

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORK SESSION WITH CARBON COUNTY
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Monday, August 1, 2011
Carbon Building, Rawlins, Wyoming**

A joint work session with the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Monday, August 1, 2011 at the Carbon Building in Rawlins, Wyoming. Attending the meeting were Chairman Terry Weickum; Vice Chairman Jerry Paxton; Commissioner Leo Chapman; Deputy County Attorney Mike Kelly; Deputy Clerk Kathy Turner; Planning Director Sid Fox; Planner/GIS Specialist Thomas Powell; and Administration & Deputy Zoning Administrator Kristy Rowan. Also present were Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) Legal Counsel James Bell and P&Z members Chairman Troy Maddox; Shorty Ballard; Richard Wilson; and Chad Pickett. Barry Bryant was absent.

The work session began at 9:15 a.m.

Discussion

The use of public lands was discussed and that the Secretary of Interior wants the local governments to identify areas that need to be protected. Commissioner Paxton stated we do not have strong enough clout in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Plan) to help strengthen the county's position on this. Mr. Fox stated they need to look at the new plan to see if they can amend the plan to strengthen the public lands portion. Chairman Weickum stated there is a lot of focus on personal property rights and not public lands. Mr. Fox discussed the steps on how to amend the Plan.

Secretarial Order #3310 was discussed regarding the uses and access to public lands and the management of wilderness study areas and land with wilderness characteristics. Commissioner Paxton stated the county needs to strengthen its position on this.

There was a discussion of how to move forward on the public lands issue and that Mr. Fox and Mr. Bell will work on this. Commissioner Paxton noted he would like to state the BOCC supports the multiple use concept. Chairman Weickum noted that tourism is the second largest industry in Wyoming and we need to strengthen this. Mr. Maddox stated that this should also include the locals and not just tourists.

RECESS

A recess was called at 10:21 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

Discussion Continued

There was a discussion about the county participating in meetings to make its presence known. Mr. Fox discussed the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Summary of Action Implementation Items.

There was a discussion of the growth, development and buffer zones around the city and towns and existing Memorandums of Understanding with Rawlins, Medicine Bow and Saratoga and if

this is adaptable to other municipalities. Chairman Weickum asked if the BOCC could get a list of who has authority and jurisdiction in the areas outside of the city and towns and Mr. Bell replied he would provide this list.

Mr. Fox stated his high priority is to amend the Carbon County Zoning Resolution and Carbon County Subdivision Regulations to comply with the Plan and zoning standards for alternative energy development.

Mr. Fox explained why it is important in Carbon County to recognize ranch lands and open space and noted we need to look at conservation uses which could be a use of public lands.

There was a discussion of the processes for Zone Changes and Conditional Use Permits and Mr. Bell explained the difference between the two.

There was a discussion on subdivisions, density concepts and density bonuses. Mr. Fox advised he is working on a three tier concept for exemptions, minor subdivisions (one to five lots) and major subdivisions and they would be looking at this in the next year.

The BOCC thanked them for all their hard work and stated they have done an amazing job.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Maddox adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 16th day of August 2011

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman