Bridge**

Road & Bridge Superintendent, Bill Nation, reported he met with PMPC regarding alternate routes from Interstate 80 to the proposed DKRW site. He stated he would send this to all area landowners for comment. He noted on July 19 he has invited all these individuals to discuss the map. Mr. Nation discussed the High Savery Bridge.

## **OFFICIAL PUBLICATION BID**

Deputy Attorney Kelly discussed legal requirements for the official publication of the county. Clerk Bartlett stated that procedurally her office will work with either one. There was discussion of most efficiently using taxpayer's dollars and accepting the low bid as it meets all legal requirements.

Commissioner Paxton moved to accept the low bid from the Saratoga Sun as the official publication through June 30, 2012. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Dan Jessop, MHCC Chief Executive Officer, Rick White, MHCC Chief Financial Officer, and Loren Simnett, MHCC Board President, discussed the hospital's financial status and collections. There was discussion of outsourcing billing.

Mr. Jessop requested authorization to use levy funding to purchase a new drill and accessories in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Commissioner Chapman moved to authorize the use of hospital levy funding in the amount of \$33,387.40 to purchase a new drill and accessories. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Jason Fearneyhough and Doug Miyamoto from the Department of Agriculture discussed the flooding situation in the county. They reported on potential financial opportunities available for assistance and relief. Mr. Miyamoto reported there are two sides to recovery. One is a Presidential Declaration from the Governor and the other is the farm bill. He overviewed each and asked the BOCC to direct people to him with their questions. Commissioner Paxton noted that he feels the BOCC should do whatever they can to assist agriculture producers with their losses. Mr. Miyamoto reported the BOCC should work closely with their local farm bureau agency on losses. Cheryl Hunter of the local agency reported that there is at least a 30% loss and reported if the BOCC decides to move forward, she would assist them with any information needed. She added she has a formal request in for agriculture equipment loss.

Commissioner Chapman discussed the potential loss at the Sinclair Golf Course. Mr. Miyamoto stated the Wyoming Business Council and Small Business Administration may be the best contact for business losses.

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a Secretarial Declaration request for agriculture damages in the county related to flooding. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION**

Chairman Weickum reported that the wind task force will likely meet in July to further discuss wind tax policy and the stance of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. There was further discussion of taxation of wind farms.

### **BOARD INTERVIEW / APPOINTMENT**

Chad Pickett interviewed for consideration of appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Paxton moved to appoint Chad Pickett to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three-year term expiring December 2013. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Weickum recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

#### **Certifications**

Sid Fox, Planning Director presented the Certification of Recommended Action for Z.C. Case File No. 2011-02 and the Certification of Recommended Action for the Record of Survey / Minor Subdivision Case #2011-01.

Commissioner Paxton moved to schedule a public hearing for August 2, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming to hear Z.C. Case File No. 2011-02, Randall K. Boykin's request for a Zone Change from Rural Residential Agriculture (RRA-481) to Rural Residential Agriculture (RRA-16.74 = Tract A), (RRA-5.32 = Tract B), (RRA-454.71 = Tract c) encompassing approximately 476 acres and Record of Survey / Minor Subdivision Case #2011-01, Sawmill Creek – Randall K. Boykin to create these parcels in a Rural Residential Agriculture zone on approximately 476 acres. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **BUDGET CUTS**

Budget cuts were discussed.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Weickum called a recess at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

## **BUDGET CUTS**

Budget cuts were further discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Paxton moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 19th day of July 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman