

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 1, 2014  
County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were; Chairman Leo Chapman; Vice Chairman John Espy; Commissioners Lindy Glode, Sue Jones and John Johnson.

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

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

Commissioner Espy moved to amend the agenda to add a juvenile detention contract with Natrona County and delete the resignation from the Memorial Hospital Board member. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$242.52. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CARBON COUNTY TREASURER	CASH ITEMS	\$242.52
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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The following items were on the consent agenda. June 17, 2014 regular meeting minutes; a bond for Codey J. Stocks, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Dixon for \$50,000.00; a bond for Garry L. Goergen, Treasurer for the Predator Management District Board for \$10,000.00; a bond for Owen Williams, Treasurer for the Medicine Bow Conservation District for \$10,000.00; Planning & Development receipts for \$961.00 and Homeland Security Grant Award for Hazard Mitigation Competitive Grant Program for Project ID 13FEMA-CAR-PD-PDMC13, federal amount of \$22,500.00 and local match amount of \$7,500.00.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Assessor**

County Assessor Cheryl Ross presented a memorandum of understanding for the Department of Revenue to purchase a CAMA System for the Assessor's Office. She also presented abates and rebates for the Chairman's signature.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Revenue and Carbon County to purchase a CAMA System. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Planning**

County Planning Director Sid Fox reported that in the 80's the county subdivided the Skyline Acres subdivision between Rawlins and Sinclair along Interstate 80. He had received a complaint that the current salvage yard located there is potentially blocking public rights-of-way on the platted roads. He investigated the matter in regards to ownership and maintenance of the roads. Chairman Chapman stated if the county has ownership of the roads we must monitor the situation and assert authority. Commissioner Espy stated as an adjacent property owner the county needs to address the issue. Commissioner Johnson asked about the true ownership of the roads. Mr. Fox stated the roads were dedicated to the Skyline Property Owners Association which no longer exists. He feels that the roads are to the benefit of the property owners. While Commissioner Johnson agrees with the roads needing cleared he is unsure if the county has the legal authority to do so. Mr. Fox suggested a resolution from the BOCC to address the issue.

Commissioners Johnson and Glode asked for a legal opinion from Deputy Attorney Kelly and he replied that this may need to be through a civil action and that he and Mr. Fox have been working with the state on a salvage yard control act which mandates a salvage yard to be permitted and properly fenced. The county has a public right-of-way and can take a public nuisance action against the owner or as an adjacent landowner we may move forward too. Mr. Kelly suggested enforcement can be done by the County Sheriff.

Mr. Fox suggested the BOCC advise him what they want as an end result suggesting they likely want public roads rather than private rights-of-way throughout the subdivision.

Commissioner Espy asked if there is a mechanism to have a public right-of-way that is not publically maintained. County Fire Warden John Rutherford stated there are access issues to the property in question and adjacent properties because of items in the road. Road & Bridge Superintendent Bill Nation stated the plat was completed for public use and he suggested the county reestablish the roads to be dedicated to the public use and add the language that the public dedication would not obligate the county to maintain the road. Mr. Kelly stated he feels the roads are public, the county has always treated them as such and suggested sending a letter demanding the roads be cleared then the Sheriff to enforce the letter. The BOCC asked the Sheriff to move forward with enforcing the clearing of the roads.

### **Buildings & Grounds**

County Buildings & Grounds Manager Craig Jones presented a service agreement with Inberg-Miller Engineering to complete compaction and concrete testing for the Carbon Building HVAC storage building. He noted Mr. Kelly had reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Johnson reported Mr. Kelly had e-mailed concerns about the contract and asked for further advice. Mr. Kelly reported that if the agreement was for a larger project he would not recommend approval and because this is a smaller project he recommended approval. He noted the procurement policy would have required informal bidding and would have to be waived in this case.

Commissioner Johnson stated he feels it is bad practice to sign a contract with the language this one contains and that he has no issue with the concept or work. Mr. Kelly explained the work has already begun and the county may be liable for work already completed.

Commissioner Jones moved to waive the procurement policy and enter into a service agreement with Inberg-Miller Engineers totaling \$5,800.00 for compaction and concrete testing for the Carbon Building HVAC storage building. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried with all commissioners voting for the motion except Commissioner Johnson who voted against.

### **County Fire**

Fire Warden John Rutherford reported he completed the ISO evaluation and they had to set boundaries in the process. The County Planning Department assisted with mapping this and he thanked them for their assistance. He stated the new truck from CET in Canada is completed and his crews will be picking it up soon. He noted site visits for fireworks displays are completed and all were approved.

### **Museum**

Museum Director Kelly Bohanan reported there is a walkthrough of the Hugus-Ferguson building this afternoon with the asbestos abatement contractor and she invited the BOCC. She has met with city officials about them taking fire objects for their new building. Because these objects would come from the Museum's collection the BOCC must also give approval. She reported if the county wants the murals removed from that building the BOCC should request the city do so.

Commissioner Jones moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter to the City of Rawlins to determine if they want the murals from the Hugus-Ferguson building and if so they are welcome to remove them at their cost. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glode reported she will write the letter for the BOCC's review and Chairman's signature.

### **Road & Bridge**

Road & Bridge Superintendent Bill Nation reported they are taking the cattle guards that have been replaced and repurposing them throughout the county. He stated they are cleaning and repairing cattle guards and putting culverts in as needed. He noted they have another cooperative agreement with the railroad and took 35 pieces of rail from their junk yard to convert into 8 new cattle guards this winter. He recommends the road use agreement for Chokecherry and Sierra Madre which will come to the BOCC at a future meeting.

Commissioner Johnson reported that Todd Heward contacted him offering to donate some gravel to the county to put on county roads. Mr. Nation stated he would contact him.

## **Commissioners**

Sherry Massey discussed emergency detention billings from the hospital and presented a draft policy on the matter for the BOCC's consideration. She reported she based this on the fair debt collections act and the Wyoming Department of Health policy. She reported the county has received no billings from the 47 detentions this calendar year and she is worried that while Memorial Hospital of Carbon County (MHCC) may be collecting from other sources some bills may trickle in later. She applauded MHCC if they are collecting from alternative sources but she has no way of knowing this for sure. The average bill is approximately \$6,500.00. Mr. Kelly clarified the county is responsible for the first 72 hours of the bill and he doubts this policy could be enforced but he does feel the county should work with the hospital. Commissioner Glode suggested a policy and suggested discussing this with them during today's appointment. Chairman Chapman questioned whether or not a year was adequate time.

Mr. Kelly suggested putting this on the agenda for July 15 to be adopted.

## **Clerk**

Clerk Bartlett discussed the Power Company of Wyoming ISC Permit.

Clerk Bartlett advised that South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board (SCWEMSJPB) is requesting approval to apply for a grant from the Mission Life Line for advanced cardiac monitoring units to allow EMT's to send cardiac rhythms directly to the ER doctors from the field.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board to apply for grant funding from Mission Life Line. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the SCWEMSJPB recommends the BOCC reappoint Roy Barber as the at-large member.

Commissioner Jones moved to reappoint Roy Barber to the South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board as the at-large member. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **Treasurer**

County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin reported she already has the first appeal on the 2014 taxes from Phillips 66 and they are appealing state-wide. Ms. Baldwin reported she is working on finding the information requested by Commissioner Johnson about the change in value due to the tax abates and rebates. The county's tax sale will begin to be advertised July 17.

## **Attorney**

Deputy County Attorney Mike Kelly discussed the reclamation of the Seminoe mine and there is a formal inspection July 10.

Mr. Kelly reported the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service would like to purchase property in the Dillon Townsite. The former BOCC had received a notice from the US Forest Service to cease assessing owners because they claim they own all the lots there. There was a district court action which held that property owners that had a sufficient chain of title back to when that mining claim was patented had legal standing and would continue to be assessed. The Forest Service may purchase several lots from one landowner and he suggested continuing to assess them until sold.

Mr. Kelly presented a juvenile detention contact.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve a contract between Carbon County and Natrona County for juvenile housing for one year at \$195.00 per day per juvenile. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly presented an agreement to provide for payment from Department of Family Services to the Clerk of District Court for child support enforcement services. He noted Debora Olson, Clerk of District Court has signed the agreement.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve a Cooperative Agreement for Responsibilities Between the Wyoming Department of Family Services, Child Support Enforcement and Carbon County Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$17,853.60 from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly discussed an OJJDP Grant.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve the Volunteers of America North Rockies 2012 OJJDP Non-Participating State Grant application for the Youth Crisis Center Coordinator salary. Commissioner Johnson seconded and asked where the match comes from. Dawnessa Snyder of the Juvenile Services Board noted the \$100,000.00 allocated from the county to the center is used as the match. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly stated that the Carbon County Commissioners have received an invitation to participate as a cooperating agency for a working group to address current and future oil and gas development near Savery in the development of the NEPA documents(s) for the proposed project.

Commissioner Jones moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter accepting the invitation for the Carbon County Commissioners to be a cooperating agency for a working group to address current and future oil and gas development near Savery in the development of the NEPA document(s). Commissioner Johnson seconded and Mr. Kelly discussed that when he first became involved with the BOCC there were different points of contact with the BLM on various projects and the prior BOCC had directed him to always apply on every project with his office as the contact so the ball does not get dropped. Commissioner Glode agreed but stated when the BOCC receives a letter they should respond on their letterhead and sign it. She feels when NEPA is involved Mr. Fox should be the main contact. Commissioner Johnson agreed. Mr. Kelly responded that with the US Fish and Wildlife the legal authority was demanded to allow the county to be a cooperator and now this language is included in the form letter sent for these types of projects and requires legal involvement. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Espy reported he does not care who sends these letters as long as they get sent. Commissioner Glode feels the BOCC should be doing their job.

## **RECESS**

Chairman Chapman called a recess at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

## **YOUTH CRISIS**

Carbon County Youth Crisis Center Coordinator Megan Hendrickson discussed the potential increase in the crisis grant totaling \$2.9 million for the entire state. She also discussed the budget for Crisis Centers and asked for a letter of support of an increase in the Department of Family Services supplemental budget for Crisis Centers. She reported that if the letter does not work they will go to the Governor. With 6 months of data she will be visiting city councils requesting funding for operations.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for the Crisis Center increase in the supplemental budget for crisis centers. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dawnessa Snyder of the Juvenile Services Board reported they will continue to investigate alternative and diversified funding sources including other government funds, grants and donations. Clerk Bartlett mentioned there is approximately \$6,300.00 of consensus funds remaining that should be used or turned back. Ms. Hendrickson reported she will work with the Buildings Manager on getting new doors.

## **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CARBON COUNTY (MHCC)**

Chairman Chapman took a moment to compliment Ned Hill, Chief Executive Officer of MHCC for the work he has done at MHCC. Mr. Hill presented a financial analysis as of May 31, 2014. Also present was board members David Cesko, Mark Kostovny and Henry Hewitt. Mr. Hill reported they project to profit approximately \$2 million and are currently 217% above their current projections. New physicians coming include a new physician's assistant, family practice physician at the Spruce Street Clinic and a new orthopedic surgeon.

Mr. Hill reported the centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services require a 3 year study of the facility by the state. The clinical care at MHCC was rated very high however there were some concerns with the physical facility. They have 30 days to submit a plan for eminent threats and longer for less serious findings and Mr. Hill offered to share the survey findings with the BOCC.

There was discussion of the emergency detention billings and the fact the county has not been billed for any this calendar year. Mr. Hill stated the Billing Manager will have information on outstanding emergency detention accounts by the end of today.

## **CHOKECHERRY AND SIERRA MADRE PROJECT**

Roxane Perruso, Kara Choquette and Ryan Jacobsen from Power Company of Wyoming (PCW) provided an update from the last visit, March 2013. The group specifically discussed the permitting processes, Carbon County conditional use permit (CUP) and the upcoming ISC hearing, specifically the housing plan.

Currently PCW has filed their ISC application with the hearing scheduled for August 5. They have also completed Bureau of Land Management (BLM) public scoping, US Fish and Wildlife Service scoping for eagle permit Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the BLM public scoping for the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the BLM will issue comments July 2014 for the EA.

The county CUP was issued in October 2012 and required construction to begin in 2 years. PCW has been trying to meet this deadline and has made significant progress according to Ms. Perruso. The county's zoning resolution provides the opportunity to request an extension in writing 90 days ahead of the expiration of the permit therefore required this week. The extension must be requested for good cause and she feels this is warranted. Chairman Chapman asked if PCW could have met the deadline if the eagle take permit process had not been required. Ms. Perruso stated possible but she could not confirm this. She did state they would have been very close. Commissioner Espy stated he appreciates PCW's acting as a good neighbor and not starting construction with minor work just to say they have started. Mr. Kelly noted the extension can only be granted for one year and one time only.

Mr. Jacobsen discussed the housing plan for the project. They took the labor force projections from Transwest Express, Energy Gateway South and West, Continental and Creston and upgrades to the Jim Bridger plant into consideration when designing their housing plan. The workforce will peak at over 700 and will require temporary housing in the area of influence which includes all of Carbon County and its municipalities, Rock River, Laramie and Albany County then Sweetwater County and Wamsutter. They then determined accommodations in these communities totaled 4,069 rooms in the entire area of influence and considered the other projects that may be occurring simultaneously after contacting the facilities to determine potential vacancy rates.

After this investigation, they determined while there would be sufficient housing for their workforce within Carbon County the other projects occurring at the same time would require housing outside the county. The 90 minute commute to other areas including Laramie may be too much to ask after a 10-12 hour construction day so they started to investigate other alternatives. The plan is to utilize hotels, RV parks and rentals as available and an on-site construction camp can be mobilized if needed. They anticipate approximately 250 beds being needed. The third element may include an on-site RV park and the fourth element would be to reach out to Laramie for their accommodations and bus workers. They considered in their analysis the number of people they have experienced in past projects wanting rentals versus motels or RV spaces.

The on-site construction would likely be deployed mid-2016 operated through each subsequent year except 2019 because construction may slow that year. This would be located due-south of Sinclair along the project access road. The location was chosen because it would be close to the

work area and would eliminate traffic from a camp to the project site because they are already there. Commissioner Jones commended them on their conservative considerations of housing. She mentioned that there is a list in the application of every facility including \$1,000.00 per night facilities. Ms. Perruso reported in Appendix Q there is a smaller list of affordable facilities including their fees and vacancy rates and only those facilities are considered.

Linda Wagner, Councilperson from Hanna reported that additional housing study work should be done noting that only one RV park is listed in Hanna rather than the 3 that exist. She suggested they contact each town to get local information.

Commissioner Johnson discussed issues identified in the permit application that the county could potentially ask for mitigation funds for in addition to impact assistance funds. Ms. Perruso stated that it is her understanding that the impact assistance funds would be for these items and that mitigation funds are not in addition.

## **RECESS**

Chairman Chapman called a recess at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

### **Public Hearing – Z.C. Case File No. 2014-04**

Chairman Chapman opened a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. to hear Planning & Zoning Z.C. Case File No. 2014-04. Planner/GIS Specialist Thomas Powell presented Z.C. Case File No. 2014-04 – James Frank Gould, IV and Luz Erin Gould’s request for a Zone Change from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining (RAM) to Rural Residential Agriculture (RRA-22.47) on approximately 22.47 acres.

Chairman Chapman called for comments for or against this case. There being no comments, Chairman Chapman closed the hearing at 1:36 p.m.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-15, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Wyoming adopting the recommendation of the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission regarding Z.C. Case File No. 2014-04, James Frank Gould, IV and Luz Erin Gould’s request for a Zone Change from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining (RAM) to Rural Residential Agriculture (RRA-22.47) on approximately 22.47 acres. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Resolution No. 2014 – 15**

**A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Wyoming,  
adopting the recommendation of the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission.**

### **Z.C. Case File #2014-04**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. §18-5-202(b), the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014, which hearing was advertised by public notice at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, at the Monday, June 2, 2014, public hearing, the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission provided the public the opportunity to comment and the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission considered any public comments which were made at said public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of said Monday, June 2, 2014, public hearing, the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission voted to certify in writing its recommendation to the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners to adopt the change as an amendment to the Carbon County Official Zoning Map for Carbon County, Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. §18-5-202(c) and after receipt of said certified recommendation of this zoning amendment(s) to the Carbon County Official Zoning Map, advertised by public notice at least 14 days prior to a public hearing to take public input and comments on the proposed amendment(s), which said hearing occurred on Tuesday, July 1, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, at said public hearing, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners provided the opportunity for the public to comment and for the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners to consider any comments which were made on the proposed amendment(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners in considering the proposed amendment(s) have also reviewed and considered the Carbon County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as amended; and the Carbon County Zoning Resolution of 2003, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners have determined that the proposed amendment(s) is in general conformance with the Carbon County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as amended, and the applicable provisions of the Carbon County Zoning Resolution of 2003, as amended; and otherwise promotes the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Carbon County; and

**WHEREAS**, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners, by majority vote, the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners moved to approve the proposed zoning amendment(s) to the Carbon County Official Zoning Map.

**Z.C. Case File #2014-04 – James Frank Gould, IV and Luz Erin Gould (Land Owners and Applicants):** Request for a Zone Change from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining (RAM) to Rural Residential Agriculture (RRA-22.47) on approximately 22.47 acres. The RRA Zone is intended to be applied in areas of the County which are particularly suited to large lot development that allow both agricultural and residential uses.

**Parcel Number:** 17842640006700

**Location:** Approximately 2 miles south of Saratoga and approximately 1.5 miles west of HWY 130 off Carbon County Road #387 (Spring Creek Road)

**Rural Address:** 81 County Road 387

**Legal Description:** All that portion of the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 26, Township 17 North, Range 84 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming. Lying Southerly and Easterly of the centerline of Spring Creek Road, said Spring Creek Road Right of Way easement granted by instrument recorded June 26, 1956, in Book 360, Page 545, Records of Carbon County, Wyoming, together with all buildings and improvements thereon situate and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING:**

1. That the Carbon County Board of County Commissioners, hereby adopts this amendment(s) as certified to them in writing by the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Commission and the existing zone shall be changed from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining (RAM) to Rural Residential Agriculture (RRA-22.47) on approximately 22.47 acres.

**PRESENTED, READ, AND ADOPTED** at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Carbon County, Wyoming, on this 1st day of July, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING**

By: -s- Leo Chapman, Chairman  
John Espy, Vice Chairman  
Lindy Glode, Member  
John Johnson, Member  
Sue Jones, Member

Attest:

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

**Certifications**

Mr. Fox presented the Certifications of Recommended Action for Z.C. Case File No. 2014-05 for Todd Anderson and Z.C. Case File No. 2014-06 for Timothy and Heather Madsen.

Commissioner Espy moved to accept the Certifications of Recommended Action from the Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission for Z.C. Case File No. 2014-05 – Todd Anderson’s request for a Zone Change from Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) to Residential (RD) and Timothy and Heather Madsen’s request for a Zone Change from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining (RAM) to Forestry Production and Seasonal Recreation (FPSR-19.33) and schedule a public hearing for August 4, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**SKYLINE ACRES**

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Cindy Wallace discussed Skyline Acres. Along with her was Adam Mendenhall of the City of Rawlins. Mr. Mendenhall reported that due to the proximity to the City of Rawlins there are concerns about getting city utilities to the site. The city currently has a moratorium on extending utilities outside the city. The main concern would be a residential development there however water and sewer may be granted to the county if it’s economically beneficial to the city. He mentioned they have looked into annexation however the city is not interested in that option currently.

Chairman Chapman reported that he sees industrial or light industrial and the city would benefit by getting that type of development outside Rawlins. Mr. Mendenhall stated the city would like to keep industrial uses away from Rawlins entrances and would rather see commercial business uses. Commissioner Glode stated she would not like to see industrial uses as that would potentially make it look worse than it already does.

Clerk Bartlett asked if the city owned the 30 acres would they run city utilities to it. Mr. Mendenhall was unsure. Commissioner Johnson stated he would like more information from the city on what they want. Mr. Fox encouraged the BOCC to step back and plan for the future potentially with zoning noting the Land Use Plan will guide them in the process. He also noted there are land uses that require little to no water. Ms. Wallace asked if the city and county should meet to determine if city services would be extended and Commissioner Espy pointed out a truck stop near Rawlins has no city services. Mr. Mendenhall reported he worries about future growth if city services aren't extended. If Rawlins incorporated the area landowners within the city limits are required to hook up to water and sewer.

Commissioner Johnson asked the city again to move on the matter and determine what they would like to see then report back. The group agreed to move in this direction.

Clerk Bartlett pointed out that the grants the county accepted require profit to be used towards future economic development.

### **Commissioners**

Commissioner Jones moved to approve a Grant Agreement, Certificate of State Grant-In-Aid and Notice of Award with American Road Maintenance in the amount of \$115,320.70 all for the Dixon Airport Seal Coat and Marking Project. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly discussed obligations of the county in a proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the replacement of the Elk Mountain Bridge. He noted there are obligations that would require financial support and he was unsure who would have to pay for the items. Mr. Nation stated the county would accept the trusses, move them to the Mill Creek area and reinstall them. He recommended accepting the MOU.

Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, Carbon County, and the Town of Elk Mountain Regarding Mitigation of Adverse Effects to 48CR4295, Medicine Bow River Bridge Project CN06062. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **CITIZEN / COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Jones reported the town of Hanna accepted the county's offer of \$7,000.00 and fire water in exchange for fire service. She added that Lois Buchanan from Hanna has been appointed as Hanna's unofficial member on the South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Joint Powers Board.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the Chairman signed a letter from the BOCC to the city regarding issues Cork Meyer brought up at previous meetings. Commissioner Jones reported she was to draft the letter but needed additional information. Commissioner Espy clarified the area of concern and his concerns that the judge in the matter did not recuse himself from the case.

Chairman Chapman reported after receiving a resignation from a hospital board member he had a visit with that person and he subsequently withdrew the resignation.

### **FIBER**

Bill Edwards, CEO of the Casper Area Economic Development Alliance discussed a feasibility study for fiber between Rawlins and Casper. They are looking to connect fiber west of Rawlins and joining to Casper through Muddy Gap. This creates a second loop for Casper and further redundancy. It also would give the opportunity for Rawlins and Carbon County to have connection into fiber. The study showed it was feasible and that there is interest in both counties.

Ms. Wallace reported a gentleman from Union Telephone was to be present today to explain that company's involvement. At one point a grant was going to be applied for to accomplish this however Union was already in the process of doing the same thing. Mr. Nation discussed the existing point of presence and was hopeful it would be used during this project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Glode moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held August 4 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 415 W. Pine St., Rawlins, WY. The public is invited to attend or you can listen online at the website listed below. To get on the agenda, call the Clerk's Office by the Thursday before the meeting. Per Wyo. Stat. §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at [www.carbonwy.com](http://www.carbonwy.com) or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.