

**CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1999**

A special meeting of the Carbon County Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 24, 1999 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Carbon County Courthouse. In attendance were Commissioners Lee Meacham, Linda Fleming and Chairman Artlin Zeiger; Linda Smith, Carbon County Clerk; and Susan Vasey-Haynes, Deputy County Clerk. Also in attendance were Bridget Hettgar, Carbon County Public Health and Linda Gunnels, Western Wyoming Family Planning.

Chairman Zeiger opened the Public Hearing for the Community Services Block Grant, Public Health Department, at 3:45 p.m.

Linda Gunnels and Bridget Hettgar were present to explain about the Community Services Block Grant, which also encompasses Family Planning. Ms. Hettgar explained that this is the thirteenth year for applying for the grant in the amount of \$49,784.00 which includes \$34,202.00 for emergency health, \$6,074.00 for parenting classes and \$6,876.00 for Family Planning. Dave Franke had been administering the grant for \$2,630.00 per year. The \$2,630.00 for administration of the grant will revert to the general fund, since the County Clerk's office will administer the grant.

Linda Smith stated for the record that there have been no other requests received other than what was being presented to the Commissioners.

The public hearing was closed by Chairman Zeiger at 3:56 p.m.

The Commissioners approved and signed the grant application.

PUBLIC HEARING - ROAD VACATION

The public hearing was opened by Chairman Zeiger at 4:00 p.m. for the vacation of Miller Hill Road.

In attendance were Commissioners Lee Meacham, Linda Fleming and Chairman Artlin Zeiger; Tom Campbell, Carbon County Attorney; Bill Nation and Bart Evans; Carbon County Road and Bridge Department; Linda Ann Smith, Carbon County Clerk; and Susan Vasey-Haynes, Deputy County Clerk. Also in attendance were Bill Miller, Glen Alameda, John Parker and Miles Williams of the Overland Trail Cattle Company (TOTCCO).

Chairman Zeiger stated for the record that he received a telephone call from a citizen and needed to state that there are two game wardens who are very exercised over the Miller Hill Road vacation. Mr. Zeiger also stated that Deputy County Attorney Wade Waldrip has not been directly involved in the negotiations of the project, and that action is not connected in any way to Bill Nation, Road and Bridge Department, or private business.

Tom Campbell, County Attorney, addressed the group, stating that this road vacation is a very old controversy and has been going on for several years. The process began with Craig Williams in 1978, then County Attorney, and negotiations have continued through four different land owners. At one point, access was even blocked by a landowner with a backhoe. However, since TOTCCO acquired the land bordering the roadway, negotiations have progressed to the point of accepting the vacation of the road. Mr. Campbell wished also to stress that Wade Waldrip has studiously avoided anything involving the road negotiations in which he may have a conflict. The map showing the proposed vacation has been on display in the County Clerk's Office for public view, all public notices have been proper and the appropriate time periods have passed to allow for the public hearing to vacate to be held. He

stated that the Commissioners may pass the resolution, but it would not be recorded until Mr. Miller has signed the resolution as well.

Mr. Zeiger stated for the present that the vacation of the Miller Hill Road is not cutting off access to public land, in fact, is opening up more public land for access. Mr. Zeiger also questioned why those who have opposed so vehemently the vacation of this particular road were not present during the public hearing.

The Commissioners, Mr. Campbell, Ms. Smith and Bill Nation all stated that other letter or comments concerning the vacation have not been received. The Clerk's Office received only one inquiry in person.

Bill Miller stated on behalf of his company that since they have purchased the land adjacent to the roadway that the vacation has been a simple solution to an unpleasant issue and that they wish to fix the problem and leave the controversy behind. He also stated that there are no access issues and could not understand why there was a controversy before.

RECESS

Chairman Zeiger declared a recess at 4:20 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining a Notary Public. The meeting reconvened at 4:24 p.m.

Mr. Campbell requested that Linda Smith see to the recording of the resolution and copying of packets. Mr. Campbell will see to the distribution of those packets.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business or discussion, the public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Carbon County Board of Commissioners

-S-Artlin Zeiger, Chairman

-S-Linda Ann Smith, Carbon County Clerk