

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
Baggs Senior Center, Baggs, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners commenced Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at the Baggs Senior Center in Baggs, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Commissioners Terry Weickum, and Jerry Paxton; County Clerk Gwynn Rothenberger; County Attorney Cindy DeLancey; and County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin. Chairman Artlin Zeiger was absent.

Commissioner Weickum called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

VOUCHERS

The following vouchers were presented and approved for payment:

ALCO	SUPPLIES	113.98
ALDERETE, MAX	SNOW PLOW SET UP	179.00
ALLEN, PATRICK C MD	AUTOPSY	1,030.00
AMERIGAS	PROPANE SERVICE	42.00
ARLINGTON OUTPOST	FUEL	83.00
ASD HEALTHCARE	FLU VACCINE	7,690.00
ASPEN HOUSE RESTAURANT	MEALS	50.75
BAGGS, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	161.25
BANK OF COMMERCE	PHONE/SUPPLIES/TRAVEL/FUEL	4,474.55
BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION	MONITORING SERVICES	19.02
BG & J SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE	15.00
BI-RITE PHARMACY	PRESCRIPTIONS	3,947.16
BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION	AMMUNITION	608.00
BRANHAM PUBLISHING COMPANY	SUPPLIES	54.90
BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS	TV & INTERNET SERVICES	350.85
BRODY CHEMICAL	SHOP SUPPLIES	310.99
BUCHHAMMER & KEHL	LEGAL SERVICES	64.00
BUILD RITE LUMBER SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	211.49
CAPITOL COMMUNICATIONS	ATTORNEY'S OFFICE/IT TRAINING	9,781.20
CARBON POWER & LIGHT	ELECTRICAL SERVICE/REPAIRS	3,185.21
CARE MORE TURF MAINTENANCE	LAWN CARE	1,470.00
CARVER, JOHN D., M.D	AUTOPSY	2,085.00
CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE	BIDS FOR BLDG	185.02
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	LEASE PAYMENT	191,110.92
CBM FOOD SERVICE	JAIL FOOD	6,901.09
CCI USER GROUP	TRAINING	390.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	COMPUTER SUPPLIES/BACK-UPS	1,975.15
CEDAR STREET SINCLAIR	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	34.68
CESKO, DAVID MD	MEDICAL SERVICES	200.00
CHILDRESS ELECTRIC INC.	SUPPLIES	2.40
COMPUTER SOFTWARE ASSOCIATES	SHIPPING/LAPTOP/UPGRADE/PRINTER	8,780.50
CONOCOPHILLIPS	FUEL	423.32
CORPORATE EXPRESS	SUPPLIES	170.23
COUNTRY STORE	FUEL	68.42
CSK AUTO, INC.	PARTS	115.29
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	SUPPLIES	196.25
CUSTOM VINYL SIGNS	SUPPLIES	120.00
CYR, NANCY	MILEAGE/SUPPLIES	34.32
DAILY TIMES	ADVERTISING	4,403.88
DALLIN MOTORS INC.	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	30.95
DEEP SWEEP INC.	GENERAL CLEANING	425.00
DIXON, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	33.50
DUBOIS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	TELEPHONE SERVICES	119.66
EAGLE UNIFORM SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	164.73
EDGIN, JACQUELINE	CONTRACT LABOR	90.00
ELK MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	FUEL/SUPPLIES	1,418.95

ELK MOUNTAIN, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	46.00
ENCAMPMENT, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	54.00
ENGSTROM, JAMES D.	DENTAL SERVICES	2,000.00
ERICKSON & ROBERTS	LEGAL SERVICES	5,393.80
ESRI	ARCVIEW INSTALLATION PAC/LICENSE	1,210.98
FARMER BROTHERS COFFEE	SUPPLIES	157.47
FLEET SERVICES	FUEL	366.50
FORSTER LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION	CARBON BLDG	510.00
FRANCIS, SARAH	MILEAGE	92.00
FSH COMMUNICATIONS	COURTHOUSE PAYPHONE	70.00
GALLS INCORPORATED	NAME TAGS	61.84
GASES PLUS	PARTS	710.44
GCR ELECTRONICS, LLC	SITE RENTAL	450.00
GEORGE, RACHEL	EXPENSES	5,479.80
GOSVENOR, MAXINE	MILEAGE	63.48
GRAHAM, LEROY	MILEAGE	79.12
GRAPHIC SPORTS	SUPPLIES/INVOICE STAMP	209.85
HANNA, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	5.50
HAYS, STEPHEN DDS	DENTAL SERVICES	655.00
HIGH PLAINS POWER	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	33.38
HILLCREST SPRING WATER	SUPPLIES	102.50
IKON FINANCIAL SERVICES	COPIER RENT	3,949.65
INTERMOUNTAIN RECORD	MICROFILM/UPDATES	1,739.53
J H KASPAR OIL COMPANY	FUEL	7,247.24
JACKALOPE PRINTING	SUPPLIES	148.20
JERRY'S DONUTS	SUPPLIES	23.97
KAISER PAINTING & LANDSCAPING	LAWN CARE	80.00
KILBURN TIRE COMPANY	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	240.66
KLINE, LOU	MILEAGE	37.72
KNAPP SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	485.52
L N CURTIS & SONS	EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/HOSES	10,614.06
LARAMIE PHYSICIANS	MEDICAL SERVICES	107.00
LARIAT QUICK STOP	FUEL	1,295.33
LASCANO, LUIS	JANITORIAL SERVICES	3,700.00
MACPHERSON, KELLY & THOMPSON	COPIES-PERSONNEL POLICY	15.00
MADER, TSCHACHER, PE	PROGRESS BILLING	13,000.00
MAS MODERN MARKETING	SUPPLIES	706.83
MCILVAINE RENTALS	RENT	650.00
MEDICINE BOW, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	106.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SUPPLIES/MEDICAL SERVICES	829.32
MERCK HUMAN HEALTH	FLU VACCINE	1,564.68
MIKESELL, CECELIA	TRAVEL EXPENSES	34.54
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	28.45
MPM CORP / EVERGREEN	GARBAGE SERVICE	85.00
MUDDY GAP TRAILER PARK	WATER TO FIRE STATION-3	90.00
NEUTRON INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	171.65
OFFICE DEPOT	SUPPLIES	79.71
P M P C ENGINEERING	PRELIMINARY DESIGN-SEMINOE ROAD	3,402.30
PAGE ONE	PAGER SERVICE	275.72
PALMER, JON	MILEAGE	309.12
PAMIDA INC	SUPPLIES	73.05
PARKER, SUSAN	TRAINING	570.57
PERKINS OIL COMPANY	FUEL	577.83
PHONE DIRECTORIES CO	R & B LISTING	971.00
PICKETT, THOMAS Y	VALUATION	5,250.00
PITNEY BOWES	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT	556.00
PLAK SMACKER	SUPPLIES	16.56
PTS OF AMERICA, LLC	PRISONER TRANSPORTATION	4,840.00
PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING	TRAINING	990.00
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER	SUPPLIES	1,051.07
QUESTAR GAS	GAS SERVICE	12.39
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	858.83
QWEST	TELEPHONE/INTERNET SERVICE	4,683.11
QWEST-DENVER	TELEPHONE SERVICE	103.36

RAWLINS AUTOMOTIVE	PARTS	110.11
RAWLINS GLASS	SUPPLIES/WINDSHIELD REPAIR	350.77
RAWLINS LIONS CLUB	DUES	76.00
RAWLINS, CITY OF	WATER & SEWER	509.00
RELIABLE	SUPPLIES	121.99
REMICK, JOE	TRAVEL EXPENSES	446.00
REMICK, SHELIA	MILEAGE/POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	120.06
RIDEOUT, RICHARD P.C	LEGAL SERVICES	149.50
RIO BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF	SUBPOENA SERVICE	7.50
RIVERSIDE GARAGE & CABINS	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	140.85
ROCKET-MINER	ADVERTISING	109.20
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	ELECTRICAL SERVICE	1,041.19
ROSS' AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	115.33
ROWAN, KRISTY	MILEAGE	37.72
RSJ CONSULTING, INC.	SUPPLIES	67.70
RYAN ELECTRONICS INC	REPEATERS & INSTALLATION/CONTRACT FEE	15,127.29
SARATOGA SUN	ADVERTISING	1,848.85
SARATOGA, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	27.50
SHEPARD'S	FUEL	247.96
SHIVELY HARDWARE	PARTS & SUPPLIES	275.36
SKYLINE MOTORS, INC.	VEHICLE REPAIRS	156.36
SMITH, SUSAN	MILEAGE	10.12
SOURCE GAS	GAS SERVICE	2,187.35
SQUARE SHOOTERS	JURY MEAL	223.97
STATE OF WYOMING A & I	STATE VEHICLE INTERNET/JURY LIST	46.39
STROM, CALVIN	SAGEBRUSH SEMINAR	195.90
SUNRISE SANITATION SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	25.00
SWEETWATER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	9,459.00
THREE FORKS MUDDY GAP	FUEL	36.42
TIRE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	REPAIRS	27.00
TOTE-A-VOTE	VOTING BOOTHS	11,250.00
TRADING POST	FUEL/SUPPLIES	563.73
TRAPP, LARRY	TRAVEL/VEHICLE EXPENSES/FIREFIGHTING	3,520.25
TREVATHAN, SABRINA R	TAPE TRANSCRIPTION	636.40
TRIPLE XXX CONTRACTING	GARBAGE SERVICES	45.00
TRUE VALUE OF RAWLINS	SUPPLIES/SNOW FENCE	634.56
U S BANK	EXPENSES	414.33
UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY	CELL PHONE/TELEPHONE SERVICE	546.44
VALLEY FOOD & LIQUOR	PRESCRIPTIONS	115.72
VALLEY OIL COMPANY	FUEL	1,222.07
VALLEY PHARMACY	PRESCRIPTIONS	170.75
VAN'S WHOLESALE	SUPPLIES	385.54
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE SERVICE	393.66
WAGON CIRCLE ORTHOPEDICS	MEDICAL SERVICES	39.00
WASHBOARD, THE	SUPPLIES	19.50
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	INFORMATION CHARGES	734.41
WILSON, MARGARET	SEWING	33.00
WY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	MEMBERSHIP DUES	250.00
WY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES	COPIES	26.88
WY DIESEL SERVICE	REPAIRS	551.96
WY FINANCIAL INSURANCE	NOTARY BONDS	100.00
WY STATIONERY	SUPPLIES/CHAIR	3,258.62
XEROX CORPORATION	BASE CHARGES	1,027.96
YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL SERVICE	495.47
ZELLER, JACK	GRAVEL	4,592.00
	GRAND TOTAL	406,968.88

CLERK

Minutes

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners Regular Meeting held October 2, 2007 as presented. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bonds

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve a \$15,000.00 bond for Daniel Massey, City of Saratoga Judge; a \$50,000.00 bond for Robert L. Patton, Carbon County School District No. 2 Treasurer; and a \$50,000.00 rider for Jonna Davis, Town of Saratoga Treasurer. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Receipts

Commissioner Weickum moved to approve the Clerk's Statement of Fees for September 2007 in the amount of \$22,483.25. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Holidays

Clerk Rothenberger reminded the Board that it asked her to discuss the Christmas Holiday with department heads and elected officials to determine if each would like to have Christmas Eve declared a paid holiday for employees this year only. She stated that everyone except one elected official was in favor of making this a holiday.

Commissioner Paxton moved to declare December 24, 2007 a county employee holiday this year only. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Health Prenatal Agreement

Clerk Rothenberger presented an agreement with Kimberley Lionberger to instruct prenatal classes for Carbon County Public Health. She stated Bridget Hettgar and Attorney DeLancey have reviewed the agreement and both recommend approval.

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the Agreement for Professional / Prenatal Instructor Services Agreement Between Carbon County Public Health Nursing and Kimberley Lionberger to provide prenatal instruction services to the agency and clients for a term of two years in the amount of \$50.00 per session conducted. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Sweetwater County Juvenile Detention Services

Clerk Rothenberger presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office defining the terms for housing juveniles in Sweetwater County's detention center. She stated Sheriff Colson and Attorney DeLancey have reviewed the agreement and both recommend approval.

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Sheriffs of Sweetwater County and Carbon County establishing specific terms for the Sweetwater County Sheriff to accept juveniles from Carbon County in the amount of \$105.00 per juvenile per day until the agreement is terminated by either party. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Meritain Health

Clerk Rothenberger stated she received a renewal agreement with Meritain Health to administer the county's health plan but that the fees are incorrect and Meritain Health will be sending her a revised agreement. She requested authorization to sign the revised document once she receives it.

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize Clerk Rothenberger to sign the Administrative Services Agreement including Exhibits A and B once the amended version is received. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District

Commissioner Paxton stated that the Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District and the Little Snake River Conservation District will be applying for a biomass grant from the U.S. Forest Service in the amount of \$250,000.00 in the effort to reduce dependency on foreign oil. He asked if the Board would sign a letter of support to be submitted with the application.

Commissioner Paxton moved to direct Cindy DeLancey draft a letter for the Board's signature endorsing the Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins and Little Snake River Conservation District's 2008 National Woody Biomass Utilization Grant Application in the amount of \$250,000.00 to the U.S. Forest Service. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Amendment

Commissioner Paxton moved to amend the agenda to include an executive session following regular business this afternoon. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS

Treasurer

Cindy Baldwin reported that tax notices have been mailed. She advised the Board that because the State of Wyoming did not appropriate sufficient funding to cover the veteran's property tax exemptions Carbon County will \$20,405.88 short. She presented a letter from Joe Meyer, State Treasurer explaining the issue and promising the balance will be forwarded to the county in March 2008 if additional funds are appropriated.

Treasurer Baldwin also reported that \$600,000.00 from the Detention Facility Joint Powers Board fund was transferred to the county yesterday to reimburse the county for prior construction expenses on the jail.

Road & Bridge

Bill Nation presented the Road & Bridge Report dated October 6, 2007 and introduced Pat Sheehan of Baggs. Mr. Sheehan thanked Mr. Nation for his staff for their work near Brown's Hill. He offered to donate some of his personal gravel for the Tullis road. Mr. Nation informed the Board that the Wyoming Water Commission said the Tullis Road would be insignificant for maintenance of the dam, however, Mr. Nation stated this road does have heavy recreational use connected to the High Savery Dam and does need improvements.

Mr. Nation presented the contract from Shepard Construction to build the new Road & Bridge Office in Rawlins and added that Attorney DeLancey reviewed and recommended approval. He pointed out that a \$2,943.40 performance bond is attached.

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the contract with Shepard Construction in the total amount of \$147,170.00 to construct the Carbon County Road & Bridge Office in Rawlins. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Area Work

Mr. Nation reported that cattle guard blocks continue to be poured for Medicine Bow, Saratoga, and Encampment. County Roads #404 and #412E gravel projects are finishing up. His staff continues to blade roads as needed in all areas. He explained that an advertisement for bid for improvements to County Roads #1 and #3 was recently published and that bids will be opened at the Board's November 6th meeting and subsequently awarded. These roads lead to the proposed site of a coal to liquid gasification plant near Medicine Bow.

Mechanic

Mr. Nation requested and received authorization to hire a replacement mechanic.

Building Manager

Leroy Graham opened three sealed bids for the purchase of a pickup for his use. The bids were as follows: Quality Motors bid \$24,800.00 for a 2006 Dodge 2500 pickup; Greiner Ford bid

\$21,790.00 for a 2008 Ford F250 pickup; and Fremont Motors Rawlins bid \$20,500.00 for a 2006 Ford F250 pickup. The Board asked Mr. Graham to review the bids and make a recommendation later this afternoon.

Cooperative Extension Service

Susan Parker resigned her position as the University of Wyoming's (UW) Extension Educator for Carbon County. She stated she would be returning one day per week and train her replacement once hired. She added UW will advertise immediately and hopes to interview applicants in January 2008.

Fire Department

Larry Trapp reported that extrication equipment is in place in Elk Mountain and those individuals have been trained.

Commissioner Weickum stated he would like to see a committee formed consisting of employees of highway patrol, sheriff, fire departments, the hospital, and towns to discuss emergency response in the county. Attorney DeLancey stated she has been working with some of these individuals to form a memorandum of understanding to determine which entities will respond to certain areas emergencies. There was discussion of holding an annual meeting in the fall with all entities to devise an annual emergency response plan. There was further discussion as to where the meeting should be held and whether or not to hire a facilitator to help keep the meetings on task.

Mr. Trapp stated the Rock River Fire Department is also interested in assisting in extrication on Interstate 80 in that part of the county.

Fire Storage Building

Larry Trapp discussed bids previously opened October 2, 2007 for the construction of a fire equipment storage building in Rawlins. He stated the request for proposals asked for bids on a 60' x 60' and a 60' x 80' building and that one would be chosen.

Mr. Trapp stated he reviewed the bids and stated Fire Warden Dwight France agrees to recommend accepting the low bid from Pioneer Mill & Construction Inc. in the amount of \$184,624.00 for a 60' x 80' building with the addition of \$12,600.00 for a 30' x 60' ramp. He added that this does not include water or sewer taps or power lines into the building.

Commissioner Paxton moved to accept the bid from Pioneer Mill & Construction Inc. totaling \$197,224.00 to construct a 60' x 80' fire equipment storage building and a 30' x 60' concrete ramp in Rawlins. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Water Tenders

Mr. Trapp requested and received authorization to prepare a request for proposals to lease a water tender for the Ryan Park area. He stated the unit would be delivered approximately May 2008. He also requested and received authorization to sell one water tender from Ryan Park. Commissioner Weickum asked if it should be sold before the new one comes and Mr. Trapp replied that a Rawlins truck could replace it in the meantime.

Mr. Trapp stated he previously received authorization to sell three trucks from various areas and he would now like to sell them in a Sheriff's sale. The Board asked Attorney DeLancey to determine if anything would prevent this and if she finds nothing, authorized Mr. Trapp to sell them at a future Sheriff's sale. Mr. Trapp thanked the new IT employee for his recent assistance with a phone issue at county fire shop in Rawlins.

Attorney

Attorney DeLancey presented a check in the amount of \$178.11 from Memorial Hospital of Carbon County (MHCC) as reimbursement for emergency detention services. These are funds MHCC has assisted her staff in recovering for the county.

LITTLE SNAKE RIVER RURAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Charlotte Corson and John Mixson of the Little Snake River Rural Health Care District Board

presented a draft copy of the Board's October 1, 2007 meeting minutes, and a letter from the Department of Revenue stating that the District is currently in compliance by submitting all required items to them. Ms. Corson addressed Ron Taylor's concerns that the county will cease funding for the Little Snake River (LSR) EMS & Clinic once the district's funding begins coming in. Ms. Corson asked what the County Commissioners intentions are as far as funding the LSR EMS & Clinic in the future.

Commissioner Weickum assured the group that while the Commissioners cannot promise future funding for anyone, the Board agrees that healthcare is a top priority of the county's. Commissioner Paxton asked Ms. Corson to keep the Board updated on their progress.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Kristy Rowan of Carbon County Planning & Development presented final plats for Saratoga's Green Acres #2 and the Saratoga Inn Overlook subdivisions, and asked for the Acting Chairman's signature on each.

Commissioner Weickum asked why the county would be signing plats for subdivisions within the limits of Saratoga. Ms. Rowan indicated Tom Thompson and Chuck Bartlett told her office that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) must approve subdivisions in Saratoga per state statute. Attorney DeLancey stated she does not feel there is any statutory mandate for the county to sign final plats for subdivisions within municipal limits and she has been unable to reach Mr. Bartlett to try to determine the need for the BOCC to sign these plats. She thinks this may be a neighborly effort on behalf of Saratoga and she prefers to table the subject until she can speak to Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. Nation stated the Saratoga Inn Overlook subdivision is adjacent to a County Road, possibly a reason for Saratoga officials wanting the BOCC to sign that plat, but he recommended not signing the plats until the issue is cleared up.

Commissioner Paxton moved to table consideration of the final plats of Saratoga's Green Acres #2 and Saratoga Inn Overlook subdivisions until November 6th meeting. There was discussion from Mr. Nation that a letter should be written to the contractors asking them to appear at that meeting. Commissioner Weickum seconded the original motion with no changes and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD INTERVIEWS

John Jones was interviewed for consideration of appointment to the Baggs Solid Waste Disposal District. Clerk Rothenberger stated that Jason Weber had an appointment at this time but was not present and had not cancelled with her office. The Board stated it would wait until later in the meeting to make an appointment for the opening allowing Mr. Weber an opportunity to arrive for his interview.

TOWN OF BAGGS

Linda Corners, Baggs Mayor, stated Baggs is in the process of repairing their water plant and they are working on TEAL grant for public restrooms. She reported Baggs has recently hired a public works employee and a second law enforcement officer.

BUILDING MANAGER VEHICLE

Mr. Graham returned and recommended the Board accept the bid from Greiner Ford. He added that while this was not the low bid, it is only slightly higher and for a new vehicle rather than a used 2006.

Commissioner Paxton moved to accept the bid from Greiner Ford in the amount of \$21,790.00 for a 2008 Ford F-250 for the Building Manager's use. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

There was discussion of whether or not to reschedule Mr. Weber's interview, as he did not appear today.

Commissioner Paxton moved to appoint John Jones to the Baggs Solid Waste Disposal District

for an unexpired three-year term ending September 2008. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Paxton moved to go into executive session at 5:40 p.m. with Clerk Rothenberger and Attorney DeLancey to discuss possible litigation. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Paxton moved to come out of executive session at 6:03 p.m. and declared that no action was taken during the executive session and that the minutes of the session be approved as written and be sealed. Commissioner Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Clerk Rothenberger discussed that she was approached by another elected official regarding a county employee award and appreciation banquet that could possibly be held in December or January. She asked the Board's feelings on this.

Commissioner Weickum stated he does not have any problems with this. Commissioner Paxton stated while he recognizes the need to show appreciation of employees, he is not in favor of using public funds to do this. He stated this is done by more meaningful gestures such as holding the line on things like health insurance. The Board discussed other options such as employees paying for their own meals or paying for their guests' meals if the county paid for the employee. Attorney DeLancey advised she would investigate the issue and prepare an opinion and a recommendation for the Board.

SPECIFIC PURPOSE TAX

Commissioner Weickum provided an update on a specific purpose tax project list and the fees to hire a firm to assist in facilitating the process. He stated this topic will be discussed at tomorrow's Carbon County Council of Government's meeting in Medicine Bow.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Weickum adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Rothenberger, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 6th day of November 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Acting Chairman