

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP WITH THE RAWLINS CITY COUNCIL AND
THE OLD PENITENTIARY JOINT POWERS BOARD
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
City Hall, Rawlins, Wyoming**

A workshop with the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at the Rawlins City Hall in Rawlins, Wyoming at 7:05 p.m. Attending the meeting were Chairman Terry Weickum, Vice Chairman Jerry Paxton; Commissioner Charles C. Young; and County Clerk Gwynn Bartlett.

Rawlins City Council members present were Mayor Kenneth Klouda, City Manager Steven Golnar, Debari Martinez, Patricia Schuler, Judy Dixon, Louis Espinoza, Sr., and Steven Kovachevich.

Old Penitentiary Joint Powers Board (the Board) members present were Dennis Carpenter, Bob Pixler, Mary-Pat Whitfield, Glenna Kauppila, David Michie III, Gary Hansen, and Leigh Nation. Also present were Tina Hill, Site Director and Kathy Morales Assistant Site Director.

Mr. Golnar opened the meeting by stating that the purpose is to bring everyone together to discuss operations of the Old Penitentiary (Prison) and their visions and plans for the future. Mayor Klouda stated his mission is to maximize the Prison's income and to keep the restoration and operations up. He asked the Board what their direction is and where they intend to go.

Ms. Nation reported that Tina Hill is working on both short and long-term goals. Mayor Klouda asked what the marketing plan is and Ms. Hill replied that two billboards are going up, she has requested funds from the County for more, and a new website is now online. She reported brochures are located with the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Council, local motels, and in many other areas. Chairman Weickum suggested an education for the motel clerks about the Prison so when visitors arrive and ask what there is to do, these clerks point out this site.

Councilman Martinez stated the exterior appearance of the Prison needs great improvement. Councilman Wells stated that this is the gateway to the Mormon Handcart Center and suggested using that as part of their marketing strategy. Mayor Klouda again asked what the vision and plans for the buildings are, and what the vision for the property as a whole is. He stated that if the exterior were cleaned up Music in the Park could possibly be held there some day, drawing more attention and tourism to the site.

Commissioner Paxton discussed the possible benefit of using a program similar to the Adopt a Highway program and adapting this to fit by approaching school and other organizations to assist. Councilman Kovachevich stated that inmate labor should be utilized. Ms. Hill stated she spoke with the State Penitentiary Warden today and he stated he would try to help however there are not likely many inmates that would be eligible to assist. Commissioner Paxton suggested the group contact the Cooperative Extension Service about the issues with the lawn. There was discussion of holding a community cleanup day encompassing the Prison and possible other properties as well.

Councilwoman Dixon suggested the Prison target specific groups that may be meeting in town and ask for more involvement for them to utilize the facility.

Ms. Nation stated one idea the Board has discussed are old-timers baseball games. There was discussion of security and what events could be held at the Prison. Councilman Martinez asked the Board to come up with a plan for the future which could possibly help with future funding requests.

Ms. Hill discussed her priority list and Mayor Klouda replied that he again would like to hear the vision for the site and then the group can sit down and determine the route to achieve the goal. Ms. Kauppila stated that she appreciated the suggestions and that the group would take the issues and suggestions back to their board meetings and further discuss them.

Mayor Klouda asked that the Board hold a meeting and regroup with the City and County at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the workshop was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

-s- Gwynn G. Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk

Approved this 19th day of May 2009

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING

-s- Terry Weickum, Chairman