

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Medicine Bow Senior Center, Medicine Bow, Wyoming**

The regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCCC) commenced Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at the Medicine Bow Senior Center in Medicine Bow, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Chairman Terry Weickum, Commissioners Jerry Paxton and James Elliott; County Clerk Gwynn Rothenberger; and County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin.

Chairman Weickum called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

VOUCHERS

The following vouchers were presented and approved for payment:

ALCO	SUPPLIES	131.29
ALSCO, AMERICAN LINEN	SUPPLIES	51.37
AMERIGAS	PROPANE	1,223.71
ASPEN HOUSE RESTAURANT	PLANNING MEETING	61.41
BAGGS, TOWN OF	RENT FOR DEC 07 & JAN 08	200.00
BANK OF COMMERCE	SCHOOLING/TRAVEL/FUEL/SUPPLIES	1,877.38
BI-RITE SPORTING GOODS	SUPPLIES	44.99
BLACK HILLS AMMUNITION	AMMUNITION	578.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SUPPLIES	762.00
BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET	103.15
BUCHHAMMER & KEHL	LEGAL SERVICES	84.51
C C COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES	200.00
CARBON COUNTY VETERINARY	SUPPLIES	42.67
CARBON POWER & LIGHT	ELECTRICAL SERVICE	1,720.52
CARSON INDUSTRIES, INC.	SUPPLIES	249.90
CBM FOOD SERVICE	JAIL FOOD	2,924.88
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	SUPPLIES	1,313.91
CESKO, DAVID MD	MEDICAL SERVICES	55.00
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	374.30
COMPUTER SOFTWARE ASSOCIATES	TRAINING/SCANNER/PARTS/SUPPLIES	14,362.69
COUNTRY STORE	FUEL	37.81
CROSS COUNTRY EDUCATION	SLC SEMINAR	159.00
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	SUPPLIES	196.25
DAILY TIMES	ADVERTISING	3,362.85
DALLIN MOTORS INC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	30.95
DEEP SWEEP INC.	CLEANING SERVICES	75.00
DELEON, JOHN	LEGAL SERVICES	2,501.00
DIVERSIFIED DOOR, LLC	DOOR FOR SHOP IN DIXON	820.00
DIXON, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	33.50
DUBOIS TELEPHONE EXCHANGE	PHONE SERVICE	32.47
EAGLE UNIFORM SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	40.69
ENCAMPMENT, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	54.00
FARMER BROTHERS COFFEE	SUPPLIES	39.32
FLEET SERVICES	FUEL	434.46
FSH COMMUNICATIONS	COURTHOUSE PAYPHONE	70.00
GASES PLUS	SUPPLIES	1,132.56
GCR ELECTRONICS, LLC	SITE RENTALS	600.00
GOLDEN, MARY	MILEAGE	204.24
GOSVENOR, MAXINE	MILEAGE	35.42
GRAHAM, LEROY	MILEAGE	114.54
HENKE MANUFACTURING	SUPPLIES	2,373.30
HETTGAR, BRIDGET M R	MILEAGE	275.95
HIGH PLAINS VISION CENTER	VISION SERVICES	128.00
HILLCREST SPRING WATER	SUPPLIES	115.00
HILLTOP CONOCO	FUEL	157.34
HOWARD SUPPLY COMPANY	TIRE CHAINS	2,410.68
HYLAND ENTERPRISES, INC	SUPPLIES	40.60
IKON FINANCIAL SERVICES	RENT/PROPERTY TAX	5,684.99
IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	93.49
INTERMOUNTAIN RECORD	MICROFILM SERVICES	70.50

J H KASPAR OIL COMPANY	FUEL/OIL	14,793.38
JACKALOPE PRINTING	SUPPLIES	23.18
JERRY'S DONUTS	SUPPLIES	17.98
KAR KRAFT INC	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	41.42
KILBURN TIRE COMPANY	SUPPLIES	68.36
KONE ELEVATORS ESCALATORS	ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE	1,291.21
KROGER - KING SOOPERS	SUPPLIES	144.85
LASCANO, LUIS	JANITORIAL SERVICES	3,700.00
MADER, TSCHACHER, PETERSON	AUDIT-FINAL BILLING	5,300.00
MATCO TOOLS	TOOLS	561.08
MCILVAINE RENTALS	JAN 2008 RENT	650.00
MEDICINE BOW, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	53.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	MEDICAL SERVICES	283.00
MOORE MEDICAL CORP.	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	116.90
MPM CORP / EVERGREEN	GARBAGE SERVICE	20.00
MURANE & BOSTWICK, LLC	LEGAL SERVICES	1,552.00
NIBBLES & BYTES	SUPPLIES	346.00
PAMIDA INC	RX/SUPPLIES	95.40
PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	697.72
PLATTE VALLEY MEDICAL	MEDICAL SERVICES	630.00
PRAIRIE DOG ELECTRIC	COOLER	3,147.00
PRO-CHEM INDUSTRIAL	SUPPLIES	239.95
PUBLIC SAFETY WAREHOUSE	SUPPLIES	549.95
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	36.92
QWEST	PHONE SERVICES	4,632.44
RAWLINS AUTOMOTIVE	PARTS	188.12
RAWLINS FIRE EXTINGUISHER	SUPPLIES	164.18
RAWLINS GLASS	SUPPLIES	34.13
RENDEZVOUS LODGE LLC	MEALS/FUEL/OIL	774.44
RIDEOUT, RICHARD P.C	LEGAL SERVICES	34.50
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	ELECTRICAL SERVICE	9,892.11
ROSS' AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	210.67
RYAN ELECTRONICS INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FEE	4,007.29
SARATOGA AUTO PARTS	PARTS/TOOLS	379.59
SARATOGA FEED & GRAIN	SUPPLIES	11.15
SARATOGA SUN	ADVERTISING	2,703.26
SARATOGA, TOWN OF	WATER & SEWER	13.75
SHEPARD CONSTRUCTION	OFFICE PAYMENT	33,117.50
SHEPARD'S	FUEL	1,469.13
SMITH, SUSAN	MILEAGE	9.66
SNAP-ON TOOLS	PARTS	106.88
SNOQUIP	PARTS	390.63
SNOWY RANGE PROPANE	PROPANE	2,185.35
SOURCE GAS	GAS SERVICE	13,299.34
SRIDHARAN, P V MD	MEDICAL SERVICES	172.00
STAN'S QUIK LUBE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	73.01
SUBLETTE COUNTY	SIDESCAN SONAR	15,000.00
SUNRISE SANITATION SERVICE	GARBAGE SERVICE	25.00
SWEETWATER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	2,572.50
TERMINIX	PEST CONTROL	40.00
THOMSON HEALTHCARE DMS INC.	SUPPLIES	46.90
TRADING POST	FUEL	358.56
TREVATHAN, SABRINA R	TRANSCRIPTS	25.00
TRIPLE XXX CONTRACTING	GARBAGE SERVICE	45.00
TRUE VALUE OF RAWLINS	SUPPLIES/SPREADER/TOOLS	513.73
VALLEY OIL COMPANY	FUEL	1,285.26
VALLEY PHARMACY	RX'S	148.35
VAN'S WHOLESALE	SUPPLIES	222.07
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE SERVICE	84.49
WILSON, MARGARET	SEWING	12.00
WIMPENNY, ROBERT G DDS	DENTAL SERVICES	367.00
WY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SVCS	DEC COPIES	51.00
WY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	JAIL FOOD LICENSE	100.00
WY MACHINERY COMPANY	PARTS	3,749.46
WY STATIONERY	SUPPLIES	580.13
WY WASTE SERVICES-RAWLINS	GARBAGE SERVICES	1,191.45
XEROX CORPORATION	BASE CHARGE/RENT/PRINTS	2,563.77

YAMPA VALLEY ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL SERVICE	137.17
	GRAND TOTAL	185,032.86

ELECTED OFFICIALS / DEPARTMENT HEADS

CLERK

Minutes

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Commissioners meeting as presented. Chairman Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Resignation

Clerk Rothenberger resented a letter from Commissioner Elliott resigning his appointed position on the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation Board. She added he will now be serving as a Commissioner and this position has already begun being advertised for applicants along with two other open positions.

Commissioner Paxton moved to accept James E. Elliot, Jr.'s resignation from the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation Board effective immediately. Chairman Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Receipts

Clerk Rothenberger presented receipts for the Planning & Development Office totaling \$1,930.00

George K. Baum & Company Agreement

Clerk Rothenberger reported she has received Resolutions from each municipality except the Town of Dixon supporting the county entering into an agreement with George K. Baum & Company for election planning and dissemination of voter information. She added that Dixon plans to approve the resolution this evening and will forward it to her upon approval. Chairman Weickum further explained the purpose of the Agreement.

Commissioner Elliott moved to authorize the Chairman to execute the Agreement Letter with George K. Baum & Company to act as Election Consultant and Underwriter for bonds or other types of debt financing in conjunction with projects to be placed on a 2008 Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax ballot. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Disclosure Letter

Commissioner Paxton moved to accept the disclosure statement for Commissioner James Elliott. Chairman Weickum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bonds

Clerk Rothenberger presented a Rider for County Assessor Sheryl Snider's bond. She reported the original bond was marked appointed rather than elected and the Rider corrects the error.

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve the Rider to Sheryl Snider's bond changing the position to elected from appointed. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dixon Airport Grants

Clerk Rothenberger discussed the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Amendment prepared by Nick Tessitore of Airport Development Group. This would amend Fiscal Year 2008 funds to the previous AIP project number as it has not yet been closed. The total amendment is \$77,190.00.

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Request for Amendment Number 2 to an Existing Grant for the Wyoming Aeronautics Commission for State Project Number 9U4-02X adding \$77,190.00 to the grant. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Rothenberger reported there must also be an additional State grant applied for to cover the additional expense of runway construction. She presented an application to the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division, for a \$117,221.00 grant with a 20% county match of \$29,305.00 totaling \$146,526.00.

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Request for State Airport Aid for Phase II of the Rehabilitation of the Runway at the Dixon Airport in the amount of \$117,221.00 with a \$29,305.00 match totaling \$146,526.00. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Rothenberger asked if the Board preferred to approve the Request for Reimbursement and Change Orders for the project or wait until grant funds are secured. The Board advised it would prefer to wait until the State and the FAA award these funds.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Baldwin presented several tax abatements on behalf of the County Assessor's Office and each was executed by Chairman Weickum. Treasurer Baldwin presented signature cards for a severance tax checking account with the Bank of Commerce adding Chairman Weickum to the account.

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize Chairman Weickum to be a signatory on the severance tax account with the Bank of Commerce. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Lou Kline, County Planner, presented an invoice for Murane & Botswick totaling \$1,552.00 for the Board's consideration. He added this invoice is Planning Commission's attorney expenses. The Board authorized payment of the invoice.

Mr. Kline requested and received authorization to attend an American Planning Association training seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada in April for new planning directors. The Board requested he determine if it would be cheaper to fly or drive and report back.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Bill Nation, Road & Bridge Superintendent, introduced Medicine Bow's area manager Philip Cook and thanked him for his hard work. Mr. Nation presented a letter for the Board's approval authorizing him to act on behalf of Road & Bridge for the county throughout the 2008 calendar year. Commissioner Elliott questioned if Mr. Nation updated the Board on his actions and Mr. Nation replied that when possible he requests authorization before an agreement is made but there are times when meeting dates do not fall properly and he would then update the Board after he acts on an issue.

Commissioner Paxton moved to approve Bill Nation to act on behalf of Road & Bridge for the county for the calendar year 2008. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nation provided an update on County Road 1 and 3 project leading to Medicine Bow Fuel and Power's (MBFP) plant. He reported while the completion date has been delayed one year, MBFP still plans to begin construction this spring. Commissioner Weickum thanked the Road & Bridge Department for their hard work and all the snow removal they have been doing on

County Roads.

SENIOR SERVICES

Terri Archer, Senior Services Director, questioned when the county will begin advertising for the positions opening up on the Senior Services Board in April. Clerk Rothenberger replied that her office will advertise in February or early March and interviews will be shortly thereafter.

Ms. Archer requested authorization to have a light pole installed by High Plains Power at the Medicine Bow Senior Center. She stated the parking lot is very dark and dangerous for seniors. She presented a Maintenance Ticket from High Plains Power stating the fee would be \$11.44 per month for the light.

Commissioner Paxton moved to authorize High Plains Power to install a security light at the Medicine Bow Senior Center. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

An audience member thanked Terri Archer and Don Mayfield for their work at the Medicine Bow Senior Center.

Donna Culver of the Medicine Bow Library stated her appreciation of the Library and the Board giving that building for the Library's use.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Beetle Killed Trees

Commissioner Paxton discussed a meeting he had at the Forest Service Office regarding beetle killed trees in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and possible solutions of what could be done with them. Attending that meeting were conservation districts from Carbon and Albany Counties, representatives from congressional offices, Jeb Steward State Representative, State Forester, and regional forest office employees as well as various companies interested in doing something with these dead trees. Commissioner Paxton thinks there are real possibilities of fitting this in with the DKRW Fuel & Power plant near Medicine Bow as they have a branch of their company that deals with woody biomass.

According to Commissioner Paxton, Bill Crapser from the State Forester's Office, painted a bleak picture of the economics of removing dead trees from the forest and getting something useful with them. Commissioner Paxton stated he feels there is a great economic benefit from removing these dead trees by providing jobs plus the value of preventing a catastrophic forest fire that wipes out watershed and wildlife habitat.

Commissioner Paxton feels it is time for the State Forester to present a plan outlying their intentions regarding this subject. Commission Paxton will be meeting with Jeb Steward, Bill Crapser and the Governor to discuss the issue and he will provide an update after that meeting. Commissioner Elliott added that Colorado pines are expected to be completely dead by 2013. He reported that Tim Stamp of DKRW verified that their new plant could handle beetle kill trees if there is a time the wood products become available.

EMS Joint Powers Board

Commissioner Weickum provided an update on a proposed Emergency Medical Joint Powers Board. He stated a committee has been formed to approach the problem of emergency medical care. The direction the committee has taken is trying to form a joint powers board (JPB) to help run and manage an ambulance service. Currently the hospital is running a service out of Elk Mountain during the day and volunteers are providing the service at night. The JPB will be made up of the county and various municipalities in Carbon County and possibly Sweetwater County. Commissioner Weickum hopes in the long-term that legislators will ultimately make someone responsible for emergency medical care and follow that up with funding. The committee will be devising bylaws and upon completion and approval of the Attorney General, various entities will begin appointing board members. Commissioner Weickum stated he feels this is a sound plan for future emergency medical services.

Legislative Committee

Bill Nation reported there is a legislative committee that will be convening that he is concerned about. He says this committee is investigating the possibility of the state equalizing payments to each county. He is particularly concerned with Joe Evan's comment that the committee will be considering the basic goods and services of each county minus roads. Mr. Nation feels that county roads are the most quantifiable asset each county owns and must be considered, especially roads impacted by school bus routes, energy development and ranching activity. Commissioner Weickum stated this has been discussed by the legislature for some time and he agrees that each county is too different to equalize these payments. He added that on February 21, 2008, county officials will be meeting with Carbon County's legislators in Cheyenne to discuss various topics of concern.

Board Openings

Commissioner Paxton pointed out there are currently numerous board openings and he encouraged individuals to apply. He particularly discussed the steering committee for the revisions to the Carbon County Land Use Plan. Clerk Rothenberger added that these openings are advertised in county newspapers and are available on the county's website at www.carbonwy.com.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Weickum adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Rothenberger, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 5th day of February 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman