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Sen. Hinkins,

On September 23, 2016 Carbon County received a record amount of rain that caused significant damage throughout Carbon County; homes, businesses and critical infrastructure were significantly damaged. Carbon County was declared a State of Disaster by the Governor and was able to request assistance and resources from surrounding jurisdictions as well as the State. The Damage Assessment that was initially reported to the Division of Emergency Management totaled \$3.6 million dollars of uninsured damages. This number left Carbon County and the State of Utah just shy of being able to declare a Presidential Disaster and receive Federal Funding. The State, through Division of Emergency Management was able to provide funding that allowed Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to assist with debris removal and some infrastructure repair, totaling nearly \$50,000. The assistance provided by the State was extremely helpful for immediate and emergency needs however, Carbon County sustained damage to infrastructure that exceeds the capabilities of the county to meet the required funding necessary. Carbon County is requesting to be considered for a Legislative Appropriation of Funds due to this burden.

Carbon County over the past decade has slowly been losing revenue due to decreased mineral leases. At the beginning of this calendar year, Carbon County has a deficit in the approved budget just over six million dollars. Carbon County Commissioners have cut several programs, employees and department budgets in attempt to balance the budget and remain fiscally responsible to the citizens of Carbon County. The budget cannot address the glaring fact that critical infrastructure needs to be repaired to protect the life, economy and property of Carbon County. Left unaddressed and in a state of disrepair the infrastructure that has sustained damage will impact maintenance on unaffected infrastructure thus requiring more expense and labor in the long term.

The project's that need to be addressed are:

1. Bruin point road.
 - a. A fairly steep road that is used on a normal basis by the public, it is the main road into one of the main radio repeater sights. Approximately 5.91 miles of this road has had the Iron wolf road material completely washed off and need to be replaced.
 - b. cost estimate is \$41,370.00
2. Whitmore Park

- a. Low water crossing was washed out, significant erosion to the road.
 - b. Cost estimate is \$325,000.00.
3. Clark's Valley
- a. Low water crossing was washed out and need to be replaced and roads need repair. This road is also the Emergency Access to Dugout Coal Mine. Permitting for this project has been obtained.
 - b. Cost estimate is \$100,000.
4. Multiple Washes
- a. Overgrown trees compounded with debris. Debris both being garbage that has been dumped in them and from the overgrowth. Clean them out to restore capacity and keep culverts along them from getting plugged up. #4
 - b. Wash near Liberty Estate 1000 feet need to be cleaned
 - i. Cost of \$150,000.
 - c. Wash along Coal Creek Road 3,000 feet needs to be cleaned out
 - i. Cost of \$450,000.
 - d. Wash along Old Wellington Road 1,000 feet needs cleaned out
 - i. Cost of \$150,000.
5. Watts Mine Site culverts have been silted in or completely destroyed due to the flooding. Once the culverts were no longer in working order it completely filled in the shoulder of the road with silt and caused the water to run over and down the road. Replace damaged culverts and fix shoulder of road to restore capacity. This road also is the service rout up to one of our repeater sites in the county.
- a. Cost estimate is \$150,000.
6. Misc. culverts that have been silted in
- a. Estimated cost \$90,000.
7. Price River thru Wellington debris removal and capacity restored.
- a. Cost estimate \$285,000

In conclusion, Carbon County would like to request a Legislative Appropriation of Funding for Disaster Recovery in the amount of \$1,300,000.00.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Dear Senator Hinkins:

This morning I sat in a meeting with the Jones and DeMille Engineering Team, and members of Carbon County.

We are working together on the Price River Clean-Up Project and Wellington City wants to join in with Carbon County in the request for some appropriation money to assist with this project. Wellington City supports the joint effort between the two entities.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan Powell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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