

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board met at 9:00 a.m., January 25, 2010, in special session at Sheridan County Courthouse, Sheridan, Wyoming. Chairman Steve Maier called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Commissioners Terry Cram, Steve Maier, Mike Nickel, Tom Ringley and Bob Rolston.

### AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda as published.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

### UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Chairman Maier read a draft resolution for the Board's consideration. The resolution states opposition to the rate increase requested by Montana-Dakota Utilities. Commissioner Ringley commented that the resolution is a result of the Board's due diligence to provide a forum for the public to be able to gauge their attitude and response to the information. The Board approved Resolution 10-01-003, requesting the Wyoming Public Service Commission deny the requested increase.

### **RESOLUTION 10-01-003**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Wyoming, hosted a public forum on January 14, 2010; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Montana Dakota Utilities presented their proposal for an electric rate increase to their customers of Sheridan County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the people of Sheridan and Sheridan County expressed their concerns regarding the harm that the proposed electric rate increase would cause to them and their businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Sheridan County citizens are already making sacrifices during these difficult economic conditions, particularly those on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increase seems exorbitant when considered along with the declining resources of its customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Wyoming, requests that the Wyoming Public Service Commission deny this proposed electric rate increase based on the harm it would cause to the citizens, their businesses and organizations of Sheridan County, Wyoming.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2010.

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Sheridan County, Wyoming  
/s/Steve Maier, Chairman  
(Signature notarized.)

Attest:  
/s/Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Sheridan County, Wyoming

Attest:

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Steve Maier, Chairman

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Audrey Koltiska, County Clerk