

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
December 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, Ed Wagoner, Tony Barton and Don Taylor, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Deputy Sheriff Steve Annetts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Todd asked to add Extension of Barton Road under New Business, Chairman Ertman asked to add One Wyoming MOU under New Business, Commissioner Barton asked to add Attorney Update under Old Business. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of December 7, 2021, Executive Session Minutes of December 7, 2021, Board's Signature on Resolution 2021-15 – Official 2022 Holiday Schedule, Tax Roll Correction - #1489-#1492, Chairman's Signature on CMAQ Sub Recipient Agreement between WYDOT & Weston County; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

ATTORNEY UPDATE

Attorney Stulken stated that everything with Dispatch is moving along and there is nothing urgent that needs addressed at this time. Chairwoman Ertman would like to schedule a meeting with Deputy Attorney Jeanie Stone.

PRAIRIE DOGS

Clerk Hadlock stated Jim Darlington would not be available for the meeting. Chairwoman Ertman stated that the Board does know what is coming down and has acknowledged it.

REDISTRICTING

Chairwoman Ertman and Commissioner Wagoner gave an update on the redistricting meeting that they attended in Cheyenne. Both feel the fight is not over and will continue fighting to keep Weston County whole.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road & Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen gave an update on Road & Bridge. Superintendent Hansen reported he has received an estimate of \$23,000 for the County Road Signs, but has not gotten the actual quote. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize Foreman Hansen to get County Road signs ordered; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried. Foreman Hansen reported that the traffic study of the Barton Road has been completed but Foreman Hansen has not been given the report from the State. Foreman Hansen indicated that Doug Materi would like to have the road by his house rerouted to the South in exchange for an easement.

OLD BUSINESS

AWARDING CORONAVIRUS STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

Chairwoman Ertman stated there was a misunderstanding of these funds at the last meeting and she has asked Jerimiah Rieman, Executive Director of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association to phone in and give his opinion on the Fiscal Recovery Funds. Director Rieman explained that he described in his e-mail the different options that the Board could spend the funds on and that some counties have proceeded with spending these funds and the ultimate decision was Weston County's. There was a lot of discussion from the Board. Treasurer Susie Overman informed the Board that she would be removing herself as the point of contact and putting the Board in place of her. There will be a workshop scheduled for the afternoon of January 18, 2022 for further discussion of these funds.

NEW BUSINESS

ONEWYO OPIOID SETTLEMENT MOA

Attorney Stulken & Clerk Hadlock both received documents pertaining to the OneWyo Opioid Settlement. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the Clerk's signature on the OneWyo Opioid Settlement MOA and participation forms; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

EXTENSION OF BARTON ROAD

Attorney Stulken will put together guidance for the public to initiate the process to make changes to a current county road.

Chairwoman Ertman stated the Board has now received a letter from the Weston County Republican Party stating they voted for Kara Lenardson as the replacement for the Weston County Assessor. Commissioner Barton moved to add the appointment of Kara Lenardson as the Weston County Assessor to the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF WESTON COUNTY ASSESSOR

Commissioner Wagoner moved to appoint Kara Lenardson to fill the unexpired term held by Tina Conklin starting January 3, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Marty Ertman
Chairwoman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk