

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDUSTRIAL SITING FUNDING WORKSHOP
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
The Dip Diner, Medicine Bow, Wyoming

The Board of Carbon County Commissioners held a workshop Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at the Dip Diner in Medicine Bow, Wyoming to discuss a proposed funding distribution schedule for Industrial Siting funding. Attending the meeting were Commissioners Terry Weickum and Jerry Paxton; County Clerk, Gwynn Rothenberger; County Treasurer, Cindy Baldwin; and County Attorney, Cindy DeLancey. Chairman Zeiger was absent.

Commissioner Weickum, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m. and called for introductions.

Commissioner Weickum reported there should be approximately \$600,000.00 of impact assistance funding. He clarified this is estimated based on sales tax revenue. Commissioner Weickum explained that under the current law, each municipality and county must levy the full amount allowed by law to be eligible for impact assistance funding. He believes there will be a legislative change but asked each entity present to speak directly to their legislators and ask for this change.

Commissioner Weickum presented a proposed Impact Assistance Funding Schedule as follows: Carbon County 25%, Medicine Bow 20%, Hanna 20%, Elk Mountain 5%, Rock River 5%, Albany County 10%, Saratoga 5%, Sinclair 5%, and the City of Rawlins 5%.

The following individuals were designated as voting members for the process: Ed Glode for Saratoga; Dave Derragon for the City of Rawlins; Sam Vieyra for Rock River; Rick Christopherson for Elk Mountain; Troy Maddox for Medicine Bow; Doug Bryant for Albany County; Jerry Paxton for Carbon County; and Rick Kinder for Hanna. Commissioner Weickum pointed out that nobody from the Town of Sinclair was present and he tried to call Mayor Phyllis McWhorter.

Mr. Bryant from Albany County asked how these percentages were arrived at. Commissioner Weickum explained that he came up with this proposal based on the last wind farm application.

Commissioner Paxton asked Bill Nation how many miles of county roads will be affected by PacifiCorp hauling their equipment and supplies to the site. Mr. Nation presented a County Road Map and explained the planned route that PacifiCorp plans to take and showed where County Road #121 is in relation to their planned route. Mr. Nation stated CR#121 is 16.88 miles and approximately half will be impacted by this project if used by PacifiCorp. If used, the approach must be reviewed as well as a major gravel project to improve the road. The major expense will be gravel and he is already looking at crushing additional gravel for this project from the same site as the County Road 1 & 3 projects. Mr. Nation stated he does not feel that \$150,000 proposed on the funding schedule will cover the expense to this road.

Attorney Delancey discussed the previous hearing procedure for Medicine Bow Fuel & Power's (MBFP) Industrial Siting Application. She stated roads and development of infrastructure was a large topic of discussion and consideration for funding. Commissioner Weickum added that emergency medical services and law enforcement were also major topics of that project.

Commissioner Paxton asked Mr. Nation when we will know if PacifiCorp plans to build their own roads or use CR #121. Mr. Nation stated after the Industrial Siting permit is issued, they will contact the highway department to obtain a usage permit for the existing approach. Given the rate of construction, this would happen early next spring. Rick Christopherson agreed and clarified the process. Mr. Nation stated they have currently been using CR #121 for access.

Commissioner Weickum informally polled each voting member about their feelings on the proposed funding distribution. Each voting member indicated they were in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Bryant asked that the funding be reviewed every six months as the MBFP project will be done, but Commissioner Weickum clarified that the project and funding will only be approximately six months. Mr. Christopherson and Commissioner Paxton both indicated they would like to see more funding distributed to Elk Mountain and Carbon County respectively but they would approve the proposal.

Phyllis McWhorter of Sinclair was called by Attorney DeLancey. Attorney DeLancey explained the reason for this meeting and read Ms. McWhorter the proposed distribution. She asked for Ms. McWhorter's position on the proposal and Ms. McWhorter indicated she thought the proposal sounded reasonable.

Commissioner Weickum called for a formal vote of each voting member and each approved the funding schedule as proposed be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for consideration. Commissioner Weickum and Attorney DeLancey stated Clerk Rothenberger has drafted a letter to DEQ memorializing the agreement made today and asked each voting member to sign it and each did. Clerk Rothenberger indicated she would take the letter to Ms. McWhorter and immediately mail the letter to DEQ.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Weickum adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Rothenberger, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 18th day of December, 2007.

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-s- Terry Weickum, Acting Chairman