

**REPORT TO THE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 18, 2016
County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Monday, July 18, 2016 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.

CARBON COUNTY

Chairman Espy opened a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to listen to comments on the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget for Carbon County.

Chairman Espy reported they will be adding \$23,347.04 to the IT budget from what is presented today. Carbon County's total valuation is \$591,549,575 and 12 mills will generate a total of \$7,098,594.90.

The 12 mills will be divided as follows: The County's general fund is \$6,818,200.40 at 11.526 mills. The other portion of the 12 mills is divided between the Museum and Library as follows: levy requirements for the Museum totals \$130,140.91 at .220 of one mill and Library totals \$150,253.59 at .254 of one mill.

The Library will receive an additional \$75,000.00 to run the libraries outside of Rawlins and another \$36,000.00 for operations outside their levy.

Chairman Espy called for public comments. David Lewis asked how to safeguard the county for future years so it doesn't hit so hard. Commissioner Chapman stated the board knew there would be a 30% cut and planned accordingly and Commissioner Johnson added communication between the board and departments will be key along with a positive attitude on making it work. He added when the value rises again money must be set aside. Commissioner Glode reported they have communicated with outside agencies they need to find grants and alternative revenue sources as well.

Mr. Lewis asked how important collaboration will be going forward and Chairman Espy reported it will be key and the state's outlook is poor and he expects local government funding from the state to decrease as well. He also stated his appreciation for the county departments for coming with a positive attitude and making their reduced budgets work.

There being no public comments, Chairman Espy closed the public hearing at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve Resolution 2016-31 Appropriations Resolution and 2016-32 a Resolution to Provide Income Necessary to Finance the Budget and authorize the

Chairman’s signature on the final budget for the Fair, Museum and Library as well as contracts with the Medicine Bow Health Center, Old Penitentiary Joint Powers Board, Rawlins Carbon County Airport Board, South Central Wyoming Emergency Medical Service, Carbon County Senior Services and two with the Carbon County Library System. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31
APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on or before the 15th day of May 2016, the budget making authority, prepared and submitted to the Board a proposed county budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and

WHEREAS, such a budget was duly entered upon the records of this Board and a copy thereof was made available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on such budget, together with the summary of said budget, was published in the Rawlins Daily times on July 7, 2016, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the county; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on such budget at the time and place specified in said notice, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, following such public hearing if certain alterations and revisions were made in such proposed budget, all will more fully appear in the minutes of this Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the county budget, as so revised and altered, be adopted as the official county budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and that the expenditures of each officer, department or spending agency be limited to the amount herein appropriated.

GENERAL FUND

Grants	341	\$ <u>2,529,900.25</u>
County Commissioners	410	\$ <u>147,550.00</u>
County Clerk	420	\$ <u>390,839.49</u>
County Boards	425	\$ <u>4,826.00</u>
County Treasurer	430	\$ <u>290,076.75</u>
County Assessor	440	\$ <u>318,766.70</u>
County Sheriff	450	\$ <u>1,752,486.30</u>
County Attorney	460	\$ <u>649,500.00</u>
Buildings & Grounds Administration	470	\$ <u>468,476.62</u>
Buildings & Grounds Utilities	471	\$ <u>591,979.80</u>
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	472	\$ <u>212,686.00</u>
Dixon Airport	473	\$ <u>43,525.00</u>
County Coroner	480	\$ <u>125,815.66</u>
Extension Office	490	\$ <u>84,815.52</u>
Clerk of District Court	500	\$ <u>211,379.66</u>
Information Technology	510	\$ <u>641,095.04</u>
Jail	522	\$ <u>1,660,209.14</u>

Radio Tech	523	\$ <u>65,934.56</u>
Road and Bridge	530	\$ <u>1,183,958.59</u>
Road & Bridge Maintenance Fund	532	\$ <u>2,580,256.29</u>
Elections	550	\$ <u>75,639.00</u>
Public Health	560	\$ <u>201,280.00</u>
Mental Health	563	\$ <u>53,177.89</u>
Administration	570	\$ <u>4,404,118.50</u>
Lease/Bonds	571	\$ <u>1,710,284.73</u>
Planning / GIS	580	\$ <u>185,797.60</u>
Fire Protection	581	\$ <u>239,085.00</u>
Emergency Management	582	\$ <u>33,700.00</u>
Outside Agencies	584	\$ <u>476,400.00</u>
Cash Reserve Fund	595	\$ <u>1,509,406.02</u>
TOTAL General Fund Appropriation		\$ <u>22,842,966.11</u>
County Museum Board		\$ <u>428,743.70</u>
County Library Board		\$ <u>408,108.59</u>
County Fair Board		\$ <u>324,982.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ <u>24,004,800.40</u>

Dated this 18th day of July, 2016.

Board of County Commissioners
Carbon County, Wyoming
-s-John Espy
-s-John Johnson
-s-Lindy Glode
-s-Leo Chapman
-s-Sue Jones

Attest:
-s-Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE INCOME NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE BUDGET

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of July, 2016 this Board adopted a County budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, calling for the following appropriations.

General Fund	\$ <u>22,842,966.11</u>
Fair Fund	\$ <u>324,982.00</u>
Museum	\$ <u>428,743.70</u>
Library Fund	\$ <u>408,108.59</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>24,004,800.40</u>

And, **WHEREAS**, after deducting all other cash and estimated revenue, it is necessary that the following amounts be raised by general taxations, and in order to raise such sums of money, it is

necessary that the following levies be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as shown opposite each fund:

	Amount to be Raised	Mill Levy
General Fund	\$ <u>6,818,200.40</u>	11.526
Museum	\$ <u>130,140.91</u>	00.220
Fair	\$ <u>0.00</u>	00.000
Library Fund	\$ <u>150,253.59</u>	00.254
TOTAL	\$ <u>7,098,594.90</u>	12.000

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the foregoing levies be made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2016.

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ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the report of expenditures in the amount of \$226,728.97. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve a bill to Sunrise Sanitation for \$65.00. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried with all voting for the motion except Commissioner Jones who abstained due to a personal conflict.

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve a bill to Rawlins Automotive for \$562.71, Shively Hardware for \$745.72 and True Value of Rawlins for \$893.56 for an aggregate total of bills paid today of \$228,995.96. 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
A THRU Z DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION, INC	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	\$4,007.64

ALSCO, AMERICAN LINEN DIVISION	SOAP/SHOP TOWELS	\$65.68
ASPEN FAMILY DENTAL	DENTAL SERVICES	\$1,370.00
BAGGS, TOWN OF	RENT/WATER/SEWER	\$194.80
BANGS, DANIELLE	MILEAGE	\$24.00
BENNETT, H MICHAEL	LEGAL SERVICES	\$843.75
BI INC.	MONITORING SERVICES	\$1,118.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CARBON COUNTY	MEMBERSHIP FEES/QTR 2 TANF	\$1,173.64
BRANNON, J REED	MILEAGE	\$180.00
BUILD RITE LUMBER SUPPLY	MARKING SPRAY/GLOVES/SHIPPING FEES	\$53.34
CALLISON, TOM	MILEAGE	\$94.20
CANDY MOUNTAIN	BUILDING SIGNS	\$340.00
CARBON COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER	EVALUATION	\$150.00
CARBON POWER & LIGHT INC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$1,738.09
CASPER STAR-TRIBUNE	ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID	\$264.60
CATHEDRAL HOME FOR CHILDREN	SWAG SPONSERHIP/MAY FUNDING	\$1,100.00
CBM FOOD SERVICE	JAIL FOOD	\$8,282.30
CENTURY LINK	PHONE SERVICES	\$86.77
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	JAIL CABLE	\$120.08
CNA SURETY	SMITH/PETERSON BOND	\$200.00
CORTHELL AND KING, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES	\$843.75
COWBOY CHEMICAL	DETERGENT	\$178.60
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	CLEANING PAD	\$37.05
DAILY TIMES	ADVERTISING	\$281.40
DALLIN MOTORS INC	OIL CHANGE	\$109.78
DEVINE LAW	LEGAL SERVICES	\$3,681.50
DH PACE COMPANY	DOOR KEY PROGRAMMING	\$50.61
DIRTY BOYZ SANITATION, INC	TRASH SERVICE	\$270.00
DIXON, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$260.00
EDA CONSULTING ENGINEERS	JEFFERY CENTER PROJECT	\$880.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC	TEST BALLOTS	\$884.53
ENCAMPMENT, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$83.00
ERICKSON & ROBERTS	LEGAL SERVICES	\$40.00
FATBEAM LLC	DARK FIBER SERVICE/INTERNET	\$5,244.75
FLEXSHARE BENEFITS	JUN 2016 PREMIUMS	\$99.00
FORSTER LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION, INC.	LANDSCAPING SERVICES	\$320.00
GCR ELECTRONICS, LLC	MONTHLY SITE RENTALS	\$1,200.00
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	CEILING LIGHTS	\$183.75
GRAINGER	ASSORTED BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$1,215.37
GREATER WY BIG BROS/SISTERS	QTR 2 2016 TANF	\$2,393.87
HAGOOD, VICKI	MILEAGE	\$28.00
HANNA, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$226.38
HANSEN, LORETTA J.	MILEAGE	\$128.00
HARRIS GOVERN FT. COLLINS USER GROUP INC	ANNUAL DUES	\$150.00

HIGH PLAINS POWER	ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$334.59
HIGH PLAINS VISION CENTER	VISION SERVICES	\$2,072.00
IRON J TOWING	TOWING SERVICES	\$900.00
J H KASPAR OIL COMPANY	FUEL	\$6,795.82
JACKALOPE PRINTING	PRESSBOARD	\$7.40
JACK'S BODY & FENDER REPAIR	TOWING SERVICES	\$267.00
JOHNSTON, RANAE	MILEAGE	\$12.50
JORDAN'S LAWN CARE	LAWN CARE	\$30.00
KENCO SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY	ALARM MONITORING	\$36.00
KILBURN TIRE COMPANY	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$909.84
KING SOOPERS CUSTOMER CHARGES	PHARMACY ITEMS/CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$335.29
KONE ELEVATORS ESCALATORS	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	\$335.85
LARAMIE YOUTH CRISIS CENTER	QTR 2 2016 TANF	\$724.69
MACPHERSON, KELLY & THOMPSON, LLC	LEGAL SERVICES	\$4,535.75
MATTHEW BENDER & CO, INC.	COURT RULES/WY STATS	\$296.41
MCGRAW, JOAN	MILEAGE	\$24.00
MEDICINE BOW, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$210.00
MERCEDES TRANSCRIPTION, INC	TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES	\$170.06
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	JAIL HEALTH SUPPLIES	\$348.94
MORLAN, GENE	LANDSCAPING SERVICES	\$280.00
MPM CORP / EVERGREEN DISPOSAL	TRASH SERVICE	\$105.00
MURANE & BOSTWICK, LLC.	LEGAL SERVICES	\$517.20
MY OFFICE ETC.	ASSORTED OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$455.59
NORCO, INC.	CYLINDER RENTAL	\$768.15
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	HEADLIGHT	\$125.56
PERKINS OIL CO	FUEL	\$3,748.97
PERRY, ABBY	ENTOMOLOGY UNIT STUDY	\$9.90
PICKETT, CHAD	MILEAGE	\$40.20
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE/LEASING FEES	\$1,478.19
PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY	ASSORTED STAMPS	\$484.37
PLUS ELECTRIC INC.	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	\$1,870.90
PRAIRIE DOG ELECTRIC, LLC	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	\$95.98
QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$112.60
RAWLINS AUTOMOTIVE	ASSORTED VEHICLE MAINTAINENCE SUPPLIES	\$562.71
RAWLINS FAMILY MEDICAL, P.C.	MEDICAL SERVICES	\$175.00
RAWLINS, CITY OF	LANDFILL FEE/ WATER/SEWER	\$3,101.40
ROBIDOUX ENTERPRISES	OIL/FILTER	\$139.49
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$20,031.88
ROSS' AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	BLOWER MOTOR	\$333.98
ROWAN, KRISTY	MEETING SUPPLIES	\$7.48
RYAN ELECTRONICS INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	\$4,127.88
SARATOGA AUTO PARTS, INC.	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$141.70
SARATOGA SUN	ADVERTISING	\$1,502.63

SARATOGA, TOWN OF	WATER/SEWER	\$148.54
SCHERMETZLER, SHEELA M ED.S.	DATA CLEANING	\$245.00
SCHILLING & WINN PC	LEGAL SERVICES	\$365.83
SHEETS, ED	BUILDING REPAIRS	\$225.11
SHEPARD'S	FUEL	\$1,858.02
SHIVELY HARDWARE	BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$745.72
SIMPLE DISTRIBUTORS, LLC	COPY PAPER	\$12,600.00
SNAKE RIVER PRESS	NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION	\$30.00
SOURCE GAS	HEATING FUEL	\$4,397.05
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	ASSORTED OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$482.15
STATE OF WY - PUBLIC DEFENDER	PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPLEMENT	\$47,411.25
STODDARD, CURTIS T.	DENTAL SERVICES	\$404.91
SUNRISE SANITATION SERVICE, LLC.	TRASH SERVICE	\$65.00
SWEETWATER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	JUVENILE DETENTION FEES	\$1,383.61
T.W. ENTERPRISES, INC.	GENERATOR REPAIR	\$689.69
TANDAN SANITATION SERVICES	TRASH SERVICE	\$80.00
TERMINIX	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	\$38.00
THOS. Y. PICKETT & CO., INC.	VALUATION CONTRACT	\$5,500.00
TRADING POST	FUEL	\$17.77
TRUE VALUE OF RAWLINS	ASSORTED BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$893.56
U S POSTMASTER-RAWLINS	PO BOX RENEWAL	\$66.00
US BANK	ASSORTED CHARGES	\$2,830.84
VAN'S WHOLESALE LLC	ASSORTED BUILDING SUPPLIES	\$767.55
VOIANCE LANGUAGE SERVICES LLC	TRANSLATION SERVICES	\$6.00
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN PENSION FUND	VOLUNTEER FF PENSION	\$600.00
WACO	REGISTRATION FEES	\$295.00
WAILES, FIO	TRANSLATION SERVICES	\$25.00
WALKER, JEANETTE R.	MILEAGE	\$16.00
WARRIOR SERVICES, LLC	PEST CONTROL SERVICES	\$60.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$600.64
WILLIE, O.R.	MILEAGE	\$45.00
WIMPENNY, ROBERT G DDS	DENTAL SERVICES	\$550.00
WRECK-A-MEND	DECAL INSTALLATION	\$248.00
WY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$23,118.67
WY LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	TRAINING	\$148.50
WY MACHINERY COMPANY	EQUIPMENT REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$18,989.72
WY PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	TESTING SERVICES	\$689.00
WY RENTS, LLC	AUGER RENTAL	\$131.50
WY WASTE SERVICES-RAWLINS	TRASH SERVICE	\$1,495.67
YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	\$922.53
YOUNG, CHARLES MD	MEDICAL SERVICES	\$1,050.00
Grand Total		\$228,995.96

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded and Clerk Bartlett noted the consent agenda includes the July 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes; bond for Owen Williams, Treasurer for the Medicine Bow Conservation District in the amount of \$10,000; bond for Russell Waldner, Board member of the Saratoga-Carbon County Impact JPB in the amount of \$25,000; bond for Mary L. Hohnholt, Board member of the Carbon County School District #2 Recreation Board in the amount of \$10,000; bond for Beverly Hannum, Treasurer for the City of Rawlins in the amount of \$100,000; bond for Garry L. Goergen, Board member of the Predator Management District Board in the amount of \$10,000; Clerk of District Court receipts for \$2,253.23. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Piche, Buildings Manager, reported he received approximately \$9,800 rebate from Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) from the Carbon Building upgrades. RMP would like to use the information publically.

Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Rocky Mountain Power allowing them to use the Carbon Building project rebate as public advertising. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Piche reported he recently met with the project manager on the Carbon Building HVAC project noting there will be a change order to hard wire the doors rather than a wireless system. This will require a change order totaling up to \$15,000.00 noting it would be paid from the lease/purchase.

Mr. Piche stated he is waiting on a couple leases for attorney review and deferred to Attorney Davis on the status. Attorney Davis reported she has reviewed the CDL lease and has approved it.

Mr. Piche requested the county begin to put a dollar amount into the in-kind leases so the county and lessor are aware of the value. Western Wyoming Family Planning's lease will be in-kind at \$2,250 per year and Cathedral Home will lease space for juvenile services at an in-kind donation valued at \$14,925.00 per year.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve the Lease agreement between the Wyoming Department of Transportation for the Commercial Driver License examination and testing area with rent to be collected at \$1,200 per year for three years. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Piche reported he submitted a list from the fair board noting projects they wanted completed noting his crew has been at the property completing many of these tasks. The outstanding projects should mostly be completed prior to fair time.

Mr. Piche noted a boiler at the jail failed last week and he is investigating the cause and he will have a full estimate to repair it soon noting it will be costly. Treasurer Baldwin reported the jail operations & maintenance fund can pay for the repair.

Mr. Piche reported that Cat loader from the Dixon Airport was advertised for sale and the advertisement noted hours that was grossly understated and he has since heard some members may not want to sell. He asked how the board would like to proceed. Chairman Espy stated the equipment may be more valuable to the county and Commissioner Johnson agreed noting he would still like to purchase the equipment from the Cody airport. The board agreed and asked Mr. Nation to assess the loader before returning the equipment to Dixon.

Road & Bridge

Bill Nation, Road & Bridge Superintendent presented a letter of response to the US Forest Service request for the County to take over the maintenance on the Cedar Pass Road. Mr. Nation stated the result of the road almost closing last year during hunting season was a concern to many. He agreed last year to keep the road open during hunting season and that was a success. Mr. Nation stated the statutory procedure would apply for the county to accept this in the road system, and he recommends accepting the road noting part of the procedure would be to bring the road up to the county standards. Chairman Espy read the proposed response for the records.

July 18, 2016

Melanie Fullman, District Ranger
United States Forest Service
P.O. Box 249
Saratoga, WY 82331

RE: Forest Road 261

Dear Ranger Fullman:

The Carbon County Board of Commissioners are writing in response to your email asking whether Carbon County has any interest in receiving ownership of Forest Road 261. As your email pertains to deeding Forest Road 261 to the county, the required statutory process would need to be followed before your request could be considered by this Board. In addition, it is customary practice to require the entire road be brought to the standards which the county roads must meet, prior to this occurrence. Any costs for bringing the roads to the appropriate standard would be borne by the Forest Service.

A long-term agreement for county maintenance would also require that the Forest Service bring the road up to the current standards, and pay any associated costs with doing so. Due to financial constraints, the costs for continued maintenance would still need to be provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Please contact Bill Nation, Carbon County Superintendent of Road and Bridge, if you have any questions regarding the standards that county roads are required to meet.

Sincerely,

-s- John Espy, Chairman on behalf of the
Carbon County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Board of Commissioners
Gwynn Bartlett, County Clerk
Bill Nation, Road and Bridge Superintendent

Commissioner Glode moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter to Melanie Fullman, District Ranger US Forest Service regarding Forest Service Road 261. Commissioner Chapman seconded and Commissioner Johnson noted he requested the entire letter be inserted into the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nation discussed the Brush Creek fire in Colorado making its way into Wyoming. Commissioner Chapman asked if the county is reimbursed for road & bridge work and Mr. Nation explained the process noting the county would be eligible.

The Savery Creek Bridge right of way meeting to discuss the project is July 22 at the WY Department of Transportation shop.

Planning & Development

Certifications

Sid Fox, County Planning Director presented a Certification of Recommended Action for Z.C. Case #2016-06 – Roy and Joyce Gray (Applicants) and Jeffrey and Julia Magargle (Land Owners).

Commissioner Chapman moved to accept the Certification of Recommended Action from the Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission for Z.C. Case #2016-06 – Roy and Joyce Gray (Applicants) and Jeffrey and Julia Magargle (Land Owners) and schedule a public hearing for August 2, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fox reported he is also helping the County Fire Department with the Brush Creek fire by providing a map of all structures in the area.

Attorney

Ashley Mayfield Davis, Deputy County Attorney presented the Guardian Ad Litem MOU.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Guardian Ad Litem Memorandum of Understanding for the county to provide office space at the Carbon Building. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer

County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin reported the tax sale will be August 18 and it is the largest ever at this point noting landowners can still pay their taxes to keep properties out of the sale.

Clerk

Gwynn Bartlett, County Clerk presented the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Salary Contribution Agreement.

Commissioner Chapman moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Salary Contribution Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a resignation from Joyce Whitson from the Carbon County Library Board and applications for the Valley Community Center Joint Powers Board and Baggs Solid Waste Disposal Board.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the resignation from Joyce Whitson from the Carbon County Library Board. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones moved to appoint Caleb Owens to the Valley Community Center Joint Powers Board for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2019 and to reappoint Cynthia Cobb to the Baggs Solid Waste Disposal Board her term will expire September 2019. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Museum

Kelly Bohanan Museum Director reported she met with the WY Arts Council recently about their grant for the High Plains Pow Wow noting it was the highest rated in 130 applications.

There was discussion on the upcoming solar eclipse and whether or not the Museum would advertise this as an event.

Commissioners

Commissioner Jones reported the county applied for an emergency grant with the Wyoming Department of Transportation Aeronautics Commission for Dixon Airport runway lights.

Commissioner Jones moved to authorize the chairman to sign the Certificate of State Grant-in-Aid with the WY Department of Transportation Aeronautics Commissioner for runway lights at the Dixon Airport in the amount of \$9,000 grant funds and \$1,000 from the county. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Public Hearing

Chairman Espy opened a public hearing at 11:03 a.m. to hear requests to renew liquor licenses and issue one new Restaurant Liquor license.

Clerk Bartlett stated notices were placed in the Saratoga Sun for two consecutive weeks specifically on June 8 and 15.

Clerk Bartlett presented the following renewal Malt Beverage Licenses and Liquor Licenses for the Board's consideration.

Malt Beverage Licenses:

Brush Creek LLC dba Brush Creek Ranch, Michael Allen Konrath dba Elk Mountain Conoco, Seminoe Boat Club Inc. dba Seminoe Boat Club, Ken & Kimberly Thyne dba Ten Mile Inn, Manjeet Inc. dba Three Forks Muddy Gap Service and Robert F. Konrath dba Walcott Service.

Retail Liquor Licenses: Cody Resources LP dba A Bar A Ranch, Rendezvous Lodge LLC dba Rendezvous Lodge, Three Forks Lodge Inc. dba The Lodge at Three Forks and Whistle Pig Inc. dba Whistle Pig Saloon / Beaver Liquor.

Resort Liquor License: Old Baldy Corporation dba Old Baldy Club.

Restaurant Liquor License: White Lodging Services Corporation dba Brush Creek Saloon.

Limited Retail Liquor License (Club): Sinclair Golf Course Inc. dba Sinclair Golf Course.

Clerk Bartlett presented the following new Restaurant Liquor License application for the Board's consideration.

New Request for a Restaurant Liquor License: Water Valley Inc dba Water Valley Ranch.

Chairman Espy called for public comments and Sam Galetos for the Water Valley Ranch was present noting the operations will remain the same. Commissioner Espy, closed the public hearing at 11:07 a.m.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve all liquor license and malt beverage renewals and the issuance of a new Restaurant Liquor License to Water Valley Ranch as read by Clerk Bartlett each for a term of one year expiring August 31, 2017. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Power Company of Wyoming

Kara Choquette and Roxane Perruso from the Power Company of Wyoming presented an update on the Chokecherry & Sierra Madre Windfarm Projects in light of the board's consideration

today of a resolution to request wind tax remain the same. They expect Phase 1 permits to be in place by end of 2016 and they currently don't have any purchasing agreements in place but decided to move forward knowing these risks. After deciding to move forward with these known risks a legislative committee directed the Legislative Service Office to draft a bill to increase taxes. She stated she would appreciate the county's support of a resolution to the legislature to keep the tax the same.

Ms. Perruso thanked the board for the letter of support on the draft Environmental Impact Statement and noted they wanted to personally convey their appreciation for the support from the county over the last eight years.

Chairman Espy asked if other wind developers are on board to fight the proposed bill and Ms. Perruso stated they will be meeting with each committee member personally but they have not formed a coalition with other developers.

There will likely be two bills, one to draft a bill to increase the dollar amount per megawatt hour tax and the other to issue a refund of the production tax however Ms. Perruso has not had opportunity to review any draft bills to be able to comment more thoroughly.

Commissioner Glode moved to approve Resolution No. 2016 - 33, A Resolution of the Wyoming Legislature's Interim Joint Revenue Committee Advocating for the Support of the Preservation of the Excise Tax on Electricity Produced by Wind at its Current Level and Opposing any Increase in Such Excise Tax, in Order to Encourage Wind Development and to Realize the Resulting Future Direct and Indirect Revenues to the State of Wyoming, Wyoming Counties and Wyoming Municipalities From Wind Development and Ancillary Wind Development Businesses, Thereby Providing Long Term and Sustainable Benefits to Local Communities noting the resolution will be distributed to the Joint Revenue Committee. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2016 – 33

A RESOLUTION TO THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE'S INTERIM JOINT REVENUE COMMITTEE ADVOCATING FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION OF THE EXCISE TAX ON ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY WIND AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL AND OPPOSING ANY INCREASE IN SUCH EXCISE TAX, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE WIND DEVELOPMENT AND TO REALIZE THE RESULTING FUTURE DIRECT AND INDIRECT REVENUES TO THE STATE OF WYOMING, WYOMING COUNTIES AND WYOMING MUNICIPALITIES FROM WIND DEVELOPMENT AND ANCILLARY WIND DEVELOPMENT BUSINESSES, THEREBY PROVIDING LONG TERM AND SUSTAINABLE BENEFITS TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, currently wind energy development in Wyoming provides economic benefits including job creation, fostering development of ancillary businesses and services, and contributing to state and local governments through three forms of tax revenues: sales and use tax, property tax and an excise tax on electricity produced by wind; and

WHEREAS, the largest wind project proposed to be built in Wyoming, the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project (CCSM Project) with up to 1,000 turbines, would be located in **Carbon County**, home to 10 incorporated municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Wyoming Legislature repealed the sales and use tax exemption for wind energy as of January 1, 2012. The CCSM Project's approximately \$232.4 million in revenue yielded from these taxes will be distributed to the State General Fund, to all 23 Wyoming counties, including Carbon County, and to incorporated municipalities, making additional revenue available to address local funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CCSM Project will pay property taxes at the 11.5% industrial property rate based upon the assessed value of the land and multimillion-dollar improvements. This results in approximately \$377.5 million yielded from these taxes over the project's initial economic life, to be distributed to the Wyoming State Foundation, to Carbon County, and to local community organizations like Carbon County School Districts 1 and 2, the Carbon County Higher Education Center, the Carbon County library system, the Memorial Hospital of Carbon County, and other community entities; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Legislature's 2009 Wind Task Force, after comprehensively studying taxation of the wind energy industry recommended that any proposed new tax be imposed in a way so as to encourage the diversification of Wyoming's economy and so as not to force the wind energy industry out of Wyoming. The Task Force recommended that any tax burden proposed be calculated to maintain some competitive advantage for Wyoming's wind energy producers as they deliver electricity to the market; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of House Bill 101-HEA0018 in 2010, the Wyoming Legislature imposed an excise tax of \$1.00 to be paid on every megawatt-hour of electricity generated by wind, after a turbine has been operating three years – making Wyoming the only state that imposes an excise tax on electricity created by wind. This results in ongoing tax revenues of approximately \$10.5 million annually from the CCSM Project, with these revenues to be distributed 60% to all of the counties where wind energy projects are located and 40% to the state general fund; and

WHEREAS, the CCSM Project represents an estimated \$5 billion capital investment in Carbon County, significantly boosting the county's total assessed valuation; an estimated 114 new operations jobs, making the wind farm one of the county's largest private employers; and an estimated state and local tax total of nearly \$800 million in tax revenues due to these three tax streams paid over the initial project life; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's Industrial Siting Division issued an Industrial Siting Permit to the CCSM Project in 2014, following two days of public hearings in which Albany County, Sweetwater County, Carbon County, and municipalities that were parties to the proceeding testified in support of the CCSM Project permit, and in which the permit was approved 7-0 by the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council; and

WHEREAS, Power Company of Wyoming has been engaged for approximately ten (10) years in obtaining Federal, State and local permits and has invested millions of dollars and has obtained local authorization in the form of a recommendation for approval from the Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission and approval from the Board of County Commissioners, in the form of a Conditional Use Permit, Resolution No. 2012-43, and;

WHEREAS, such authorization has been extended by Resolution 2014-19 and Resolution No. 2015-35, and;

WHEREAS, Carbon County has been participating as a Cooperating Agency through the Bureau of Land Management's National Environmental Policy Act, EIS process and the US Fish & Wildlife Service NEPA, EIS Process and is well informed of the regional significance and economic benefits to the State of Wyoming, Carbon County and all of the municipalities within Carbon County; and

WHEREAS, based on the review of the socioeconomic data, the BLM FEIS concluded that constructing 1,000 wind turbines would generate approximately \$4.6 to \$6.2 billion in capital investment and would create up to 1,150 seasonal jobs in the third and fourth years of the project construction. Up to 590 additional jobs could be induced through CCSM Phase I Project workers spending money in the local economy for goods and services and from additional demand for governments providing community services. Employment from maintenance and operation of the wind turbines would create approximately 150 jobs and induce an additional 120 jobs for approximately 25 years. The BLM FEIS estimated that 1,320 seasonal jobs would be filled by workers temporarily or permanently migrating into the area; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Siting Council determined that impact assistance funds related to the CCSM Project would be allocated to affected governmental entities in the manner to which they all agreed: 3% to Albany County, 3% to Sweetwater County, and 94% to Carbon County. The total forecasted average quarterly impact assistance payment over 29 quarters is \$1.67 million, and the total forecasted yearly impact assistance payment is \$6.05 million, calculated as described in Wyoming Statute §39-15-111. Carbon County's portion will be further allocated as listed below:

33.5% each to Carbon County and to City of Rawlins,
7% each to the Towns of Sinclair and Saratoga,
3% each to the Towns of Baggs, Dixon, Elk Mountain, Encampment, Hanna and Medicine Bow,
and 1% to the Town of Riverside, providing additional potential funding for local governments; and

WHEREAS, local governments are experiencing sharp revenue shortfalls, as evidenced by **Carbon County's** 2015-2016 fiscal year decrease in sales and use tax revenues of approximately \$300,000 dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments are experiencing sharp revenue shortfalls due to lower tax revenues from oil and gas production and a lower valuation, which caused **Carbon County's** 2016-2017 fiscal year funding to decrease by approximately \$3.5 million; and

WHEREAS, sharing tax revenues from wind power development and production with Wyoming municipalities and counties helps to further diversify our economy and provide a new sustainable and predictable revenue stream for Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Joint Revenue Committee's May 11, 2016, decision to draft a bill that would further increase taxes on wind energy projects to an unspecified level would increase the risks associated with developing wind projects in Wyoming and may well put the economic benefits and substantial tax revenues to be received from the CCSM Project at risk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING, we request that the Wyoming Legislature's Interim Joint Revenue Committee preserve the excise tax on electricity produced by wind at its current level and cease consideration of any bills that would increase the excise tax in order to encourage wind development and to realize the resulting future direct and indirect revenues to the state of Wyoming, Wyoming counties and Wyoming municipalities from wind

development and ancillary wind development businesses, thereby providing economic diversity, long term and sustainable benefits to all Wyoming cities and towns.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of July, 2016.

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

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

Attest:

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

CITIZEN/COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Johnson moved to go into executive session at 12:04 p.m. with Clerk Bartlett and Ashley Mayfield Davis to discuss personnel and potential litigation. Commissioner Chapman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Glode moved to come out of executive session at 12:20 p.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

WY PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Glode moved to appoint the following individuals to Carbon County's WY Public Lands Committee: David Throgmorton representing energy, Joe Parsons representing conservation districts, Shaleas Harrison representing public, Jerald Rollison representing the sportsmen, Connie Wilbert representing non-motorized recreation, Glen Alameda representing agriculture and ranching, Jeff Streeter representing conservation, Jeb Steward representing public, Joan McGraw representing motorized recreation and Commissioners Johnson and Espy with Commissioner Johnson as the secretary. Commissioner Jones seconded and the first vote was for all positions except Mr. Throgmorton and this vote carried unanimously. There was a second vote taken on Mr. Throgmorton's position and this vote carried with all voting for the motion except Commissioner Chapman who abstained due to conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Glode seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held August 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Higher Ed Building, Baggs, 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 or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.