OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BLAINE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 2014 SESSION

JOINT MEETING OF THE CAREY CITY COUNCIL AND BLAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Second Day (Evening meeting) Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Present – City of Carey: Carey Mayor Randall Patterson; Carey City Council members Vonnie Olson, Reuben Rivera; George Versis and Dustin Colton; Carey Planning and Zoning members Sam D'Orazio, Aaron Cook, Liz Young and Carma Chavez; Carey P&Z Administrator Bart Bingham; Carey Building Inspector Joe Dilworth; Carey Public Works Director Bob Simpson; Carey City Clerk Teresa Cenarrusa.

Present – Blaine County: Blaine County Commissioners Chairman Lawrence Schoen, Vice-Chairman Jacob Greenberg and Angenie McCleary; Blaine County Administrator Derek Voss; Blaine County Clerk JoLynn Drage; Blaine County Operations Director Charlene Nelson; Blaine County Weeds Superintendent John Cenarrusa; Blaine County Road and Bridge Manager Tom Duffy and Carey Road and Bridge Foreman Greg Peterson; Rick Baird; and Jack Taylor.

Carey City officials conducted city business.

Chairman Schoen convened the Blaine County portion of the meeting.

Rick Baird, Friedman Memorial Airport Manager, provided an update on the status of Friedman Memorial Airport. In the recent past, the focus was on building a new airport. The Environmental Impact Study was suspended summer 2011 due to financial concerns and wildlife issues. Currently, the airport is on a dual path forward—improving the existing airport and building a replacement airport. The existing airport is in the process of being restructured. Once the construction is complete, the short- and mid-term needs will be met.

There have been upgrades in service, including regional jet service for flights to San Francisco and Salt Lake City. Non-stop service to Denver will be added this summer, making non-stop flights available to Denver, Seattle, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Char Nelson provided a PowerPoint presentation (available on the Blaine County website) regarding Road and Bridge (R&B) funding. Current funding is not adequate to maintain county roads and bridges. The Road and Bridge Department has been using their reserve funds since 2006. Road and Bridge is asking the Board of County Commissioners to consider a levy to increase funding for the department. Options for levy include a permanent levy, a 2-year levy with all funds received going to the County, and a 2-year levy that is shared with cities.

John Cenarrusa gave an update on the activities of the Blaine County Weed Department and the Cooperative Weed Management Area. During FY-13 the Weed Department sprayed all rights-of-way, the gravel pit, the fairgrounds, and assisted city residents with weed-related issues. They also helped identify weeds and recommended control methods.

There is an incentive program that provides chemicals to private landowners if the landowner will do the spraying. There was an increase in participation in that program. Cities are eligible for the incentive program.

The Weed Department had an educational trailer displayed at the Blaine County Fair. It was very popular and numerous positive comments were received. The plan for FY-14 is more of the same.

At the hour of 8:45 the County portion of the meeting adjourned.

Attest: _____ Approved _____

JoLynn Drage
County Clerk

Lawrence Schoen
Chairman