

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were; Chairman John Espy; Vice Chairman John Johnson; Commissioners Lindy Glode, Leo Chapman and Sue Jones.

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

**ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

Commissioner Chapman moved to amend the agenda adding an executive session immediately this morning, a Proclamation for National Travel Tourism Week during Elected Officials / Department Heads time and a ratification of the Vice Chairman’s signature on an agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Glode moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$355,791.08. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapman moved to pay bills to Rawlins Automotive for \$181.70, Shively Hardware for \$42.54 and True Value of Rawlins for \$925.34 for an aggregate total of bills paid today of \$356,940.66. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried with all voting for the motion except Commissioner Glode who abstained due to personal conflicts.

Vendor	Detail Line Description	Total
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOC UTAH	APA MEMBERSHIP	\$409.00
AMERIGAS	PROPANE	\$2,193.27
BLUETARP FINANCIAL INC	JET HEAVY DUTY HOIST	\$2,048.56
BROOKS, ALEJANDRA	INTERPRETING SERVICES	\$62.50
BUILD RITE LUMBER SUPPLY	TOOLS/SUPPLIES/UPS SHIPPING	\$231.62
C & B SAND & GRAVEL	ROADBASE HAUL	\$3,820.00
CANDY MOUNTAIN	WATER/RENT	\$37.50
CARBON COUNTY 4-H	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$29.62
CARBON COUNTY CLERK	TRANSFER TO CLERK ACCOUNT	\$197.20
CARBON COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER	YOUTH LEGAL	\$150.00
CARBON COUNTY LIBRARY	SUMMER READING PROG.	\$500.00
CARBON COUNTY TREASURER	MILEAGE/WITNESS & BAILIFF FEES	\$5,014.40
CARBON COUNTY YOUTH CRISIS CENTER	FUNDING	\$500.00

CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	FILM WRAP	\$80.20
CASPER WINNELSON CO	BRASS PLUG	\$45.30
CBM FOOD SERVICE	FOOD SERVICES	\$8,087.13
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	TONER/SHREDDER/CABLE/SOFTWARE MTCE	\$5,156.57
CENTURY LINK	MONTHLY SERVICES	\$68.78
CENTURYLINK	MONTHLY SERVICES	\$544.60
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	MONTHLY SERVICES	\$76.19
CIVIC-PLUS	WEBSITE HOSTING FEE	\$2,500.00
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$887.51
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	EXTRA COURSE SALT	\$287.50
DAILY TIMES	SUBSCRIPTION	\$105.00
DALLIN MOTORS INC	SERVICE	\$125.77
DAVIDSON FAMILY DENTAL	DENTAL SERVICES	\$1,098.00
DIRTY BOYZ SANITATION, INC	TRASH SERVICES	\$370.00
DIXON, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$260.00
DUBOIS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	E911 LINES/LSRV PHONE LINES	\$1,532.74
ENCAMPMENTK-12	PROM DONATION	\$500.00
ENGSTROM, JAMES D. DDS	INMATE SERVICES	\$2,500.00
ERICKSON & ROBERTS	LEGAL SERVICES	\$100.96
FARMER BROTHERS COFFEE	SUPPLIES	\$108.14
FOX, SID	TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$47.20
FREMONT MOTORS - RAWLINS	SERVICES	\$53.99
GALLS/QUARTERMASTER	TEFLON COATED SPECS	\$44.95
GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS	VACCINES	\$868.30
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	LEAK DETECTOR	\$374.95
GLOBALSTAR USA	FIRE DEPT SATELLITE PHONE	\$458.86
GOLDEN, MARY	MILEAGE	\$49.50
GRAINGER	PARTS	\$446.13
GRAPHIC SPORTS	STATE OF WY STAMP	\$35.95
HANNA, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$110.20
HIGH PLAINS POWER	ELECTRIC SERVICES	\$399.16
JACKALOPE PRINTING	SUPPLIES	\$18.50
JERRY'S DONUTS	DONUTS	\$20.98
KALUZNY, EMILY	MILEAGE AND MEALS	\$331.16
KENCO SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	MONITORING ALARAM	\$36.00
KILBURN TIRE COMPANY	OIL CHANGES	\$120.56
KIRSCH, ARCHIE P	APRIL SERVICES	\$1,300.00
KONE ELEVATORS ESCALATORS	ELEVATOR REPAIR	\$1,810.80
LECC CONFERENCE	KELLY REGISTRATION	\$25.00
LESS LETHAL, LLC	FLASHBANG EQUIPMENT	\$228.78
MADER, TSCHACHER, PETERSON & CO.	AUDIT	\$3,500.00
MAP TRANSPORTATION	INMATE TRANSPORTATION	\$1,902.30
MARTINEZ, JANICE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$18.01

MEEKS, HEIDI	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$16.00
MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP.	VACCINES	\$709.36
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$826.95
MURANE & BOSTWICK, LLC.	ATTORNEY FEES	\$336.00
MY OFFICE ETC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,459.81
NATRONA COUNTY LEGAL	HOSPITALIZATION COSTS	\$6,587.50
NEWTECHBIO, INC	METER PUMP SUPPLIES	\$527.00
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	ELEVATOR SERVICES	\$2,643.24
PERRY, ABBY	MEALS	\$20.32
PINNACLE PUBLIC FINANCE, INC	CARBON BUILDING HAVC	\$158,740.93
PITNEY BOWES	LEASE PAYMENT	\$1,478.19
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$291.84
RAWLINS AUTOMOTIVE	PARTS	\$181.70
RAWLINS EYE CARE	EYE CARE	\$330.00
RAWLINS FIRE EXTINGUISHER	MAINTENANCE	\$314.50
RAWLINS, CITY OF	WATER/SEWER/LANDFIL	\$1,539.20
REDWOOD BIOTECH	TOXICOLOGY SCREENS	\$153.48
RICOH USA INC	IT COPIERS	\$10,395.23
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	POWER SERVICES	\$9,665.02
SALT LAKE WHOLESALE SPORTS	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	\$1,572.00
SAPP BROS TRUCK STOPS, INC.	TIRES	\$1,758.00
SARATOGA AUTO PARTS, INC.	AUTO PARTS	\$1,301.87
SARATOGA SUN	NEWSPAPER ADS	\$304.00
SCHERMETZLER, SHEELA M ED.S.	MONITORING	\$910.00
SHEPARD'S	SUPPLIES	\$1,861.48
SHIVELY HARDWARE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$42.54
SIMPLYWELL	APPLICATION FEE	\$3,180.00
SKYLINE MOTORS, INC.	VEHICLE MAINT.	\$758.51
SNAKE RIVER PRESS	PUBLIC NOTICES	\$780.00
SNAP-ON TOOLS	TOOLS	\$144.00
SOURCE GAS	GAS SERVICE	\$8,584.07
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$287.53
STATE OF WYOMING A & I	TITLE OFFICE MAINFRAME	\$47.97
STODDARD, CURTIS T.	DENTAL SERVICES	\$97.00
T.W. ENTERPRISES, INC.	GENERATOR/SHIPPING	\$5,121.00
TASER INTERNATIONAL	HOLSTERS, BATTERY PACKS	\$3,082.60
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PAYMENT CTR	JAIL DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$491.31
TIGER MART	FUEL	\$64.96
TREVATHAN, SABRINA RMR	TRANSCRIPTS	\$73.30
TRUE VALUE OF RAWLINS	TOOLS/SUPPLIES	\$925.34
TRUENORTH STEEL	CULVERT MATERIALS	\$15,780.84
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	ITAX & IDOC HOSTING	\$275.63
UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY	PHONE LINES	\$3,604.15

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING	CES PR 4-H SALARY MATCH	\$5,271.00
V-1 PROPANE	R&B UTL PROPANE	\$1,476.62
VAN'S WHOLESALE LLC	BATHROOM SUPPLIES	\$224.32
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	\$682.98
WARRIOR SERVICES, LLC	PEST CONTOL	\$60.00
WY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES	MONTHLY FEE	\$10.00
WY DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	JC CONTRACT SERVICES	\$50.00
WY DEPT OF HEALTH	MTR VEHICLE BILLING/3RD QTR PAYROLL	\$40,666.46
WY DEPT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES	LATE FEE QTR4 2014	\$6.92
WY GUARDIANS AD LITEM PROGRAM	ADMIN GUARDIAN AD LITEM	\$6,264.74
WY MACHINERY COMPANY	HEAVY EQUIPMENT PARTS	\$1,359.15
WY RENTS, LLC	FORKLIFT	\$200.00
WY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION	CCSO 2015 DUES	\$587.00
WY WASTE SERVICES-RAWLINS	GARBAGE SERVICE	\$529.35
YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$450.36
ZIRMED, INC	PH DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$8.05
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		\$356,940.66

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded and Clerk Bartlett noted the consent agenda includes the April 16, 2015 special meeting minutes; April 21, 2015 regular meeting minutes; a bond for Henry R. Hewitt, Trustee/Board Member for Memorial Hospital of Carbon County in the amount of \$25,000.00; a bond for De Bari T. Martinez, Treasurer for the Carbon County Museum Board in the amount of \$1,000.00; County Clerk receipts for \$23,033.00; and Planning and Development Department receipts for \$895.00. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Glode moved to go into executive session at 9:07 a.m. with Clerk Bartlett and Ashley Mayfield Davis to discuss personnel and potential litigation. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson moved to come out of executive session at 9:23 a.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **Treasurer**

Cindy Baldwin, County Treasurer discussed hospital mill levy funds. She stated that in 2009 the BOCC setup the mill levy funds with guidelines on how to request funds to be expended. This included that the county would pay the vendor directly and only after approval by the BOCC. Lately Memorial Hospital of Carbon County (MHCC) has been expending the funds and the Treasurer has been reimbursing them. Treasurer Baldwin asked if the BOCC would like to revise the procedure to allow reimbursement to MHCC rather than paying vendors directly.

Commissioner Johnson moved to sunset the July 22, 2009 letter to the Memorial Hospital of Carbon County regarding procedures for use of mill levy funds. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman directed the Clerk to notify Memorial Hospital of Carbon County of the new procedure where they can be reimbursed.

Treasurer Baldwin reported she is advertising for the August 13 tax sale.

### **Carbon County Visitors' Council**

Leslie Jefferson, Carbon County Visitors' Council Executive Director presented a proclamation recognizing the week of May 2-10 as National Travel & Tourism week.

Commissioner Glode moved to proclaim May 2-10, 2015 as National Travel & Tourism Week. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Health**

Jackie Wells, Public Health Nurse reported the Maternal Child Health nurse is leaving and she will be replacing her soon. She stated this position is 100% grant funded. Her office will begin billing private insurance later this summer. Ms. Wells reported a Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise will be held May 19. She noted this will help individuals understand where to go if medications need to be dispensed quickly. Ms. Wells updated the BOCC on her offices' procedures performed.

### **Road & Bridge**

Bill Nation, Road & Bridge Superintendent reported magnesium chloride was laid last week. He noted that equipment and trucks are being repaired and he warned many of his vehicles are becoming worn out with very high mileage. Mr. Nation reported numerous county road signs were recently vandalized and the Sheriff's Office is investigating.

Mr. Nation said crews are busy throughout the county including adding culverts on the Pass Creek road. He noted this road will also receive magnesium chloride at Wyoming Department of Transportation's (WYDOT) expense as this is the haul road for the Elk Mountain Bridge project. Mr. Nation reported the bridge replacement will be bid this July or August.

Mr. Nation reported there has been work on County Road #213 near Encampment and the stub road goes to a locked gate. There was further discussion and Mr. Nation stated he will be replacing culverts and potentially adding gravel. Some of the discussion included that the landowner at the end of the road may not want maintenance however Mr. Nation stated his primary concern is to keep the road safe and if the adjacent landowners do not want maintenance the county could abandoned the road and the landowners would be responsible for all maintenance in the future.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the Bar Hill road and asked that it be repaired as it has bad washboards. Commissioner Johnson asked if the county has ever used Permazine for dust suppression. Mr. Nation stated he has used it and if conditions are right it works well.

### **Planning and Development**

Sid Fox, County Planner reviewed draft amendments to the Planning & Development Fee Schedule. He noted the schedule was last updated in September 2013. Mr. Fox requested authorization to proceed with a public notice and schedule a hearing and the BOCC agreed.

Mr. Fox discussed the Zoning Resolution for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) expiration and extension provisions. He noted these are included in the Zoning Resolution Amendments however his department and legal are proposing to proceed with a public notice and hearing to get these provisions adopted as soon as possible. He thinks the intent on the current rule is to have one, one-year extension but if this CUP provision amendment is approved, it would allow a second one year extension of a Condition Use Permit. Deputy Attorney Ashely Mayfield Davis stated that this arose out of the Sierra Madre and Chokecherry project adding that they are making strides in their project but they do not want to proceed with construction until they know they obtain their eagle take permit. Ms. Davis stated that allowing another extension for good cause on a project like this and other future projects may be in the county's best interest. The BOCC agreed they should proceed and bring the matter back when they are ready.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Espy called a recess at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

### **Clerk**

Gwynn Bartlett, County Clerk presented a board resignation from David R. Cesko, M.D. for the Memorial Hospital Board effective June 1 as he will become an employee of the hospital and noted she is currently advertising for a term expiring on this board.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the resignation from Dr. Cesko from the Memorial Hospital Board effective June 1. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a board resignation from Barbara Shelby for the Library Board effective May 20 and noted she is currently advertising for two terms expiring on this board.

Commissioner Glode moved to accept the resignation from Barbara Shelby from the Library Board effective May 20. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported she issued three 24-hour catering permits to Whistle Pig Saloon in Saratoga for the Pig Digger Mud Rally event for May 23 and 24, 4<sup>th</sup> of July event on July 4 and Bullfest event for an additional dispensing room for August 22.

Clerk Bartlett reported since Shepard Construction is mostly complete with the Emergency Detention project at the hospital she will be advertising for substantial completion so she can release retainage 41 days later.

Commissioner Glode moved to accept substantial completion of the emergency detention rooms at the hospital. Commissioner Chapman seconded and Commissioner Johnson asked Dr. Cesko if the rooms are substantially completed. Dr. Cesko replied they look great and the contractor did a great job. The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported that at the next meeting, she will be requesting a motion from the BOCC to cover all elected officials on worker's compensation. This will cost approximately \$17,817.00 per year. The county already covers the Sheriff and Coroner but a recently passed bill in the 2015 legislative session will allow coverage for the Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk of Court, Attorney and Commissioners.

### **REQUEST FOR BOCC ENDORSEMENT TO ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY DAY TO CLEAR FOREST ROADS**

Larry Olsen discussed potential road closures in the Ryan Park area. He said if citizens need to step in and lend assistance to the US Forest Service to ensure roads remain open he would like to organize such an event and asked for assistance or suggestions from the BOCC to organize such an event.

Melanie Fullman, US Forest Service Ranger was contacted via telephone for the discussion and stated that depending on the level of work to be done and the equipment to be used there may need to be a written agreement and training, including personal protective equipment requirements, to authorize work on open roads. She stated running machinery requires a formalized agreement. She said she welcomes this type of process but she is reluctant to authorize wide open work by anyone. Ms. Fullman suggested she and Mr. Olsen meet to determine what roads and what processes would be used. Mr. Olsen suggested the only equipment used would likely be off road vehicles and chainsaws. Ms. Fullman stated historically the agency has required chainsaw certifications for those individuals operating them under an organized event.

The BOCC is happy to help organize something while Ms. Fullman has the public's attention and Ms. Fullman stated she will meet with Mr. Olsen in the near future.

Commissioner Glode moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter of support for volunteers to clear debris from US Forest Service Roads. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nation suggested the group target specific sections of specific roads rather than randomly select them, include a specific number of volunteers and be specific on the equipment that would be used. He noted this would likely speed up the process. He also suggested not clearing culverts as it can be dangerous.

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

Dana Barnett, Chief Executive Officer and Chelle Keplinger, Chief Financial Officer for MHCC presented a financial analysis as of April 30, 2015. Board member David Cesko, MD was also present.

Mr. Barnett stated that Dr. Cesko will be an employee of the hospital June 1. Commissioner Johnson asked if MHCC could afford adding him as a new position and Mr. Barnett replied that they hired a third party to perform an assessment and the conclusion was it would be successful. Dr. Cesko will perform his medical services and receive a salary. Mr. Barnett stated the billing and business management will be provided by the hospital therefore making it a profitable proposition. Dr. Cesko agreed and elaborated on the difficulty of the business management and medical billing side of his practice.

Mr. Barnett reported on the success of the recent health fair. Mr. Barnett discussed the emergency detention room project noting it should be completed by the end of May however it is essentially complete at this time. The HVAC project continues and the solution has been engineered. They have had a repair company identify all issues that could occur even with the engineered solution.

### **YOUTH CRISIS CENTER**

Megan Hendrickson, Carbon County Youth Crisis Center (CCYCC) Coordinator provided an update and discussed the group home beds and upcoming fund raising.

Ms. Hendrickson stated that starting in July the legislature approved an increase on reimbursement per bed per day to \$114.00, up from the current \$97.00. She noted that group home beds were recently approved for the CCYCC which will allow the CCYCC to serve more individuals.

### **ATTORNEY**

Ashley Mayfield Davis, Deputy County Attorney presented the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) quarterly report for the Chairman's signature.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Volunteers of America Northern Rockies Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 2012/2013 quarterly report in the amount of \$9,483.98. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones moved to ratify the Vice Chairman's signature on the comment letter regarding the US Forest Service's West Snowy Range Travel Management Proposal. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Davis reported the Phase 1 for Sierra Madre and Chokecherry project is out for comments due by May 15. She noted this has been extended until after the BOCC's next meeting so the BOCC can consider comments that Sid Fox and the County Attorney's Office will prepare on their behalf.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Espy called a recess at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

#### **Minor Subdivision Case File No. 2015-01 & Public Hearing – Z.C. Case File No. 2015-01**

Sid Fox, Planning Director requested Minor Subdivision Case File 2015-01 and ZC Case File 2015-01 be tabled until the BOCC meeting June 2, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. pending the outcome of the Saratoga Town Council's meeting held on May 19.

Commissioner Glode moved to table Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission Minor Subdivision Case File No. 2015-01 – Kevin and Laurie Woolfolk's request to create two parcels, Lot 7A = 19.4 acres and Lot 7B = 19.4 acres and Z.C. Case File No. 2015-01 – Kevin and Laurie Woolfolk's request for a Zone Change from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining to Rural Residential Agriculture Tract #7, Mountain View Estates No. 2 encompassing approximately 38.8 acres until June 2, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **ENCAMPMENT RIVERSIDE MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION**

Sandy Martin from the Encampment Riverside Merchant's Association discussed the connecting highway between Encampment and Dixon, Hwy 70 and requested it be opened year round.

John Farr, Encampment citizen stated he would like to see the road open by May 1 each year, earlier than normal. A variable opening and closing makes it difficult to plan events and he feels it would be cheaper to open this road before the Snowy Range road. He also stated he thinks the Snowy Range road cannot handle commercial traffic and the county is losing sales tax revenue from lost sales. He asked the BOCC to pressure the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) to open the road sooner.

Linda Fleming stated she recently discussed the road opening with Pat Pearson of WYDOT and asked that the matter be looked at, preferable to be open year round. She stated that if that is not possible she would like to aim for May 1 as well. She feels that ranching activities could especially benefit from roads being opened so those individuals can trade with Saratoga businesses. She stated that instead these individuals must spend their money in Colorado.

Pat Lynch, Encampment resident stated they need every advantage they can get to help increase traffic and if not year round at least open the road earlier and on a set date. He echoed the comments already made by others.

Tim McGary of WYDOT stated years ago they were pressured to keep the Snowy Range road open year-round. He stated the proposal at that time would be to have an additional crew and related equipment was over \$1 million and he estimates 3-4 times that now to keep Hwy 70 open year round. He stated his budget cannot afford this and he has actually been ordered to cut several hundred thousand from his budget. Mr. McGary discussed opening the road early noting that there are always spring storms and his concern for those that go unprepared and get stuck in a storm.

Mr. McGary discussed travel statistics obtained in 2013 for both Hwy 70 and Hwy 130 showing there are approximately 5 times more traffic on Hwy 130, over Snowy Range. He stated more traffic equates to more dollars spent in that area. He stated anything is possible with enough people and equipment but he didn't feel like he had the financial resources for a year-round opening.

Chairman Espy stated this can be an economic development factor for both areas and he would like to see what it would take to open Hwy 70 before Hwy 130.

Commissioner Glode noted that Saratoga gets busier when Hwy 130 opens and she would hate to see one opened before the other at the expense of any of the communities. Commissioner Johnson clarified that WYDOT doesn't currently have the resources to open anything earlier and Mr. McGary confirmed this. Mr. McGary stated it takes one to one and one half weeks to open Hwy 70, depending on the year.

Myna Carver, Baggs WYDOT foreman reported the Saratoga crew of 6 people open both Hwy 130 and Hwy 70 and cannot do this simultaneously. Commissioner Jones asked if it would be impossible to confirm a May 1 opening every year and Ms. Carver's reply was that it would depend on the snow pack and weather that particular year. Sid Fox suggested alternating years of openings. Commissioner Johnson suggested devising a plan based on snow pack and opening roads when they hit a certain level.

Ms. Fleming stated she feels like the Baggs and Encampment areas are getting the short end of the stick and the groups need to approach the legislature to find more funding.

Commissioner Jones asked what the next step is. Jerry Paxton, State House Representative District 47 stated he and potentially Senator Larry Hicks could sponsor a bill to specifically target Hwy 70 for special funding and suggested if money is an issue this would be the way to

go, especially in a budget year for the legislature. He also feels that there is a not a reasonable alternative to Hwy 70 in distance where Interstate 80 is reasonable for an alternative to Hwy 130.

Commissioner Glode left the meeting at 2:35 pm.

### **Legislative Update**

Jerry Paxton, State House Representative District 47 provided an overview of the recent legislative session.

### **CITIZEN/COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION**

Linda Fleming thanked those that worked on the location of the Transwest Transmission line to keep it out of the Baggs area.

Commissioner Jones reported the Saratoga nursing home is due to close in 30 days. She stated there may be interest by other parties in purchasing it. Representative Paxton reported the operators also own facilities in other towns and states however only Saratoga and Rock Springs facilities will close at this time as the owners are claiming bankruptcy. He noted Wyoming has statutory provisions that allow for this in 30 days however federal law calls for 60 days and the Wyoming Attorney General's Office has told him they will be enforcing the 60 days. He hopes someone else will step in and run it in the meantime.

Commissioner Chapman asked the BOCC if they still intend on doing something for employee appreciation. He stated he would like to however nothing was decided.

Commissioner Johnson stated that when comments are submitted on behalf of the BOCC all members should sign. He recently signed a letter on behalf of the Chairman and it was reported by press that the comments were largely written by him however it was adopted by the entire BOCC. There was discussion but nothing was decided.

Chairman Espy reported Larry Olsen has a meeting setup with Melanie Fullman for this Thursday. He also attended a Sage Grouse Cooperator's Meeting recently.

Clerk Bartlett reported that she and Commissioner Glode are part of the Courthouse Security Committee and they met last week. She noted a sub-committee was formed to investigate both short and long-term solutions for Circuit Court and for the rest of the Courthouse. She told the board to expect a budget request for an architectural study for this and/or to hire a consulting firm to help navigate the process and potential funding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held June 2, 2015 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