

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, July 26, 2007
Saratoga Senior Center
Saratoga, Wyoming**

A special meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners commenced Thursday, July 26, 2007 at the Saratoga Senior Center in Saratoga, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Chairman Artlin Zeiger; Commissioner Jerry Paxton; County Clerk Gwynn Rothenberger, and Road & Bridge Superintendent Bill Nation. Commissioner Terry Weickum was absent.

Chairman Zeiger called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Zeiger opened a public hearing at 2:01 p.m. to listen to public comment on the intent of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners to submit a grant application to the Wyoming Business Council for a Business Committed grant in the amount of \$2,550,000.00 for improvements to County Roads 1 and 3 near Medicine Bow.

Bill Nation discussed the grant application and added that there is only \$14,000,000.00 available from the State Land and Investment Board for this type of grant at this time. He added that the Road & Bridge Dept. has entered into agreements with a private landowner, surveyed, and completed an onsite analysis regarding gravel for use on these roads. He said that the gravel permit he obtained saved approximately \$2,000,000.00 for hauling costs. Mr. Nation stated he will be attending the Wyoming Business Council's meeting when they consider Carbon County's grant application as well as the State Land and Investment Board's meeting for the application.

Mr. Nation reported that Cindy DeLancey has reviewed the Agreement with Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC and had no changes.

Clerk Rothenberger reported the grant application stating that Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC (MBFP) will provide all necessary funds to complete improvements to County Roads #1 and #3, and if the grant is awarded to the county, Carbon County will reimburse MBFP up to 75% of the costs of improvements, but no more than any grant funds received.

Clerk Rothenberger reported that no written comments were received.

Kim Lorenzen, Economic Development President, stated his support for the project and the grant application.

There being no other public comments, Chairman Zeiger closed the public hearing at 2:08 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve Resolution No. 2007-22, A Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program for a Business Committed Project on Behalf of the Governing Body of Carbon County, Wyoming for Road Improvements and Related Cost to Portions of Carbon County Roads #1 and #3 Near Medicine Bow, Wyoming. Chairman Zeiger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A BUSINESS COMMITTED PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED COST TO PORTIONS OF CARBON COUNTY ROADS #1 AND #3 NEAR MEDICINE BOW, WYOMING

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Carbon County, Wyoming desires to participate in the BUSINESS READY COMMITTED GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Carbon County, Wyoming recognizes this project will assist in the construction of a coal-to-liquids gasification plant that will create up to 2,000 temporary construction jobs and 300 full-time long-term jobs, and improve infrastructure within the boundaries of Carbon County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Carbon County, Wyoming plans to match the requested BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM BUSINESS COMMITTED PROJECT from the following source(s):

Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC (MBFP) will provide all match required on behalf of Carbon County, committed to in the attached Contingency and Development Agreement between Carbon County and MBFP.

WHEREAS, Carbon County is working in partnership with MBFP and has provided preliminary estimates for jobs and salaries to be created in Carbon County, as well as providing an estimated timeline for construction, estimates on need for workforce housing, transportation, health and human safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners held a public hearing on July 26, 2007 and gave full consideration to all comments received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING, that a grant application in the amount of \$2,550,000.00 (\$1,912,500.00 grant funds and \$637,500.00 match) be submitted to the Wyoming Business

Council for consideration of assistance in funding road improvements to portions of Carbon County Roads #1 and #3 located near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, leading to MBFP's proposed coal-to-liquids plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Artlin Zeiger, Chairman of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners is hereby designated as the authorized representative of Carbon County to act on behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to this grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2007.

**Board of County Commissioners,
Carbon County, Wyoming**

-s- Artlin Zeiger

-s- Jerry Paxton

Attest:

-s- Gwynn G. Rothenberger, Carbon County Clerk

CONTINGENCY AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contingency and Development Agreement between Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC and the County of Carbon, regarding road improvements to County Roads #1 and #3 and that Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC will provide all funds necessary to complete these improvements and that if Carbon County is awarded the Business Committed grant, the county will reimburse Medicine Bow Fuel & Power LLC up to 75% of the cost of the improvements. Chairman Zeiger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Clerk Rothenberger presented these minutes for the Board's review.

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the minutes of this meeting held July 26, 2007, be approved as written. Chairman Zeiger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Zeiger adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Rothenberger, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 26th day of July 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Artlin Zeiger, Chairman