

**REPORT TO THE  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF  
CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Recessed  
Until Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.  
Carbon Building- Courthouse Annex,  
215 W. Buffalo Street, Second Floor, Rawlins, WY**

A regular meeting of the Board of Carbon County Commissioners (BOCC) commenced Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex in Rawlins, WY. Attending the meeting were Chairman, Sue Jones, Vice Chairman Travis Moore, Commissioners John Espy, John Johnson and Garrett Irene. All were present electronically except Commissioner Espy who appeared in person.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve December 2023 payroll and benefit expenses of \$1,112,585.17, insurance claims and premium expenses of \$341,510.28, the report of expenditures in the amount of \$388,925.55 for an aggregate total today of \$1,843,021.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Detail Line Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
Abels, Duane E.	County Health Officer	\$1,633.33
Acme Electric Company, LLC	Elect. Repairs to Sm. Animal Pen	\$7,866.34
Advanced Network Mgmt., Inc.	Managed Services Contract	\$2,315.00
Angeloff, Angela L.	Reimbursement-Desk Storage Bins	\$14.64
Apex Communications	Radio Contract Services	\$4,000.00
Apg Media of the Rockies	Misc. Ads	\$96.32
ARDURRA	Remove Apron & Taxiway	\$39,955.25
Baggs, Town of	Water & Fire Services	\$1,412.45
Bank of Montreal - Mastercard	Air Filters	\$28,747.66
Bartlett Oilfield Service, Inc.	Install Culverts on Oil Springs Rd	\$8,186.56
BI Inc.	Monthly Electronic Monitoring Service	\$1,384.50
Black, Anne M.	Depot Deposit	\$150.00
Blakeman Propane	Propane Services	\$5,668.20
Boys & Girls Clubs of Carbon Co.	Qtr. 1 2024 TANF	\$1,773.69
Bridger Fabrication	Rebuild/Reinforce Plow Mts & Bridge Mat.	\$4,526.31
Capital Business Systems Inc.	IT Copiers	\$2,201.31
Carbon County Fair Board	Quarter 4 2023 Rentals	\$2,914.00
Carbon Co. Veterinary Hospital	Canine Meds	\$304.41
Carbon Power & Light Inc.	Electric Services	\$2,313.97

CareRight Technologies, LLC	Monthly Bed Fee	\$140.60
Casada Funeral Home	Coroner Expense Burial	\$1,500.00
CIDNET	Jail Data	\$1,500.00
CNA Surety	Irene Commissioner Bond	\$170.00
Coal Creek Law	Legal Services	\$70.00
Communication Technologies	Replaced Coax Hagglund	\$346.55
Community Resource Center	2024 Dues	\$35.00
Core Legal, LLC	Legal Services	\$697.00
Cowboy Chemical	Power Wash/Spot Rinse/Sanitizer	\$387.50
Cowboy Supply House	Misc. Cleaning Supplies & Paper Products	\$2,546.71
DBT Transportation Services LLC	Quarterly Nadin/AWOS Maintenance	\$1,735.75
Dirty Boyz Sanitation, Inc.	Trash Services	\$3,334.50
Dominion Energy	Gas Services	\$487.74
Elk Mountain, Town of	Water Services & Rent	\$1,567.50
Employers Council	Membership Dues	\$7,350.00
Encampment, Town of	R&B Water Services	\$102.00
Engineering Associates	Bridge Evaluation & Deck Replacement	\$98.05
Erickson & Roberts	Legal Services	\$2,172.94
Fremont County Coroner's Office	Lab Fees	\$2,075.00
Galls/Quartermaster	Deputy Tactical Trousers	\$123.80
Grainger	Solenoid Valves	\$777.60
Greater WY Big Bros/Sisters	Dec. 2023 Co. Prevention Services	\$5,451.53
Greenwood Mapping, Inc.	Parcel Mapping	\$1,893.75
Groebner	Ground Level/Grounding Rod Kit	\$1,479.89
Guardian Alliance Technologies	Pre-Screening/Software Platform	\$60.00
Gulbrandson, Kimberly A.	Mileage	\$6.60
Hagan, Walter	Jury Trial Bailiff	\$150.00
Hanna, Town of	R&B Water Services	\$127.11
Hughes, Chris	Ph Travel	\$17.60
Iron J Towing	Abandoned Vehicle Tow Charges	\$1,800.00
Jeffrey Center Board	Quarter 4 Rentals	\$975.00
Jones Simkins	2023 Financial Statements	\$5,020.00
Kalen Marketing Solutions	Website Rebuild	\$31,000.00
Kaluzny, Emily	Personal Phone Usage-December 2023	\$30.00
Kaupila, Gordon L.	Soberlink/House Arrest Monitor	\$803.00
King Soopers Customer Charges	Meeting Snacks	\$14.97
KTGA/KBDY	Misc. Ads	\$470.00
Kurtak, Karen	Mileage	\$62.70
Lally, Brian J.	Mileage	\$178.20
Lifetime Benefit Solutions, Inc.	Cobra Fee	\$25.00
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc.	WY Court Rules 2023	\$96.43

McNees, James	Mileage	\$77.00
Medicine Bow, Town of	Water Services	\$218.65
Memorial Hospital of Carbon Co.	Reimbursement for Elevator Repairs	\$52,325.00
Merseal Law, LLC	Legal Services	\$4,450.00
Modern Marketing, Inc.	Evidence Bags	\$519.82
Moss, Barbara	Mileage	\$100.10
MPM Corp / Evergreen Disposal	Trash Services	\$130.00
Napa – Saratoga	Diesel Exhaust Fluid/Nuts/Bolts/Fuses	\$296.97
Newberry, Michael R.	Mileage and Travel Reimbursement	\$276.01
Norco, Inc.	Cylinder Rent	\$2,798.47
Olde Trading Post	Fuel	\$54.76
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Misc. Auto Parts & Supplies	\$448.34
Parker, Elizabeth	Mileage	\$5.17
Perkins Oil Co.	Fuel	\$7,421.37
Perue Printing	Misc. Office Supplies	\$755.75
Plus Electric Inc.	Replaced Fuse on Crane	\$172.50
Quill Corporation	R&B Supplies Shop	\$339.85
R.P. Lumber Company, Inc.	Paint For Jail	\$206.02
Rawlins Automotive	Misc. Auto Parts	\$1,408.60
Rawlins Hardware - 5405	Cable Ties	\$14.18
Rawlins Hardware - 5410	Misc. Supplies	\$993.93
Rawlins, City of	Water Services	\$2,330.06
RDO Equipment Co.	Motor Grader Oil Change Supplies	\$438.26
Republic Services #642	Trash Services	\$360.09
Rice-Prior, Denise	Inmate Mental Health Services	\$1,250.00
Riverside Ranch	Snow Blowing 2/5/23-3/23/23	\$6,300.00
RMA Armament, Inc.	Armor Plates	\$2,088.03
RNB State Bank	Misc. Gift Cards	\$144.80
Rocky Mountain Power	Electric Services	\$8,650.97
Rodabaugh, Sherry	Jury Trial Bailiff	\$150.00
Saratoga, Town of	R&B Water Services	\$48.50
Shively Hardware	Misc. Parts & Supplies	\$826.78
Sign Krafts	CCSO Decals	\$60.00
Slow & Steady Law Office, PLLC	Legal Services	\$15,580.00
Smith Psychological Services	Deputy Evaluation	\$400.00
Spaulding, Dawnette	Mileage	\$147.38
Staples Advantage	Misc. Office Supplies	\$723.06
State of Wyoming DCI	Sex Offender Fees	\$50.00
Summit Food Service	Jail Meals	\$8,653.36
Swanson Services Corporation	Jail Commissary	\$532.55
The Masters Touch, LLC	DMV Postcards	\$303.66

Tin Boy Garage	Large Tire Repair	\$30.00
Trudiligence, LLC	Ee Background Checks	\$69.97
US Postmaster-Rawlins	Po Box Renewal-Cc Fire Dept	\$70.00
US Bank	Misc. Charges	\$2,126.90
Valence Health Corp	Inmate Medical Services	\$6,500.00
Valley Oil Company	Fuel	\$2,094.93
Voiance Language Services LLC	Interpretation Services	\$6.00
Volunteers of America N. Rockies	Out Agency Youth Crisis Center	\$50,000.00
Walker, Jeanette R.	Mileage/Callout	\$38.10
Wohl, Judith	Mileage	\$66.00
WY Behavioral Institute	Emergency Detentions	\$10,508.00
WY County Treasurer's Assoc.	2024 Dues	\$200.00
WY Machinery Company	Shear Pin & Cutting Edges	\$2,821.70

Chairman Jones announced that due to concerns of road conditions and inclement weather this meeting will be recessed until Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Vice Chairman Moore moved to recess the meeting until Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9 a.m. and to issue an order to that effect and that all items on the agenda, including a public hearing will be held at the same time tomorrow. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS**

Chairman Jones added a Wellness Contract under the Clerk and removed the hospital.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the consent agenda noting any item could be removed for separate action. Clerk Bartlett noted the consent agenda includes the January 2, 2024, regular meeting minutes; monthly receipts from Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$5,394.00 and Carbon County Clerk in the amount of \$15,520.25, bonds for Alethea Foster, Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Baggs in the amount of \$50,000.00, Randy Arnold, Treasurer for Saratoga, Encampment Rawlins Conservation District in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Garrett Irene, Carbon County Commissioner in the amount of \$10,000.00, Meghan O. Lally, Treasurer for Little Snake River Conservation District in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Notice of Valuation Changes in the amount of (\$1,721.00). Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **Public Health**

Magen Cragen, Communicable Disease Outreach Coordinator for Public Health provided a monthly update for Public Health. They will be working on organizing this year's Care Fair, working with WY Health Fairs to visit communities for various blood draws, and she noted the Communicable Disease Unit showed a 69% increase in HIV cases in Wyoming last year which equates to 22 new cases.

### **Road & Bridge**

Kandis Fritz, Road & Bridge Superintendent presented an agreement with the Forest Service for board approval and the Chairman's signature. The agreement provides funding to apply magnesium chloride on County Road 401 through the forest. She mentioned that the landowner at Aspen Alley asked for the product not to be applied to that section however she plans to move forward unless 51% of the landowners request it not to be applied or unless the BOCC tells her not to. Ms. Fritz wasn't aware of any studies that the product could kill aspen trees and that the product is used in Yellowstone National Park and has been certified safe.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Participating Agreement between the County of Carbon and the USDA, Forest Service Medicine Bow-Routte National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland for the purpose of documenting the cooperation between the parties to apply Mag Chloride on County Road 401 with the US Forest Service reimbursing Carbon County for their share of the expenses in the amount of \$155,326.00. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fritz also presented a letter to the WY Department of Transportation formally requesting the replacement of two historic bridges located in Carbon County for board approval and Chairman's signature. The first one is bridge structure DMT, County Road 680, Bridge over Encampment River and located at mile post 1.10. The Substructure is in poor condition (level 4 rating). The second one is bridge structure DNC, County Road 3, Bridge over Medicine Bow River and located at mile post 7.10. The Deck is serious (level 3 rating) and substructure is poor (level 4 rating). Both bridges were built in 1915 and are 109 years old. Commissioner Johnson stated his concern for a bridge on CR3 as he thinks the structure is in good shape and there is minimal traffic and he doesn't like the appearance of the replacement being for him since it's near his house.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the letter to the WY Department of Transportation formally requesting the replacement of a bridge on County Road 680 for the BROS program. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and Mr. Fritz reported there are two bridges on County Road 3 that need looked at for future replacement and the replacements should be planned well in advance. She has had issues with obtaining an engineer to sign off on new decking and she stated this is a proactive approach and will take likely a decade to get replaced through the BROS program. Commissioner Johnson thought the road should be improved before the bridge is replaced. Commissioner Espy reiterated the BROS program is slow and asked what re-decking would cost and Mr. Fritz stated that she must have engineered specifications for decking and she cannot find an engineer to provide that work. Chairman Jones discussed options of finding an engineer. Commissioner Johnson said the deck is failing but if enrolled in the BROS program and it's not touched for 10 years and he thinks the deck needs replaced sooner. Ms. Fritz read from the WYDOT bridge inspection report of work that she had already done and that she

could do to distribute weight more evenly. Vice Chairman Moore questioned what happens with bridge maintenance during the decade the county waits for the BROS program. Ms. Fritz clarified that the county would install steel plate decking and monitor the bridge with WYDOT while the county waits for the replacement. Commissioner Espy said he would like to see the bridge on the list for any potential catastrophic failure while the county continues to maintain the interim. Commissioner Johnson disagreed as the traffic is extremely low. Kandis estimates this to be a \$2 million bridge replacement versus approximately \$600,000 for the county's portion if on the BROS list and she would rather let BROS handle the larger bridges and the county would replace smaller bridges on its own. Commissioner Irene discussed the Elk Mountain bridge that got replaced and that residents didn't want the historic bridge to be removed but, in the end, it was a good project for safety. He feels we should re-deck when needed and put it in the program with a final decision later, putting it on the list for the future. Commissioner Johnson said once the bridge is on the BROS program and the county were to pull it off the county would be responsible to reimburse the program for costs involved. Commissioner Espy said the state essentially shut down the Alcova bridge in Natrona County and he doesn't want to be in that situation in the future therefore he will support Ms. Fritz recommendations. Commissioner Johnson stated the Natrona County bridge and the Elk Mountain bridge comparisons aren't true comparisons due to the smaller traffic counts on CR3. The motion died with only Commissioner Johnson and Chairman Jones voting for the motion and the remaining commissioners voting against.

Vice Chairman Moore moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a letter to the WY Department of Transportation formally requesting the replacement of two historic bridges located on County Road 680, Bridge over Encampment River (DMT) and located at mile post 1.10 and on County Road 3, Bridge over Medicine Bow River (DNC) and located at mile post 7.10. Commissioner Espy seconded and Commissioner Irene agreed there isn't as much traffic but he feels this is a safety issue. The motion passed with all voting for the motion except Chairman Jones and Commissioner Johnson who voted against.

Ms. Fritz stated that speed limits on bridges need to be adhered to and enforced in addition to weight restrictions.

### **Building and Grounds**

Jeff Askins, Building Manager presented a contract for services for the generator repair at the jail totaling \$12,202.28.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Contract for Services with Wyoming Apparatus, LLC for generator repair at the Carbon County Jail and in the amount of 12,202.28. Commissioner Irene seconded and Commissioner Moore wanted to know what a replacement would cost in comparison to this replacement. Mr. Askins estimated hundreds of thousands. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Planning and Development**

Kristy Rowan, Planning & Development Coordinator and Zoning Administrator presented a Certificate of Recommended Action and requested a public hearing be scheduled. The applicant is Z. C. Case #2024-01 - Zoran and Vesna Vrhovnik.

Commissioner Irene moved to accept the Certification of Recommended Action from the Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission for Z. C. Case #2024-01 - Zoran and Vesna Vrhovnik and schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the Carbon Building – Courthouse Annex in Rawlins, Wyoming. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Land Use Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held from 3-5 p.m. today in the Carbon Rooms 1&2 at the Carbon Building-Courthouse Annex.

### **Sheriff**

Alex Bakken, Carbon County Sheriff reported that the first draft of the agreement with Riverside is drafted and being negotiated. The Saratoga dispatch agreement is also being negotiated and he spoke to the Saratoga Town Council meeting last night. Saratoga currently has 3 full-time dispatchers at this time and while the Council is reluctant, they are receptive to the idea that there may not be enough for a 24/7 center long-term. He stated that he is not looking for any revenue from the town for the services, only real costs for employees or other services. He would like to onboard their dispatchers only, not administrative services that other employees provide. He reported taxpayers are paying for these services 2-3 times over throughout the county. He received a \$5,000 donation for deputy winter clothing from HF Sinclair.

### **Clerk**

Gwynn Bartlett, Carbon County Clerk, presented proposals that were received for Grant Administration Services and Community Prevention Specialist Services for the Community Prevention Grant during the period of July 2024 through June 2026. She stated that proposals were received from Carbon County Public Health and Volunteers of America. Chairman Jones reported she, Clerk Bartlett, Steve Hamaker and Saratoga Councilperson Kathy Beck reviewed the two proposals and recommend going with Carbon County Public Health.

Vice Chairman Moore moved to award the grant administration services and Community Prevention Specialist Services to Carbon County Public Health for the Community Prevention Grant for the period of July 2024 through June 2026. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented a board application that she received from Judy Dixon for the Urban Systems Committee.

Commissioner Johnson moved to reappoint Judy Dixon to the Urban Systems Committee for a 4-year term ending January 2028. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gwynn explained the county employee blood draw will be February 15 from 7-10 a.m. Employees on the county's health insurance and eligible dependents can have blood tests paid for and earn money for their health reimbursement accounts. She presented a contact with WY Health Fairs for the various testing she proposes the county covers.

Commissioner Espy moved to authorize the chairman's signature on the 2024 Wellness Contract for Carbon County Employees with Wyoming Health Fairs dedicating what blood tests the county will pay for through May 2024. Commissioner Irene seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gwynn presented two Group Reopening Agreements with Blue Cross Blue Shield. These would allow BCBS to retroactively pay Knova Solutions for their work dating back to the county's renewal October 2023 when the fee was inadvertently left off the agreement.

Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on two Group Reopening Requests with Blue Cross Blue Shield to add Knova Solutions fee dating back to October 2023. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Commissioners**

Commissioner Espy discussed a notice from the USFS regarding Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System. Scoping comments are due on February 2, 2024, but based on the USFS timeline it is likely that significant portions of the plan have likely already been drafted. There have been a few counties already expressing interest in participating in the NEPA process. Counties were not listed on the notice as Cooperating Agencies but Commissioner Espy feels they should be. The plan amendment will apply to all forest regions and forests in Wyoming and will have implications for all counties with forested lands. He asked Attorney Davis if the county should send a letter demanding to be recognized as cooperators and she replied that she is happy to draft such a letter for the BOCC's consideration.

Commissioner Johnson asked if conservation districts were included due to their special knowledge about the topic and Commissioner Espy stated he didn't believe so.

Commissioner Espy moved to approve any commissioner's signature on a letter to the USFS expressing the County's interest in being recognized as a cooperator to participate in the NEPA process. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jones requested that her signature be ratified on two federal grant applications and a categorical exclusion (CATEX) application for Dixon Airport.

Vice Chairman Moore moved to ratify the Chairman's signature on Dixon Airport AIP 3-56-0038-024-2024 FAA Grant Application, AIP 3-56-0038-024-2025 FAA Grant Applications and Appendix A Documented CATEX for acquiring and demolishing the north hangars and demolish connectors at the Dixon Airport. Commissioner Espy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



## **CARBON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

John Rutherford, County Fire Warden discussed the district's progress including that they are looking in the next year at creating a position for a county trainer. They have begun discussing offering services to municipalities, worked with the clerk's office on ensuring the county's asset list agrees with his list for what the county owns and may provide to the district later this year.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Espy moved to go into executive session at 10:08 a.m. with Clerk Bartlett and Ashley Mayfield Davis to discuss personnel, potential litigation and other matters considered confidential by law. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Espy moved to come out of executive session at 11:20 a.m. noting no action was taken and that the minutes be signed and sealed. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Commissioners Discussion**

Vice Chairman Moore reported the Council of Governments meeting was moved from tonight to next Tuesday due to weather and he attended the recent Economic Development Corporation meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – Amendment to Road and Bridge Policy**

Chairman Jones opened a public hearing at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments on amendments to the Carbon County Road Management Policy. Kandis Fritz, Road & Bridge Superintendent overviewed the changes that were made in the most recent update of the County Road Policy. The amendment to the policy includes a proposal to amend Carbon County Roads 497 and 499 completely to seasonal roads which would modify the maintenance provided for these roadways, and to increase the mileage for seasonal County Road 401 to include an additional 10 miles of roadway which were obtained by Carbon County.

Commissioner Espy discussed the possibility of turning CR499 into something like where county resources allow versus seasonal.

Clerk Bartlett reported this hearing was advertised in the Saratoga Sun on October 19 and October 26, 2023. She also reported no written or verbal comments were received by her office. Letters were also sent out via certified mail to the affected landowners.

Chairman Jones called for comments for or against the amendments. There being no comments, Chairman Jones closed the hearing at 11:32 a.m.

Commissioner Espy asked if a portion of CR 497 should be year-round limited maintenance.

Commissioner Espy moved to adopt the amendments to the Carbon County Road Management Policy effective January 16, 2024, changing County Road 499 maintenance from milepost 0.0 to 4.6 to year-round limited maintenance and 4.6 to 15.0 to access only. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Discussion**

Scott Kerbs of Saratoga discussed concerns about property taxes being too high in Wyoming and stated that he heard in CO they are cutting their county's portions of the mill levy and felt that was a simple solution that everyone would benefit from if done in Wyoming and he urged the BOCC to consider this.

### **HIGH COUNTRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – Kipp Dana, CEO**

Kipp Dana, CEO for High Country Behavioral Health discussed his views on High Country Behavioral Health's responsibilities and performance regarding the Wyoming Department of Public Health, Behavioral Health Redesign, and the Gatekeeping responsibilities.

Mr. Dana stated a few years back they took over Carbon County Counseling and are therefore available to provide services in Carbon County including through the emergency detention process. He felt there were some bold statements in the BOCC's last meeting about High County not meeting their obligations and he was present to set the record straight.

Chairman Jones clarified the contract amount with the state and Mr. Dana reported they have a contract for \$780,000 for outpatient services, \$337,000 for group home and \$18,000 for quality-of-life funding in Carbon County. He generates an additional revenue putting him at around \$1.5 million in Carbon County, not over \$5 million as previously indicated as that is their entire contract with the state for services in numerous counties. Mr. Dana further discussed his services for other counties.

Attorney Davis discussed the role that HCBH provides and asked about their role in emergency mental health situations. Mr. Dana said that the county had been the Gatekeeper for those services through their own employee until 2019 and said the previous county attorney instructed him not to respond to the hospital emergency detention situations. Ashley clarified that the county did attempt to use HCBH for the hospital detentions but had difficulty with follow up for those individuals. Ashley also spoke with an employee of HCBH that was concerned about the volume in Carbon County and asked if the state's contract requires those services, why the volume would be of concern. Mr. Dana responded that he has trouble hiring and retaining qualified and quality employees but noted they typically have an on-call employee to deal with these things throughout the state and he explained the process. He explained Lincoln County's contract which provides a 24-hour phone system where Uinta County's contract with HCBH provides for 3 detention beds in their own buildings and they have detention staff monitor individuals versus being held in jail or the hospital.

Ashley questioned Mr. Dana on various topics including what fees are involved in emergency detention services and he explained the various counties and how each works and that they provide

an average of 22 hours per week of these crisis services. He explained the challenges of tracking individuals after an emergency because they may see another provider or may simply choose not to engage. There was further discussion of what could be done in Carbon County to assist in emergency situations and long-term.

Mr. Dana stated there was no cost to the county for the emergency detention services, however he acknowledged it's difficult to obtain staff to move and stay in the county. Ultimately, Mr. Dana agreed that HCBH is receiving funding from the state to provide emergency detention services and general gatekeeping services can be provided to Carbon County without charge. The group determined that Mr. Dana, his staff, the Sheriff, the County Attorney's Office, and others will meet and determine the needs for Carbon County moving forward.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Espy moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 p.m. Vice Chairman Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carbon Building – Courthouse Annex located at 215 W. Buffalo St., Rawlins, WY. The public is invited to attend, or you can listen online at the website listed below. To get on the agenda, call the Clerk's Office by the Thursday before the meeting. Per Wyo. Stat. §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at [www.carbonwy.com](http://www.carbonwy.com) or by calling the Clerk's Office at (307) 328-2668 or 1-800-250-9812.