

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WESTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING February 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Nathan Todd at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, County Attorney Michael Stulken, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Borton opened the meeting with prayer, and Attorney Stulken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Todd asked to move the Resolution 2019-12/2025-4 before the Executive Session at 10:50 but leave it on the agenda in case Attorney Stulken feels it is still needed. Commissioner Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – CHILD SUPPORT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Huber moved to approve Riki Kaiser on the Child Support Authority Board; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-3 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 BUDGET

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2025-3 – Amendment to the 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$5,000; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EMS TAXING DISTRICT

Shane Kirsch, Campbell County Health EMS Manager, wanted to follow up with the Board about a motion that was passed six to eight months ago to form an EMS District. Attorney Stulken will work on this and update the Board.

UPDATE TO BOARD

Karl Lacey, Gary Knight, Dan Bau, Dan Fouch, Paricia Baumann, and Sue Mireles came before the Board to give an update on the progress that was made in Cheyenne pertaining to the constitutional redistricting. Bills H296 & SF174 will both help with this if passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Huber moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried. Executive Session began at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened into regular session at 10:15 a.m. Matters concerning employment were discussed in Executive Session, no action was taken.

UPDATE ON NEWCASTLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION, BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION, THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLANDS & GREATER SAGE-GROUSE EIS

Dru Bower-Palmer with Dru Consulting visited with the Board about the Newcastle BLM Resource Management Plan Revision, Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision, Thunder Basin National Grasslands, Greater Sage-grouse EIS, BLM EIS & Forest Service Old Growth.

WHITE'S CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Nick White with White's Construction gave the Board an update on the ramp at the Law Enforcement Building. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to have White's Construction cut the ramp 3" from the building and dismantle it; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR GRANT WRITING CLASS

Treasurer Susie Overman came before the Board asking to be reimbursed \$1,042.77 for sending Assistant Deputy Kim Jenkins to a grant training class. The Board will make this budget adjustment with additional adjustments at a later date.

RESOLUTION 2019-12/2025-4

Chairman Todd explained that Resolution 2019-12 was created to establish a public records chain of command. Chairman Todd added when this resolution was created the County Attorney was Alex Berger and this name needs replaced with County Attorney. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to pass Resolution 2019-12/2025-4; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

Chairman Todd wanted to discuss what has been happening the last couple of weeks pertaining to the Public Records request. Chairman Todd let the Board know that a proper public records form was not filled out, he does not know why as this is the chain of command. Chairman Todd added this is the process of the County and it must be followed moving forward. The requester fills out what they are asking for and then if the Clerk of whoever has a concern, via State Statute can go to the ombudsman who helps both parties work towards a mutual agreement within the 30-day time frame, even dropping the charges being requested. Clerk Hadlock will send an e-mail to the Elected Officials and bring back a proposed fee schedule to the next meeting. This will be added under Old Business.

MALLO BOARD

Mallo Board members Gideon Dixon and Greg Stumpff and Mallo employee Jim Lewis gave the Board an update on the water leak. Commissioner Borton moved that Mallo Board go forward with installing the duct work if it is under the \$7500 at their discretion for suggested contractors; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

DETENTION EMPLOYEES

Sheriff Bryan Colvard and Undersheriff Dan Fields came before the Board to discuss the potential raises for the Detention employees. The Board offered the possibility of a sign on bonus if they stay, however Commissioner Borton is concerned this would only entice the new hire. The Board offered them the possibility of a one-time bonus for the Detention employees. Sheriff Colvard will talk to his employees and report back to the Board. The Board is concerned with the budget and giving raises at this time. This will be added under Old Business.

TITLE 25

Attorney Stulken, Stephanie Martinez and Brooke DeLaRosa came before the Board to discuss how Title 25 cases are billed and why the County is seeing the bills months after the initial bill date. Attorney Stulken also explained that the County has an agreement with Natrona County Attorney to handle the Title 25 cases in Natrona County. The Board thanked them for their explanation and asked them to add more detail on the warrants when they are submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

ALL-SCHOOL REUNION REQUEST

The Board received a letter asking to use the Courthouse lawn during the All-School reunion. Clerk Hadlock will send an email letting them know the Board is ok with this request.

EMPLOYERS COUNCIL

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that she received the sample performance appraisal results back from everyone except Attorney Stulken and Sheriff Colvard. The choices from the Department Heads and Elected Officials are sample two, sample three and sample six. Clerk Hadlock will send the three choices to the Board to make the final decision. This will be added to Old Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(xii); seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried. Executive Session began at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 1:48 p.m. Matters concerning safety and security were discussed in Executive Session, no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Borton spoke about SF174 & H296, Chairman Todd let the Board know Amber Ryan will visit with the Board at a later date, Vice-Chairman Wagoner said he will attend the meeting in Sundance.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Nathan Todd
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk

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