

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
Baggs Higher Education Center, Baggs, WY**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at the Baggs Higher Education Center, Baggs, WY. Attending the meeting were; Chairman John Johnson; Vice Chairman Lindy Glode; Commissioners Leo Chapman, John Espy and Sue Jones.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Glode moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$64,670.32. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve payment to Sunrise Sanitation for \$65.00. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried with all voting for the motion except Commissioner Jones who abstained due to a personal conflict.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve payment to Rawlins Automotive for \$1,016.31, Shively Hardware for \$40.77 and True Value of Rawlins for \$1,551.05 for an aggregate total of bills paid today of \$67,343.45. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried with all voting for the motion except Commissioner Glode who abstained due to personal conflicts.

ALSCO, AMERICAN LINEN DIVISION	\$90.92	SHOP SUPPLIES
APG MEDIA OF THE ROCKIES	\$1,053.00	VARIOUS ADVERTISING
AYALA, MEGAN	\$29.71	MEAL
BAGGS, TOWN OF	\$490.82	POLICE VEST/WATER & SEWER
BANGS, DANIELLE	\$28.50	MILEAGE
BANK OF COMMERCE (DEBIT CARD)	\$2,424.64	VARIOUS CHARGES
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	\$55.88	PLUMBING ITEMS
BUILD RITE LUMBER SUPPLY	\$1,338.80	BUILDING SUPPLIES
BUSINESS RADIO LICENSING	\$95.00	R&B DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS
CANDY MOUNTAIN	\$170.00	SIGNS/TRUCK NUMBERS
CARBON COUNTY VETERINARY HOSPITAL	\$304.51	K9 ANNUAL EXAM/DOG FOOD
CARBON POWER & LIGHT INC	\$1,643.00	ELECTRIC SERVICE
CBM FOOD SERVICE	\$3,328.98	JAIL MEALS

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$120.38	JAIL CABLE
CHEMATOX, INC.	\$155.00	DRUG SCREENING
CNA SURETY	\$850.00	BOND PAB
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	\$685.57	PAPER PRODUCTS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	\$176.00	VEHICLE RENTAL
DJ'S	\$25.00	MIRROR
DOMINION ENERGY	\$12.00	HEATING FUEL
ELK MOUNTAIN CONOCO	\$125.65	FUEL
ELK MOUNTAIN, TOWN OF	\$53.00	WATER/SEWER
ENCAMPMENT, TOWN OF	\$170.00	WATER/SEWER
EZELL, ANNE-TERRI	\$27.60	MILEAGE
FLEXSHARE BENEFITS	\$256.50	ADMIN FEES
FRONT RANGE FIRE APPARATUS	\$461.05	HOSE
FSU CENTER FOR PREVENTION &	\$1,100.00	BABY BOOKS
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	\$271.70	VACCINES
GRAINGER	\$63.52	PIPE INSULATION/REDUCER
H.B. LEE CONSTRUCTION	\$21,499.10	ROAD PROJECT
HANNA, TOWN OF	\$208.04	WATER & SEWER
HIGH DESERT WELDING & MACHINE LLC	\$104.24	WELDING SERVICES
J H KASPAR OIL COMPANY	\$8,961.18	FUEL
JACK'S BODY & FENDER REPAIR	\$450.00	TOWING SERVICES
JOHNSTON, RANAE	\$39.00	MILEAGE
KALUZNY, EMILY	\$13.30	ECLIPSE SUPPLIES
KENCO SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	\$37.00	MONITORING SERVICES
KILBURN TIRE COMPANY	\$18.95	TIRE REPAIRS
MCGRAW, JOAN	\$24.00	MILEAGE
MEDICINE BOW, TOWN OF	\$190.50	WATER/SEWER
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CARBON COUNTY	\$248.90	TESTING SERVICES
MERCEDES TRANSCRIPTION, INC	\$103.84	TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES
MOBILE CONCRETE, INC	\$483.00	CONCRETE
MPM CORP / EVERGREEN DISPOSAL	\$120.00	TRASH SERVICE
NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INS COMPANY	\$50.00	BETTY ADAMS NOTARY BOND
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$55.59	SPEED LIMIT SIGNS
NORCO, INC.	\$838.21	CYLINDER RENTAL
PERKINS OIL CO	\$1,671.74	FUEL
PITNEY BOWES	\$503.79	LEASING FEES
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	\$46.00	TESTING SERVICES
QUILL CORPORATION	\$126.15	OFFICE SUPPLIES
RAWLINS AUTOMOTIVE	\$1,016.31	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
RIVERSIDE GARAGE & CABINS	\$66.38	REPAIRS/BAR & CHAIN OIL/FUEL
ROBIDOUX ENTERPRISES	\$38.20	WIPER BLADES

SARATOGA AUTO PARTS, INC.	\$68.11	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
SARATOGA, TOWN OF	\$133.96	WATER/SEWER
SHAW, GAYLE	\$52.20	MILEAGE
SHIVELY HARDWARE	\$40.77	FENCE SUPPLIES/BEARING
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$25.40	JAIL SUPPLIES
STATE OF WY - DEPT OF HEALTH	\$6,858.89	REFUND 12-17 PHEP UNUSED FUNDS
STEPHENSON, LEE ANN	\$30.60	MILEAGE
SUNRISE SANITATION SERVICE, LLC.	\$65.00	TRASH SERVICE
TANDAN SANITATION SERVICES	\$80.00	TRASH SERVICE
TEAM LAB	\$1,695.00	ROAD PATCH
TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	\$21.98	TOOLS
TRADING POST	\$164.97	FUEL
TRAPP, LARRY W	\$132.00	MILEAGE
TRUE VALUE OF RAWLINS	\$1,551.05	BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
U S POSTMASTER-HANNA	\$48.00	PO BOX RENEWAL
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN PENSION FUND	\$540.00	JULY FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT
WACO	\$550.00	REGISTRATION/DUES
WADE E. WALDRIP	\$500.00	DESK
WEX BANK	\$210.10	FUEL
WILLE, O.R.	\$45.00	MILEAGE
WY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$143.70	ROAD PROJECTS
WY DIESEL SERVICE	\$232.55	VEHICLE REPAIRS
WY RENTS, LLC	\$590.50	GENIE RENTAL
WY STATE LANDS & INVESTMENTS	\$40.00	ANNUAL ROYALTY
YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC	\$959.72	ELECTRIC SERVICE
YOCUM, LEO	\$43.80	MILEAGE
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$67,343.45</b>	

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the consent agenda which includes the August 1, 2017 regular meeting minutes; monthly receipts for Clerk of District Court for July 2017 for \$2,751.00 and County Clerk for August 2017 for \$31,848.50; bonds for Nancy Seymour, Treasurer of the Medicine Bow Rural Healthcare District in the amount of \$5,000.00, Garry Goergen, Treasurer of the Predator Management District in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Patty Bentsen, Carbon County Treasurer in the amount of \$1000,000.00; and notice of valuation changes for a net total of -\$11,019.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Fire**

Assistant Fire Warden, Ron Brown requested consideration to lift the fire restrictions that were implemented on July 18, 2017. He explained that the county has greened up and recovered over

the past few weeks. The US Forest Service has lifted its ban in the Medicine Bow National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management has also lifted its ban effective today. Mr. Brown mentioned the upcoming eclipse may bring a large number of individuals to the county but he feels very confident these could be lifted prior to this event.

Commissioner Glode moved to adopt Resolution 2017-18 Removing Fire Restrictions for Carbon County effective tonight at midnight. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18  
REMOVING FIRE RESTRICTIONS FOR CARBON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, based upon recommendation of the County Fire Warden, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners are empowered by Wyoming Statute §35-9-301 through §35-9-304 to close areas to fire when fire danger in the county is extreme because of drought, the presence of any excessive amount of flammable material or for any other sufficient reason; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Fire Warden recommended restrictions on specified activities on all land within Carbon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Fire Warden deems there is no longer a need to impose fire restrictions, based on the current relative humidity and temperature recovery during the night hours increasing the dead fuel moisture content to acceptable levels thus lessening the extreme fire danger.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;**

1) Effective August 15, 2017 at 12:00 Midnight until further notice of this Board, the fire restrictions for Carbon County as set in Resolution No. 2017-14 are rescinded.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

BOARD OF CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: -s- Willing John Johnson, Chairman

Attest:

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Mr. Brown explained that the county would like to install one or more radio repeaters or other radio frequency communication equipment on Met Towers at Pacificorp's Wind Plant in order to enhance its emergency response communication capabilities. Attorney Davis presented a lease to accomplish this. The South Central WY Emergency Services Board has or will purchase a tower with grant funds. Pacificorp will pay for the tower and maintain roads to the repeater. Attorney Davis suggested action at the board's next meeting.

Mr. Brown will be applying for a State Forestry grant for the Firewise program noting there is no match.

**Attorney**

Deputy Attorney, Ashley Mayfield Davis reported the Department of Family Services and Department of Education Visually Impaired leases are still being reviewed and she hopes for action at the next meeting.

### **Planning**

County Planning Director Sid Fox reported the annual update with Power Company of WY and a field trip/site visit is coming up at the Planning Commissions next meeting. He also reported a surveyor is working at the Baggs Cemetery and the county road runs through this. He will take the opportunity to document the road there noting it will be through an exemption plat.

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Jim Piche, Buildings and Grounds Manager reported the county fair is completed and it was successful from his view. Concessions were increased by about 12% over past years and with a few marketing changes he hopes the vendor can increase by that much again next year. He also reported he believes the Fair Board was happy. He reported now that fair is over his crews can focus on other county facilities. Jim and the BOCC thanked Julie Webb Fair and Buildings Secretary for the great job she did her first year. Christy Stocks of the public reported that Julie did a great job as well.

Chairman Johnson said he heard the bucking shoots needed repair and Mr. Piche said there is a lot of rust at the bottom but he was unsure if that would be a repair or replacement situation. Commissioner Jones stated Bobbie Herman of the Fair Board told her they will be looking at all of this during the next year and put together information of what needs repaired or replaced. She had also mentioned the Fair Board may want exhibit buildings painted and there may be other small repairs over the next year as well.

Linda Fleming of the public thanked Jim Piche for trimming the Senior Center trees. She also complimented Julie Webb for her quick response for fair information for the Little Snake River Press.

### **Road & Bridge**

Bill Nation, Road & Bridge Superintendent reported that his crews are working on the Dad/Wamsutter road and with the recent moisture they are able to better maintain roads. They have also hauled gravel to Baggs area roads and they will begin focus on school bus routes during the upcoming week.

The Savery Creek Bridge is in the final bid preparation process and when bids occur the Central Federal Highway folks will attend the BOCC meeting and review bids and present a timeline.

Mary Waldron thanked the BOCC for coming to the Baggs area for this meeting and asked Mr. Nation if he has plans to repair County Road #702 including an existing dust issue. She asked if mag chloride would be applied noting she understands budget constraints. Mr. Nation stated mag chloride is approximately \$22,400 per mile.

## **Clerk**

County Clerk, Gwynn Bartlett provided the NAVAID Maintenance Grant Application for approval. She explained that the grant will cover Dixon Airport AWOS maintenance per prior agreement with the Wyoming Department of Transportation. The grant will cover October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 and pay for the county's contract with DBT Transportation Services in the amount of \$5,769.75.

Commissioner Jones moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the NAVAID Maintenance Grant Application to the State of Wyoming Department of Transportation in the amount of \$5,769.75. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented the annual Women Infant and Children (WIC) contract.

Commissioner Glode moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Agreement Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division, Carbon County WIC Program and Carbon County in the amount of not to exceed \$4,821.00 for the purpose of providing program benefits of the U. S. Department of Agriculture/Food and Nutrition Services Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the county is planning to apply for a Mineral Royalty Grant from the State Lands & Investment Board in September to add space to the Carbon County Youth Crisis Center (CCYCC). She noted the building manager's initial cost estimate was exceeded by \$172,000.00 by the engineer's estimate. The county has allocated \$100,000.00 for the 50% match in addition to \$18,000.00 committed by CCYCC and two other small donations of approximately \$3,000.00 and she asked if the BOCC would like to use reserves for the additional match or hold off on the application for now.

She explained that during the time Cathedral Home has run the center the county has allocated \$394,950.00 towards the center's operation and they have used all but \$130,000.00 of that. \$100,000.00 has been invested in a set-aside for possible use for an addition to the center leaving only \$30,000.00 the county kept in its general fund. The set-side also has a \$1,000.00 donation from the Bennett Law Group and \$1,938.94 from Rocky Mountain Power in addition to a small amount of interest. CCYCC has also obtained \$18,000.00 in additional donations and fund raising making a total grant match of \$121,206.79 at this time.

Commissioner Espy stated he feels grants will likely be further restricted in future years and he feels the county should come up with additional funds from reserves. The entire BOCC agreed and asked the Clerk to move forward with application for this grant using funds from reserves noting that any additional funds the crisis center can raise. Mr. Piche explained the addition and how the space will be utilized.

## **Wyoming Business Council – Rebecca Eusek**

Rebecca Eusek, South Central Regional Director of the Wyoming Business Council introduced herself.

### **Commissioners**

Commissioner Jones presented the State Grant Agreement for Dixon Airport AWOS Parts. The purpose of the grant is to repair the AWOS ceilometer. The state's share is \$4,031.00 at 90% with the sponsor share being \$448.00 at 10%.

Commissioner Jones moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the State Grant Agreement for Dixon Airport AWOS Parts in the amount of \$4,031.00 with a 10% match of \$448.00. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **VALLEY ASSISTED CARE FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Linda Fleming and Christy Stocks overviewed the results of the Valley Assisted Care Facility Feasibility Study produced out of a WY Business Council grant that the county sponsored.

### **CITIZEN/COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Chapman reported that he attended the Revenue Committee meeting where Senators Madden and Case again insisted that a wind tax be increased however there was a motion voting the matter down.

Commissioner Espy reported the WY Public Lands Initiative group flew over the Bennett and Ferris Mountains.

Commissioner Jones reported Wagoner Construction began dirt work on the safety area on the far end of the Dixon Airport runway and the beacon will be changed out for easier maintenance in the next couple weeks. The airport is closed to all traffic and may be open by weeks end. The AWOS is down currently and it may have been struck by lightning. She also reviewed the WY Aviation Capital Improvement Plan noting the county's commitment next year will be \$20,600.00.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Espy moved to go into executive session at 3:40 p.m. with Ashley Mayfield Davis and Gwynn Bartlett to discuss personnel, potential litigation and other matters considered confidential by law. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to come out of executive session at 4:03 p.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Espy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held September 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hanna Town Hall, Hanna, 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](http://www.carbonwy.com) or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.