

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
September 21, 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, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Don Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to have the 30 x 30 Land Grab Resolution added under Old Business, Hail Damage Claim added under New Business, Chairwoman Ertman asked to have the Courthouse Parking Lot and the Outside of the Courthouse added under New Business and Commissioner Taylor asked to have the Road at the Fairgrounds Road added under Road & Bridge. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda with changes; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the consent which included the Minutes of September 7, 2021, Executive Session Minutes (1) of September 7, 2021, Executive Session Minutes (2) of September 7, 2021, Chairman & Clerk's Signature on Clerk's Abstract Statement, Chairman's Signature on Airport Grants, Tax Roll Corrections #1475-#1477, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2021-9 Adoption of Weston County Emergency Operation Plan, Mass Fatalities Plan, Debris Management Plan & Weston County Evacuation Plan, Appointment of Board Members: 2 Positions Mallo Board – James Lewis & Travis Peterson, 1 Position Library Board – Deb Smith; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

BARTON ROAD

No one was present for the Barton Road discussion, but Road & Bridge Superintendent Habeck stated T² is back-logged in getting the traffic study done, but indicated it would be done by the end of September.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Superintendent Habeck presented a Road Report to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

ROAD SIGNS

Chairwoman Ertman asked if Superintendent Habeck was able to get a quote to replace the road signs. Superintendent Habeck has still not heard anything back on this.

Commissioner Taylor stated he had been contacted by several individuals with concerns about the Fairgrounds Road. Superintendent Habeck responded the pot holes get fixed every spring.

Superintendent Habeck gave the Board job descriptions for the Road & Bridge Supervisor, the Road & Bridge Foreman and the Road & Bridge Office Manager. The Board would have liked to have had them sooner, so they will need time to review them. Chairwoman Ertman asked Superintendent Habeck if Foreman Jim Hansen had helped review the job descriptions and Superintendent Habeck indicated they both had reviewed them. Vice-Chairman Todd asked if Superintendent Habeck is clear with his job description now. Superintendent Habeck stated that he wondered who would be doing Foreman Hansen's job evaluation. Chairwoman Ertman stated this would be done by the Board.

30 X 30 LAND GRAB RESOLUTION

Allen Slagle let the Board know that all of the updates have been made to the proposed 30 X 30 Land Grab Resolution. Vice-Chairman Todd questioned section 2 and would rather the wording state “may restrict”. Mr. Slagle indicated that if the Board would like to make changes, they were encouraged to do so. Vice-Chairman Todd wants to make everything as clear as possible. Chairwoman Ertman would like to have Attorney Stulken review the resolution and make any needed corrections.

ROAD SIGNS

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Vice-Chairman Taylor. Carried. Executive Session began at 9:56 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 10:09 a.m. Matters concerning the Road & Bridge Supervisor were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

OUTDOOR RECREATION LIST

This will be put on the next agenda as Commissioner Barton was working on this and he was not present.

PARKING LOT

Chairwoman Ertman stated there is a pothole in the parking lot that needs to be addressed.

OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING

Chairwoman Ertman would like to invite John Francis to attend a meeting and explain to the Board the different options for fixing the stones that are exposed to rain/snow.

HAIL DAMAGE

Clerk Hadlock asked the Board which account the \$25,000 deductible needed to come out of for the hail claim. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to authorize the hail damage deductible to be paid for out of 100.00.20.0099000.0000; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

CORONER MOU

Weston County Coroner Cynthia Crabtree was called per request by Attorney Stulken. Coroner Crabtree contacted Attorney Stulken to write an MOU with Crook County Coroner but Attorney Stulken asked that Coroner Crabtree explain to the Board exactly what she would like written in the MOU. Coroner Crabtree would like the MOU to be on an as-needed basis with Crook County Coroner Mike Frolander. Coroner Crabtree added that she has plenty of materials for Crook County to use when they are called out. Chairwoman Ertman asked where the funds would come from to pay for this and Coroner Crabtree stated that this would be coming out of her budget. Attorney Stulken will bring this before the Board at the next meeting for review.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Deputy Attorney Jeanie Stone phoned in to give an update concerning Dispatch. Deputy Stone stated a letter was delivered to the City of Newcastle addressing the County’s concerns with the lack of communication with dispatch. Deputy Stone added the County gave the City of Newcastle 180 days’ notice to work with the County on updating the Dispatch agreements as well as continuing with forming a Joint Dispatch Center.

Chairwoman Ertman stated since the delivery of the letter, there had since been a demonstration given of the CIS System. Deputy Dan Fields was in attendance of the demonstration and indicated that the update is just a facelift to the current software. Commissioner Taylor was also in attendance at the demonstration and stated there was a clear lack of communication on the capability of the system. Commissioner Taylor added that there are good points to the new system, but it lacks a lot of capabilities. Deputy Attorney Stone would still like everyone to see it and Chairwoman Ertman let her know that was what this demonstration was for.

Mayor Pam Gualtieri let the Board know that CIS would be here again on Friday September 24 for another demonstration. Chairwoman Ertman asked if all agencies were notified of the demonstration and Mayor Gualtieri stated they had not. Chairwoman Ertman asked that invitations be sent to all agencies so that they could see the demonstration and allow a timeslot for each entity as well so they are not left out. Mayor Gualtieri added that the Commissioners' meeting on October 19th would not work due to six out of the seven council having full-time jobs and can't attend. Mayor Gualtieri stated something more in the evening would be better. Deputy Attorney Stone stated the Board would like to just see what the issues are and try to fix those and get an idea from the City to see where they are at. Deputy Attorney Stone added at this meeting the Board hoped the City could let the Board know what their intentions are.

Mayor Gualtieri stated her and City Councilman Don Steveson were in attendance to address the letter that was delivered to the City. Mayor Gualtieri let the Board know that the Police Department and Police Dispatch will relocate. Deputy Attorney Stone thanked the Mayor for coming and letting the Board know their intentions. Deputy Attorney Stone asked Mayor Gualtieri if the City was willing to continue to work with the County until March and Mayor Gualtieri stated absolutely. Deputy Attorney Stone asked Mayor Gualtieri if the City had discussed forming a Joint Dispatch Board and Mayor Gualtieri stated they had not. Deputy Attorney Stone added she hopes to discuss more of these issue on October 19th at 4:00 p.m. if this time works with everyone. Deputy Attorney Stone would like to have the City's Attorney attend the meeting as well.

Commissioner Taylor stated the intent is to serve the Community in the best way possible. Mayor Gualtieri agreed with Commissioner Taylor that public safety is the #1 priority.

REDISTRICTING

Senator Ogden Driskill and Representative Hans Hunt gave the Board an update on the redistricting that is being proposed. Senator Driskill stated there will be nine regions and Weston County will be a full County again, which is something that he had promised he would work to get the County back together and Weston County would have their own Representative. Allen Slagle asked if the Representative and Senators from our region and the Clerks have gotten together to discuss how they are going to divide up Region #6. Senator Driskill responded that they are currently working on this. Senator Driskill added that the Legislators want to work closely with the County Clerks before anything is finalized.

Kari Drost asked Senator Driskill if there would be a Special Session to discuss the vaccine mandate. Senator Driskill stated the odds were very high, but this would not happen until the Federal Government releases the guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk