

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 30, 2008
County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming**

A workshop of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at the County Courthouse in Rawlins, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Chairman Terry Weickum, Vice Chairman Jerry Paxton; Commissioner James Elliott; County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett; County Treasurer Cindy Baldwin; and County Attorney Cindy DeLancey. Present from the Memorial Hospital of Carbon County (MHCC) was Dr. Kenneth Schulze and Art Canaday, Mike Reed, and Rex Baldwin were present from the MHCC Board.

Chairman Weickum called the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Commissioner Paxton moved to amend the agenda to have an executive session at 1:43 p.m. for personnel. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Paxton moved to go into executive session for personnel at 1:43 p.m. with Attorney DeLancey, Clerk Bartlett, Dr. Kenneth Schulze of Memorial Hospital of Carbon County, Mike Reed, Rex Baldwin, and Art Canaday of the MHCC Board. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Paxton moved to come out of executive session at 1:54 p.m. declaring that no action was taken during the session and that the minutes of the session be approved as written and sealed. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF CARBON COUNTY

Energy Savings Project

Chairman Weickum stated the reason for today's meeting is to coordinate and inform both boards so they can work together. He began by asking about the energy savings work at the hospital and the possible need for another change order. Dr. Schulze stated the project began in 2004 with a proposal from URS Corporation that suggested using a Wyoming Business Council grant of \$350,000.00 with same match from MHCC. URS informed MHCC at that time that over a 10 year period MHCC would realize the savings.

Dr. Schulze explained that as the Wyoming Department of Health (DOH) became involved, certain aspects of the building needed brought to code in order to complete the energy savings work. The initial contract signed in August 2006, \$1,300,000.00 and so far one change order was approved making the total project currently approximately \$2.1 million. Recently a second change order of \$859,000.00 was presented as DOH again corrected code deficiencies in the building. Commissioner Paxton clarified that this was not an original design defect that caused the deficiencies but rather just the fact that the building was old.

Chairman Weickum asked if there is a possibility of any additional change orders on this project and Dr. Schulze stated he now has the final approval of the state, leading him to believe that from the State's standpoint, no change orders should be issued to bring things up to code. Chairman Weickum clarified that if the 1% specific purpose tax passes, most of the code issues would have needed to be remedied before that work could begin and Dr. Schulze agreed. Dr. Schulze added for utilization of the building for upcoming years, these upgrades needed done and Mr. Reed agreed stating these repairs would keep MHCC as a viable facility for years to come.

Commissioner Paxton asked the bottom line figure of the project and Dr. Schulze replied \$2.7 million. Chairman Weickum confirmed that MHCC's new legal counsel is reviewing the existing contract and Dr. Schulze stated that modifications are already being made to reduce some of the current costs without causing more costs later.

Commissioner Elliott asked about possibilities of other change orders needed that are not initiated by the State, perhaps by a contractor. Dr. Schulze stated MHCC and its Board has tried to anticipate as much of this as they can however there is no certainty there won't be more change orders from work found later. Mr. Canaday stated that asbestos also needed removed that wasn't in the original bid and this added a great deal of cost to the project.

Chairman Weickum asked that MHCC keep the Commissioners informed of the contract and construction progress.

Chairman Weickum asked that MHCC ensure their new legal counsel review statutes pertinent to memorial hospitals.

Clerk Bartlett asked for direction on contacting the Bank of Commerce (BOC) for the change order amount. Mr. Reed stated that the change order amount will be finalized and he will contact the Clerk and Barney Conway. In the meantime, Clerk Bartlett agreed to contact BOC to get the paperwork underway.

According to Dr. Schulze, completion of the project is anticipated in January or February 2009.

COUNTY PLANNER INTERVIEW

Dale Powers was interviewed via telephone for consideration of the County Planner position. There was further discussion of past applicants and energy issues in the county.

CLERK

Advertising Contract

Clerk Bartlett presented a contract with the Daily Times to decrease the amount paid by county offices for legal, classified, and display advertising. She stated she expects the contract to save approximately \$8,160.00 the first year. She asked for authorization to execute the contract October 1, 2008, when the rate can be effective.

Commissioner Elliott moved to authorize Clerk Bartlett to execute the Retail Advertising Contract between the Rawlins Daily Times and Carbon County for a period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 at a rate of \$5.40 per column inch for legal, classified, and display advertising for at least 7,200 column inches. Commissioner Paxton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Meritain Health

Clerk Bartlett explained that the Board's previous motion to utilize the Great West Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) network for our reinsurance carrier, US Fire, requires some changes to the county's health insurance plan. She stated that according to Mark Moreno of Meritain, Great West requires a difference between the PPO participants and non-participants deductibles, out of pocket amounts, and co-insurance amounts. She requested authorization to make the required changes to the plan stating that claims made outside the PPO network increase individuals and families deductible by only \$100.00 per year, and that the out of pocket expense and co-insurance would remain the same as the current plan. She stated the Board's other option is to not utilize Great West's network however this would increase the county's reinsurance premium by approximately \$100,000.00 for one year.

Commissioner Elliott moved to authorize Clerk Bartlett to negotiate with Great West PPO through Meritain regarding the deductibles, out of pocket max, and coinsurance, and for Clerk Bartlett to sign renewal health insurance documents on behalf of the County. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairman Weickum called a recess at 3:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m.

Dixon Airport

Commissioner Paxton stated he spoke with Ray Weber of the Little Snake River Valley Airport Board and their activities and Mr. Weber expressed his concerns about the airport and its board. The BOCC directed the Clerk to advertise for two open positions on the LSRV Airport Board.

County Buildings Manager, Leroy Graham, reported on his recent visit to the Dixon Airport. The BOCC authorized Mr. Graham to have fencing at the airport repaired and to investigate snow removal equipment for the LSRV Airport Board and communicate his findings with them.

RECESS

Chairman Weickum called a recess at 3:48 p.m. and reconvened at 4:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Weickum adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 7th day of October 2008

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman