

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 12, 2022  
Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex, Rawlins, WY**

A special meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced January 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex in Rawlins, WY. Attending the meeting were Chairman, John Johnson, Vice Chairman, Sue Jones, John Espy, Travis Moore and Byron Barkhurst.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**IMPACT ASSISTANCE**

Chase Marston with Invenergy was present via Zoom and briefly explained the project noting approximately 10% of the project is in Carbon County. Chairman Johnson asked what anticipated impacts are expected for Carbon County.

Joe Hammond with Jacobs, the contractor hired by Invenergy to perform a socioeconomic study and complete the industrial siting application, further explained the socioeconomic information in the application including that 10,000 of the 47,000 acres of the project are in Carbon County along with about 10% of the total project.

Mr. Hammond reported they anticipate one additional fire personnel along with one additional law enforcement officer. In addition, they expect 5%-10% of the workforce to reside in Carbon County during construction.

Mr. Marston reported delivery of goods isn't set in stone however if items will be used in Carbon County, they will be delivered in Carbon County.

The total material cost for the project is \$520.7 million which would allow for over \$14 million in impact assistance.

County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett reported that she came up with an operating budget, per person number and multiplied that by the number of months of construction during 2023 and 2024 totaling \$30,000.00.

Undersheriff Shawn Kelly outlined the Sheriff's request of a new deputy, new dispatcher, a vehicle and outfitting for both the deputy and vehicle, fuel and vehicle maintenance along with estimated overtime to patrol the area. The request totals 438,532.67. Commissioner Espy asked Mr. Kelly if some had to be cut what he would offer, and the response was the dispatcher position.

Joan McGraw with the Medicine Bow Conservation District reported her anticipated impacts will be the same as in the past with monitoring plans and working with landowners.

Kandis Fritz, Road & Bridge Coordinator, said the main access to the project will be 10 miles of County Road 15 in Carbon County. This equates to \$300,000 at a cost of \$15,000 per mile and covers general maintenance. She noted the \$15,000 per mile is currently low with fuel and other costs. Attorney Davis thought that the county could request the per mile cost from the project rather than in impact assistance payments.

There were no other requests from county departments but there was discussion of adding a number for emergency services and Lenny Layman, Emergency Management Coordinator offered to contact the South-Central WY Emergency Medical Services Director to determine if they anticipate any impacts. Matt Webster, IT Director did note that adding an employee with their equipment does affect his department.

Commissioner Espy reported that the legislature is looking at changing to a tier system for IAP including reducing the amount to 2.55% of project materials costs rather than the current 2.76%.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize any commissioner to negotiate impact assistance funds for the Rock Creek project at a meeting January 14, 2022. Commissioner Barkhurst seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Espy moved to go into executive session at 9:16 a.m. with Clerk Bartlett and Ashley Mayfield Davis to discuss personnel, potential litigation and other matters considered confidential by law. Commissioner Moore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to come out of executive session at 9:58 a.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Commissioner Moore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Espy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Moore seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.