

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
CARBON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RAWLINS, WYOMING
March 29, 2002**

The Board of County Commissioners convened on Friday, March 29, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Carbon County Courthouse, Rawlins, Wyoming. The purpose of the special meeting was to fill the vacancy of House of Representatives for House District 15. Attendees were: Commissioners Artlin Zeiger, Chair, Linda Fleming and Lee Meacham, Lindy Schmidt, District Court Clerk, Linda Ann Smith, County Clerk, Shelley Welsh, Deputy County Clerk, Representatives of the Carbon County Republican Central Committee, Sandy Pedersen, Chair and Harry Lovato, Candidates Henry Hewitt, Terry Weickum and Dave Rader.

Chairman Zeiger called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Chairman Zeiger advised those present that the purpose of the meeting was to fill the vacancy in House of Representatives House District 15 left vacant due to the appointment of James A. Tony Rose to the position of U.S. Marshal. Chairman Zeiger announced that the State Republican Committee in conjunction with the Carbon County Republican Central Committee had submitted the following three names for consideration to fill such vacancy: Terry Weickum, Henry Hewitt, David Rader.

County Clerk Linda Smith advised that for the record that notification from both the Carbon County Republican Central Committee and the State Republican Central Committee had been received in a timely manner according to statutes, and that notice of this special meeting had been advertised in the Rawlins Daily Times.

Chairman Zeiger asked each candidate to make a presentation to the board of his views; and advised that the Commissioners would thereafter ask questions of such candidates. The three candidates, Henry Hewitt, Terry Weickum and Dave Rader then presented their views on prevailing issues and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Hewitt presented his top three issues as (1) School finance, (2) Department of Corrections pertaining to Wyoming State Penitentiary issues and (3) taxes. Mr. Hewitt also stated he did not know if it would be feasible for him to run for the office and may not be able to dedicate the time necessary for the position if reelected. He, however, felt it was important to carry out strong support of the penitentiary and judiciary committee matters.

Mr. Weickum spoke to the Commissioners regarding the work of the judiciary committee and the importance of the State Penitentiary being renovated and seeing to it that it is used as an existing facility. Mr. Weickum presented his three issues as: (1) the State Penitentiary and relating issues (2) School funding and its complex problems and (3) sales tax and other taxes. Mr. Weickum opposes state income tax.

Mr. Rader presented a fact sheet to the Commissioners. He believed that the largest issue facing the legislature at the current time was school funding. He listed the penitentiary and taxation options as his second and third issues. Mr. Rader also believes that vocational education is important. He opposed state income tax and feels other routes to gain more revenue, if needed, could be pursued.

Commissioner Fleming asked Republican Central Committee Chairperson, Sandy Pedersen, if there was significance to the process used by the Committee to indicate preference of the three names. Ms. Pedersen said that the names were presented as the by-laws directed.

The Commissioners thanked the candidates for their interest and time. Commissioner Fleming moved to appoint David Rader to fill the vacant legislative seat in the Wyoming State House of Representatives for House District No. 15, formerly held by J. A. Tony Rose. Commissioner Meacham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Clerk Smith advised Mr. Rader as to the process to be sworn in for his new position.

Chairman Artlin Zeiger adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

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-s- Artlin Zeiger, Chairman

ATTEST:


-s- Linda Ann Smith, County Clerk