

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 5, 2013
County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Chairman Leo Chapman; Vice Chairman John Espy; Commissioners Lindy Glode and Sue Jones; Deputy County Attorney Mike Kelly; and County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett.

Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS

There were no additions or corrections.

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$180,009.52. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve payment to Sunrise Sanitation in the amount of \$40.00. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried with Chairman Chapman and Commissioners Glode and Espy voting for the motion and Commissioner Jones abstained due to a personal conflict.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve payment to Rawlins Automotive in the amount of \$1,007.39 and True Value in the amount of \$1,897.63. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried with Chairman Chapman and Commissioners Jones and Espy voting for the motion and Commissioner Glode abstained due to a personal conflict.

Vendor	Detail Line Description	Total
ACCEL PLASTICS	RESTRAINT CHAIR	\$1,858.00
ALCO	SUPPLIES	\$36.98
ALLEN, PATRICK C MD PC	ROUTINE AUTOPSY	\$1,040.00
ALSCO, AMERICAN LINEN DIVISION	SUPPLIES	\$338.27
AMERIGAS	PROPANE SERVICES	\$8,428.99
API SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$1,713.10
ARGUELLES-CALZADA, CHRYSTAL	INTERPRETER SERVICES	\$25.00
ASD HEALTHCARE	VACCINE	\$1,000.80
BANK OF COMMERCE (ACH)	JUL-DEC 2012 ACH FEES	\$180.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC.	SUPPLIES	\$551.54
BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS	CABLE SERVICES	\$26.39
BROOKS, BILL	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$60.50

BUILD RITE LUMBER SUPPLY	RECORDER	\$99.99
C & D FABRICATION	SUPPLIES	\$60.60
CANDY MOUNTAIN	SUPPLIES	\$15.00
CARBON COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES	LOWRANCE MEALS	\$42.00
CARBON COUNTY TREASURER	VARIOUS CASH ITEMS	\$1,672.71
CARBON POWER & LIGHT INC	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	\$733.95
CASPER WINNELSON CO	SUPPLIES	\$63.10
CBM FOOD SERVICE	JAIL MEALS	\$8,031.78
CENTURY LINK	TELEPHONE SERVICES	\$65.69
CESKO FAMILY MEDICINE, PC	MEDICAL SERVICES	\$385.00
CHAPMAN, LEO	MILEAGE	\$274.00
CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS	GREAT DIVIDE CEDS GRANT MATCH	\$1,991.91
CIVIL AIR PATROL MAGAZINE	ADVERTISEMENT	\$195.00
CMI-TECO	SUPPLIES	\$2,162.83
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER	AGENCY DUES	\$25.00
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	SUPPLIES	\$219.98
DAILY TIMES	NEWSPAPER ADS	\$2,833.01
DALLIN MOTORS INC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$1,062.00
DAVIDSON FAMILY DENTAL	DENTAL SERVICES	\$568.00
DELEON, JOHN	LEGAL SERVICES	\$1,582.50
DELL MARKETING L.P.	SUPPLIES	\$26.26
DIXON, TOWN OF	WATER SERVICES	\$260.00
EICHENBERGER, MELISSA	MILEAGE	\$240.00
ELK MOUNTAIN, TOWN OF	WATER SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER	\$1,056.00
FARMER BROTHERS COFFEE	SUPPLIES	\$122.10
FREMONT MOTORS - RAWLINS	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$206.11
GDA ENGINEERS	NAVAIDS PROJECT	\$18,376.05
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	VACCINE	\$209.00
GRAINGER	SUPPLIES	\$566.57
GRAPHIC SPORTS	SUPPLIES	\$187.45
HAGOOD, VICKI	MILEAGE	\$20.00
HANNA, TOWN OF	WATER SERVICES	\$146.50
HAYS, STEPHEN DDS	DENTAL SERVICES	\$94.00
HEROLD IRON WORKS	SUPPLIES	\$100.10
HIGH PLAINS POWER	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	\$349.90
HIGH PLAINS VISION CENTER	VISION SERVICES	\$1,671.00
HILLCREST SPRING WATER, INC.	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$28.00
HI-TECH AUTO	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$248.83
HORIZON LABORATORY, LLC	LABORATORY SERVICES	\$571.00
HOWARD, HEATHER	MILEAGE	\$19.00
HUGHES, CHRIS	MILEAGE	\$53.50
IMPROVE GROUP	FILING SYSTEM	\$5,963.17

J H KASPAR OIL COMPANY	FUEL	\$1,486.59
JACKALOPE PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$711.59
KENCO SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	ALARM MONITORING	\$34.00
KILBURN TIRE COMPANY	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$351.23
KING SOOPERS CUSTOMER CHARGES	SUPPLIES	\$34.30
KIRSCH, ARCHIE P	COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER	\$1,500.00
L & L ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS	\$1,567.74
LEXBO LLC	OFFICE RENTAL	\$500.00
LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$5,315.41
M.D. PRODUCTS, INC.	PARTS	\$282.83
MACPHERSON, KELLY & THOMPSON, LLC	PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS	\$3,750.00
MEDICINE BOW HEALTH CENTER	DECEMBER 2012 HEALTH SUBSIDY	\$1,178.52
MERBACK AWARD COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$88.68
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	VACCINE	\$703.33
MILLER, JULI	MILEAGE	\$203.50
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	SUPPLIES	\$32.50
MOTOROLA	RADIO/WARRANTY	\$5,811.78
MUDDY GAP TRAILER PARK	WATER SERVICES	\$90.00
MURANE & BOSTWICK, LLC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$672.00
MY OFFICE ETC.	SUPPLIES	\$1,772.27
NICHOLAS & TANGEMAN, LLC	RECORDS	\$32.23
NORCO, INC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	\$729.43
PERKINS OIL CO	FUEL	\$1,029.91
PERUE PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$21.90
PHILLIPS 66-CONOCO-76	FUEL	\$936.22
PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$86.83
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER	COFFEE SERVICE/COPIES	\$72.00
PRAIRIE DOG ELECTRIC, LLC	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$140.70
QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	RANDOM TESTING	\$136.50
QUESTAR GAS	GAS SERVICES	\$210.83
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	\$371.17
R D J SPECIALTIES INC	SUPPLIES	\$530.86
RAWLINS AUTOMOTIVE	PARTS	\$1,007.39
RAWLINS EYE CARE	VISION SERVICES	\$1,472.00
RAWLINS FAMILY MEDICAL, P.C.	MEDICAL SERVICES	\$216.00
RAWLINS FIRE EXTINGUISHER	ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	\$340.00
RAWLINS, CITY OF	REC CENTER USAGE	\$45.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	\$17,921.09
ROSS' AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$590.88
RUAG AMMOTEC USA INC.	SUPPLIES	\$3,236.08
SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SUPPLIES	\$237.74
SARATOGA AUTO PARTS, INC.	PARTS	\$875.85

SARATOGA SUN	NEWSPAPER ADS	\$127.88
SARATOGA, TOWN OF	WATER SERVICES	\$25.75
SCHAEFFER MFG CO	SUPPLIES	\$2,321.20
SHEPARD'S	FUEL	\$3,091.81
SIERRA DETENTION SYSTEMS	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$2,318.00
SKYLINE MOTORS, INC.	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$35.80
SMITH, MAE	SUPPLIES	\$29.25
SNAKE RIVER PRESS	NEWSPAPER ADS	\$216.00
SNEB	SAENZ MEMBERSHIP	\$200.00
SOURCE GAS	GAS SERVICES	\$12,804.94
SPECIALIZED PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS	ROUTINE AUTOPSY	\$1,040.00
STANLEY SECURITY SOLUTIONS	MAINTENANCE CHARGES	\$2,146.50
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES	\$481.56
SUNRISE SANITATION SERVICE, LLC.	GARBAGE SERVICES	\$40.00
SWEET, JEFFREY C DDS PC	DENTAL SERVICES	\$97.00
SWEETWATER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	JAIL HOUSING	\$6,531.95
SWISHER HYGIENE FRANCHISEE TRUST	SUPPLIES	\$226.62
TERMINIX	PEST CONTROL	\$726.00
THATS GREAT NEWS	SUPPLIES	\$229.90
THE QUIK LUBE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$83.71
TRUE VALUE OF RAWLINS	SUPPLIES	\$1,897.63
UPS	POSTAGE	\$49.65
V-1 PROPANE	PROPANE SERVICES	\$522.30
VALLEY FIRE EXTINGUISHER	ANNUAL INSPECTIONS	\$22.50
VALLEY OIL COMPANY	FUEL	\$2,357.04
VAN'S WHOLESALE LLC	SUPPLIES	\$1,087.92
WEB STORES AMERICA, INC	HEPA FILTERS	\$312.00
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	MONTHLY CHARGES	\$1,190.83
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$102.26
WILLE, WILLIAM R	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$220.00
WIMPENNY, ROBERT G DDS	DENTAL SERVICES	\$2,324.00
WY BRAND INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	\$112.00
WY DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	ADMIN SKYLINE ACRES	\$762.50
WY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION	2013 MEMBERSHIP	\$100.00
WY MACHINERY COMPANY	PARTS	\$1,800.17
WY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	LABORATORY SERVICES	\$80.00
WY STATE FORESTRY	2012 FLOOR COSTS	\$12,810.75
WY WASTE SERVICES-RAWLINS	GARBAGE SERVICES	\$107.56
YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	\$135.12
ZIRMED, INC	PROFESSIONAL CLAIMS	\$1.40
GRAND TOTAL		\$182,954.54

CLERK

Minutes

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013 regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bonds

Commissioner Espy moved to approve a bond for Joseph Gaspari, Treasurer for Carbon County School District #2 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Elk Mountain in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Receipts

Commissioner Glode moved to accept the monthly statement of fees collected for January 2013 for the County Clerk in the amount of \$16,347.50. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve Carbon County Attorney discovery billing of earnings for January 2013 in the amount of \$250.20. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Counseling Center Letter of Support

Clerk Bartlett presented a draft letter supporting the Carbon County Counseling Center in their submittal of an application for funding for fiscal year 2014.

Commissioner Glode moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter to the Wyoming Department of Health supporting the Carbon County Counseling Center in their submittal of an application for fiscal year 2014 funding. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Museum Letter of Support

Clerk Bartlett presented a draft letter supporting the Carbon County Museum's upcoming event, the High Plains Powwow.

Commissioner Jones moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter to the Carbon County Museum supporting their application for the High Plains Powwow event. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ambulance Contract

Clerk Bartlett presented a contract for an ambulance and advised consensus funds and Memorial Hospital of Carbon County mill levy funds will be used to purchase the ambulance.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve a Contract between Front Range Fire Apparatus and Carbon County for an ambulance for the Memorial Hospital of Carbon County in the amount of \$149,565.00. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Courthouse Security

Commissioner Espy moved to appoint Lindy Glode to the Carbon County Courthouse Security Committee. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

House Bill 249

Clerk Bartlett reported that she e-mailed information about House Bill 249. There was discussion by the board that they are opposing this bill.

ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS

Attorney

Deputy Attorney Mike Kelly presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sweetwater County Sheriff to house juveniles in their center as needed at \$105.00 per day.

Commissioner Glode moved to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sweetwater County Sheriff to house the county's juveniles at a rate of \$105.00 per day. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly reported the Department of Environmental Quality has postponed the DKRW hearing to April 1.

Mr. Kelly asked if the BOCC would like to comment on the Continental Divide Creston Junction project. The BOCC asked Mr. Kelly to prepare comments.

Mr. Kelly reported there is currently a meeting regarding the routes and alternatives for the Gateway South Transmission project and he will work closely with the planning office to submit comments on behalf of the county. He discussed the four routes proposed noting a new route and he asked for authorization for the Chairman to sign a letter regarding the BOCC's preference.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize Chairman Chapman to sign a letter to the Bureau of Land Management regarding the county's preference of WYCO-B for a proposed route on the Gateway South Transmission Line project noting the county is opposed to the WYCO-D route. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly noted Thomas Powell of the Planning Department will complete the comment form.

Treasurer

County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin reported the county has received the FY13 forest reserve funds. Thirteen percent of the \$457,342.37 will go to the Resource Advisory Council leaving the county with \$391,887.86.

Treasurer Baldwin reported that after the ambulance is paid for, the hospital will have \$313,573.13 left in their levy account. She also reported the additional collections from the specific purpose tax can be used for various items at the hospital and she believes the hospital will use them to equip the new operating rooms.

Assessor

County Assessor Cheryl Ross presented abates for the Chairman's signature.

Planning & Development

Planning Director Sid Fox reported the County Planning & Zoning Commission approved its annual report yesterday and he encouraged the BOCC to review it. He also reported there is a joint work session with the BOCC and Planning Commission from 9-2 on March 13.

Mr. Fox reported Rocky Mountain Power has requested two permits for substations and he is working with the Town of Baggs for a new water tank.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Emergency Management Coordinator John Zeiger and Juli Miller, Public Health Response Coordinator discussed a jurisdictional risk assessment required by the Centers for Disease Control. She asked for the BOCC's participation at a meeting February 27 on the topic.

Sheriff

Undersheriff Mike Morris reported on the progress of the enhanced E911 system. He reported the equipment has been installed and it was recently discovered that additional trunks would need installed in the Saratoga area and requested authorization to do this. Mr. Morris recommended the county be responsible to install the lines and pay the monthly fees from the E911 collections. There was further discussion of the county paying the monthly fee versus the Town of Saratoga paying it. Commissioner Glode asked Mr. Morris to investigate how much E911 funds the Town of Saratoga collects. Mr. Morris requested this request be approved and he can investigate this request and look into cost sharing during the process.

Mr. Kelly asked if these trunk lines would affect Encampment's ability to tie into these lines and Mr. Morris reported that Saratoga does the dispatching for Encampment and this has nothing to do with recent events with the entities' software. There was also discussion of not using the county's procurement policy as the telephone companies are proprietary.

Commissioner Glode moved to authorize the Sheriff's Office to complete the trunk line modification for Saratoga for the E911 project. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Road & Bridge

Road & Bridge Superintendent Bill Nation reported he attended the Elk Mountain Bridge meeting recently regarding the bridge's replacement. He stated mostly positive comments were received. Commissioner Glode stated she heard comments the Town of Elk Mountain would like to be involved as well as save the bridge if someone wants it. She stated if the county can be removed from all liability then she sees no issues with this. Commissioner Jones agreed. Chairman Chapman stated that there is value to the county for the bridge with the sale of materials and as long as Wyoming Department of Transportation's rules are followed that the bridge would not be put into public use, he agrees.

Carbon County Museum Director, Kelly Bohanan stated they are interested and would like to have the bridge remain intact and possibly housed at the Merrill Hill site in Rawlins.

Mr. Nation reported he recently attended a meeting in Elk Mountain where he was requested to keep two county roads open for logging activities. Mr. Nation stated that he would do his best to keep this road open with signage and potentially limiting access to logging companies only.

Mr. Nation reported on the south portion of County Road #401 project and the meetings he has or will attend. He advised he has met with all the landowners and has negotiated an offer of \$2,500.00 for permanent easements that we need to do that portion of the road and asked for authorization to allow him to use county road funds.

Commissioner Glode asked Treasurer Baldwin if the funds were available and Ms. Baldwin replied that Mr. Nation has the funds.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve \$2,500.00 for permanent easements on County Road #401. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nation stated this is a fair and equitable agreement and will allow this \$14 million project to go forward.

Mr. Nation discussed the new reflectivity signs and noted they are up and reported they will be building their own cattle guards for three locations saving the county \$10,000.00 each.

RECESS

Chairman Chapman called a recess at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CARBON COUNTY

David Pike, Chief Financial Officer presented a financial statement as of December 31, 2012. There were no board members present. There were many questions posed to Mr. Pike about the billing system and how bills are dispersed. Mr. Pike stated the HMS billing system is fixed at this time.

OLD PENITENTIARY JOINT POWERS BOARD

Tina Hill, staff and members of the Old Penitentiary Joint Powers Board presented an update on the old penitentiary. The group asked for a letter of support for a Wyoming Business Council grant for property repairs and to hold a public hearing for the application.

Ms. Hill stated she would place the advertisement for the public hearing for February 19 at 1:45 p.m. and would submit a proposed resolution to the Clerk for review.

WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL (WBC) GRANT ROAD APPLICATION

Public Hearing

Chairman Chapman opened a public hearing at 11:32 a.m. to hear comments on the WBC Grant Road Application for the Harshman Road Extension project.

Dave Throgmorton reported the Carbon County Higher Education Center will be constructing a new career and technical education center in Rawlins on 17 acres they recently purchased. The funding for the new center will be from the voter approved general obligation bonds. The project should be complete in 2014. The grant application being considered today would extend Harshman Street to the facility and join this street with the 287 bypass at Aberdeen Street. Mr. Throgmorton stated the new road would not only be used by students at the center but also by high school students attending classes there when being transported from Rawlins High School to the new facility. The extension would provide a safer route than entering from the bypass.

Chairman Chapman called for public comments for or against the application. Steve Golnar, Rawlins City Manager and Amy Bach, City of Rawlins Director of Community Development, stated their support for the application. Ms. Bach stated she hopes the new facility and adjoining roads will make Rawlins known as a true education community. She added the City of Rawlins is committed to owning and maintaining the infrastructure. Mr. Golnar presented a letter of support from Kenneth Klouda, City of Rawlins Mayor dated January 28, 2013. There were no other comments and Chairman Chapman closed the public hearing at 11:37 a.m.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-05, a Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Wyoming Business Council Grant Application for a Business Ready Community (BRC) Grant and Loan Program for a Community Readiness Grant Project. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2013-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FOR A BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY (BRC) GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY READINESS GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners, Carbon County School District # 1, and the Carbon County Board of Cooperative Higher Educational Services desire to participate in the Business Ready Community (BRC) Grant and Loan Program to assist in constructing a

road to improve access to the new Carbon County Higher Education Career and Technical Education Center for the purpose of student education and workforce training for adults; and

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners , Carbon County School District # 1, and the Carbon County Board of Cooperative Higher Educational Services recognize this project will promote workforce training, support existing regional industry and help the community attract new industries, and enable students to acquire accredited classes leading to certificates and degrees that will increase student income, job advancement and employability in the local community and throughout the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Higher Education Services has provided solid educational opportunities for regional youth and adult basic education and vocational training services for adults since its inception in 1985, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Carbon County School District # 1 voted in November, 2011 to support a \$26.5 million bond issue for education which included \$6.1 million for the new Career and Technical Education Center, and

WHEREAS, the Business Ready Community (BRC) 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, Carbon County School District # 1 held a public hearing on August 16, 2012, to identify this community development opportunity and determine all possible funding solutions for this project, including other grants, and loans, and solicit testimony from citizens who may feel that the use of the proposed fund might compete with existing business, and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

WHEREAS, The City of Rawlins in a public hearing on August 21, 2012, determined that the proposed road would increase access to the new campus and the Highland Hills residential community by public safety and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners, Carbon County School District # 1 and the Carbon County Board of Cooperative Higher Educational Services has provided preliminary cost estimates, designs, and economic and community development information for the Career and Technical Education Center and is working in partnership to submit the BRC grant application; and

WHEREAS, the public benefit of this project is to improve access to workplace education and training, prepare the local labor force for anticipated increased industrial activity and enable students and adults to acquire skills necessary to help them gain employment in the region and thereby lead productive and satisfying lives in the community by constructing a road which will connect Harshman Street with Aberdeen Boulevard, thereby providing two entrances to the new CCHC Career and Technical Education Center, one of which is readily accessible by students commuting from Rawlins High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS supports a grant application in the amount of \$1 million to be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council by Carbon County Board of County Commissioners for Consideration of assistance in funding the Carbon County Higher Education Center Career and Technical Education Center.

BE IT FURTHER RATIFIED that the Commissioner Chairman, Leo Chapman, and the County Clerk, Gwynn Bartlett, are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners to act on the behalf of the Governing Body on all matters relating to this grant application.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2013.

**CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
-s- Leo Chapman, Commissioner Chairman**

ATTEST:

-s- Gwynn Bartlett, County Clerk

LITTLE RASCALS PRESCHOOL GRANT

Members of the Little Rascals Preschool Board discussed their intent to apply for a Wyoming Business Council grant to construct a new preschool in the Baggs area. They currently occupy county property and would like the county to transfer the property to the Town of Baggs who would own the facility. There was discussion that the new facility was downsized to decrease cost and it would be engineered to flood zone requirements.

Commissioner Glode moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter indicating that contingent upon grant approval from the Wyoming Business Council, the county will transfer a sufficient amount of real property at Lot 78, Meadowlark Addition, Town of Baggs, Carbon County Wyoming to the Town of Baggs for use as a preschool. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairman Chapman recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

PLANNING & ZONING

Certification

Sid Fox, County Planning Director presented a Certification of Recommended Action for C.U. Case File No. 2013-01 a renewal of C.U. Case File No. 07-25.

Commissioner Jones moved to schedule a public hearing for March 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming for Conditional Use Permit Case File No. 2013-01 to renew Conditional Use Permit Case File No. 07-25 submitted by Leslie L. and Tammy L. Barkhurst. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Jones requested a workshop to discuss the board's organizational operations including board liaisons, Commissioner employees, and other matters. Commissioner Glode agreed and also wanted to discuss a mission statement and prepare goals. Chairman Chapman also discussed an informational meeting request for February 14 to discuss Duke Energy. There was a special meeting scheduled for February 14 at 1 p.m.

Commissioner Espy reported while in Cheyenne recently, the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) Public Lands Committee discussed wilderness study areas and there is an effort to have each form a local committee to assess whether areas should or should not be wilderness areas.

Commissioner Espy also discussed a letter of support for comments the WCCA will present pre-environmental impact study on sage grouse.

Commissioner Espy moved to support the letter from the Wyoming County Commissioners Association Sage Grouse Committee. Commissioner Jones seconded and Chairman Chapman asked for clarification on the matter. Commissioner Espy clarified that these are comments prepared by WCCA and they are requesting each county support the comments. The motion carried with Commissioners Jones, Glode and Espy voting for the motion and Chairman Chapman abstained as he has not reviewed the comments.

Chairman Chapman reported he and Commissioner Espy will be going to a Wyoming Infrastructure Authority meeting regarding wind.

Commissioner Glode discussed a Joint Appropriations Committee meeting she recently attended and she lobbied for bills that would assist operations in Carbon County.

Treasurer Baldwin discussed House Bill 87 to reduce interest on mineral production from 18% to a lesser rate. She stated that she fought hard to kill the bill along with other Treasurers and Commissioners. There has now been a committee formed to deal with these issues as well as auditing issues for industry.

WIND FARM PROJECT / TRANSWEST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

In attendance from Power Company of Wyoming (PCW) and Transwest Express were Roxane Perruso, Vice President and General Counsel, Garry Miller, Vice President of Land and Environmental Affairs, Kara Choquette, Director of Communications, Ryan Jacobsen, Director of Engineering and Construction and Kelly Cummins, Senior Landman and Environmental Engineer.

Mr. Miller discussed the 725 total mile, \$3 billion project, DC only, Transwest Express northern terminal and transmission line adding there would be thousands of jobs over the 2-3 year construction period with 35-70 long-term jobs. They anticipate a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the spring of 2013 with the final EIS and record of decision next year. Commissioner Espy asked what a grounding site is and its disturbance of the area. Mr. Miller stated they can be grounded with a third wire in the air or with a ground electrode station where the electricity would be injected into the earth. The footprint of this is approximately a few hundred acres.

Ms. Perruso discussed the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project to be constructed on a working cattle ranch, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and state lands. There is expected to be up to 1,200 jobs during the 5 year construction period on the \$5 billion project in addition to at least 114 long-term operations and maintenance jobs. Ms. Perruso overviewed tax benefits to the project including estimated amounts of \$233-\$350 million in property taxes over 20 years, \$123 million in sales and use taxes over the initial construction period and approximately \$89 million in electricity generation taxes which would begin in year 5 of operations.

Permitting began in 2007 noting there are permits required for various aspects of the project with federal, state and county agencies. Milestones in this area include the draft EIS in July 2011 with the final which followed July 2012 and a record of decision October 2012. Ms. Perruso stated they have

left to file their permit with the Industrial Siting Council (ISC) however they have postponed this due to Senate File 49 which would have required 25% of the capital construction costs to be expended in the first 2 years of the project. The bill seems to have died in committee however PCW also delayed the ISC filing

Mr. Jacobsen further discussed construction and scheduling including the rail facility that will be equipped to off load much of the construction materials near Sinclair.

Mike Howe asked for clarification on timing of the project from when the record of decision is issued. Mr. Miller reported once the record of decision is issued, hopefully in 2014, it will depend on whether another federal agency partners on the project as the permitting differs if they are involved however ultimately things should proceed late 2014 or early 2015 either way. Timing will also depend on development of other transmission projects. Ms. Perruso clarified the county permit requires construction to begin by fall 2014 and ISC would require construction to begin within 3 years of the ISC permit issuance.

Bill Nation asked what would happen to the rail site post construction and he asked about reclamation of the project after its lifecycle. Mr. Miller reported they value the project at 20 years however they have applied for a 30 year right-of-way with the BLM and expect the project to last much longer. He added there is a reclamation bond in effect no matter how long the project lasts.

Mr. Jacobsen stated they are designing the rail facility to be used for items beyond construction of the wind farm but there is no guarantee.

RECESS

Chairman Chapman called a recess at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m.

COMMISSIONER VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Three individuals were interviewed for the vacant Commissioner seat. These three names were those received from the Carbon County Republican Party in January. Richard "Matt" Feldmann, Willing "John" Johnson and Ronald Platt were all interviewed.

Commissioner Jones moved to appoint John Johnson to fill the vacant seat on the Carbon County Commission. Commissioner Espy seconded and there was discussion that public comment could be taken. Chairman Chapman called for public comment. Shorty Ballard stated his support for Mr. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD RESIGNATION

Clerk Bartlett presented a letter from Loren Simnitt resigning from the Memorial Hospital Board. She stated if accepted she would advertise for the vacancy.

Commissioner Glode moved to accept Loren Simnitt's letter of resignation from the Memorial Hospital Board. Commissioner Jones 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.

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 19th day of February 2013

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Leo Chapman, Chairman