

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**July 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Marty Ertman at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Marty Ertman, Nathan Todd and Don Taylor, Deputy Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Don Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There was no motion made to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Ertman would like to pull the CMAQ Project Resolution and move it under Road & Bridge. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the Minutes of July 6, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of July 6, 2021, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc., DBA Flying V: 8/7/2021-8/14/2021 (8/15/2021 @ 2 a.m.), 24 Hour Permit for Pokey's @ Mallo Camp: 8/14/2021-8/15/2021, 24 Hour Permit for Pam Gualtieri, DBA Pizza Barn: 8/6/2021-8/9/2021 (8/10/2021 @ 2 a.m.) @ Travel Center (Gateway), Chairman's Signature on Contract Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Appointment of Board Members: 1 Position Weston County Planning Board – Susan Love, 1 Position Weston County Airport Board – Garrett Borton; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

**BARTON ROAD**

Concerned citizens that live on Barton Road came before the Board about the speed limit and dust suppression being added to the road. Donna and Kelvin Kennedy addressed the cattle guard that had been removed along the road and would like to have it replaced. Kevin McMaster feels that the 55 miles per hour on the road is a safety issue and would like to see it lowered. Road and Bridge Superintendent Marty Habeck stated that a traffic study will be done on the road at the end of August. Commissioner Taylor asked Superintendent Habeck if he knew why the cattle guard had been removed. Superintendent Habeck did not know anything about it. Commissioner Taylor stated a short term fix would be to put the cattle guard back.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Superintendent Habeck reported that there was a washout on Skull Creek Road that had to be cleaned up and a bridge was replaced on Green Mountain Road. Chairwoman Ertman asked during the negotiation process, of the CMAQ Grant, which road would be knocked off. Superintendent Habeck answered Salt Creek Road. Chairwoman Ertman also questioned the roads on the Grant as not being residential and Superintendent Habeck let the Board know that Bart Evans had stated they like to do residential. Chairwoman Ertman added that because there will be a County Road Fund match, there needs to be proper documents before the Board will sign. Superintendent Habeck reported that he had a meeting with his Pub Works representative and then he will get the County road signs marked. Chairwoman Ertman asked Superintendent Habeck if Mallo had their pickup from the Sheriff's Department. Superintendent Habeck stated the Sheriff's equipment needed to be stripped off and he did not have time to strip it out. Superintendent Habeck added there was no communication from Sheriff Bryan Colvard and he was not told about the pickup going to Mallo.

**OLD BUSINESS**

### **ANNEX PARKING LOT**

Assessor Tina Conklin and Treasurer Susie Overman came before the Board to discuss the taxes on the Annex Parking Lot. Treasurer Overman reported that Pinnacle Bank would be paying for nine months of taxes and she had submitted a voucher for the County to pay the remaining three months. Commissioner Taylor moved to prepay the County's portion of the Annex Parking lot taxes; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

### **ECOTECH FUELS - ZOOM**

Linda-Rose Myers and George Longo with EcoTech Fuels discussed the funding side of the company with the Board and members of the public via Zoom. Stanley Jasinski asked who would buy the bonds when the economy fails and Mr. Longo stated the companies would step in and wipe the equity away. Gene Norman with the Natural Resource District asked how much would be bonded and Ms. Myers stated \$250 million. Vice-Chairman Todd asked who is responsible for the bond if the project goes bad and again Mr. Longo stated there is no liability to any of the State or local entities. Don Thorson advised that he had worked on a project similar to this, going from vegetation to heat, but it was not successful. Mr. Thorson asked if they could explain how they were going to make this work. Mr. Jasinski wondered if they were part of the Better Business Bureau and Ms. Myers indicated that they were not.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Alex Berger handed the Board his resignation letter effective July 31, 2021. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to reluctantly accept the resignation of Weston County Attorney Berger as of July 31, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

During public comment Mr. Norman visited with the Board about EcoTech Fuels.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Marty Ertman  
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk