

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2009
County Courthouse
Rawlins, Wyoming**

A special meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners commenced Monday, September 14, 2009 at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming to discuss extrication and fire protection. Attending the meeting were Chairman Terry Weickum; Vice Chairman Jerry Paxton; Deputy County Attorney Marcia Bean; and County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett. Commissioner Charles Young was absent.

Present from the Town of Hanna were Leonard Gonzales, Linda Wagoner, Linda Crabtree, Richard Fowler; Mayor Richard Kinder, Town Clerk Penny Parr, Town Marshall Rick Birkholz, and Attorney Peggy Trent.

Present from Carbon County Fire were Dwight France and Larry Trapp.

Chairman Weickum stated that the purpose of the meeting today is to discuss fire protection in and around Hanna. He stated after a previous visit with the Hanna Town Council, he thought the two departments would be combined into one department and asked the Town to prepare an agreement reflecting this. Included in the agreement would be that the County could use the Town's building for equipment storage and the County would run the department and provide training. He stated the Memorandum of Understanding presented by the Town later did not reflect these agreements. Chairman Weickum asked someone from the Town to speak about what their desires are.

Mr. Fowler spoke for the Town of Hanna stating various points including the following:

1. Concern about the status of the Town's current volunteers. He would like them to retain their current status. There was discussion of if these individuals could join the County Fire Department if the departments were combined.
2. Mr. Fowler stated that the Town would like to keep their name and add "Carbon County" to that. Chairman Weickum stated that the name must be clear for liability insurance reasons, for example Carbon County Fire Department Hanna Division. Mr. France stated that the Town of Hanna is required to have fire protection for their town as they are incorporated. Chairman Weickum stated that Hanna could contract with the County for fire protection.
3. Mr. Fowler stated the Town of Hanna would maintain paying for retirement for their volunteers.
4. Mr. Fowler stated his concern for turning their facility over to the County with nothing in return except for fire coverage. He proposed Hanna would pay half of the utilities and maintenance on vehicles and the County would pay the other half. There was discussion of how costs are shared in other towns throughout the County. Mr. France stated that the town equipment is insured, maintained, and licensed by the towns, and the County equipment is insured, maintained and licensed by the County. He added that normally each town has provided the County with a place to locate its equipment as they are able to use the County's equipment in return.

Mr. Trapp suggested a meeting between the County and Town volunteers along with a representative of the Commissioners and the Hanna Town Council to sort out any issues the volunteers might bring up. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Hanna. Mr. Trapp asked that before this meeting, the Town of Hanna determine which, if any, equipment would be allowed to leave the Town limits as this will be important to the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Weickum adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

-s- Kathy Turner, Deputy Clerk

Approved this 6th day of October 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman