

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**May 17, 2022**

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 Nathan Todd, Ed Wagoner, Tony Barton and Don Taylor, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Todd made a statement before the meeting started indicating there has been a lot of interruption. Vice-Chairman Todd added that if it continues you will be asked to leave. If you don't remove yourself the Board will call the Sheriff and have you removed. You will raise your hand and be called upon.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Barton asked to put the Board Appointments under New Business and to add a 24 hour Permit for the Weston County Fairgrounds to the Consent Agenda, Chairwoman Ertman asked to add Road on Old Hwy 85 N, by the water tank, under Old Business and Commissioner Wagoner asked to add Update on Board Retreat in Jackson at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Barton moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Taylor asked to pull the Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of May 3, 2022, Board's Signature on Resolution 2022-9 – Resolution for Special Counsel Ratification, Board's Signature on Resolution 2022-10 – Establish Elected Officials' Salaries, Board's Signature on Resolution 2022-11 – Designating County Road Reserve Funds, Board's Signature 2022-12 – Budget Adjustment, 24 Hour Permit for Rocking Cowboy Cuisine: 5/28/22 – 5/29/22, Chairman's Signature on Single Land Split Plat Map – Valley Haven, Board's Signature on Upton Fairview Plat Map 1 of 5, 2 of 5, 3 of 5, 4 of 5, 5 of 5, Chairman's Signature on Letter to Wyoming Department of Transportation – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, Board's Signature on letter to Wyoming Department of Transportation rejection CMAQ Project CM22407 bid, Chairman's Signature on Award Contract Between State of Wyoming, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Criminal Investigation & Weston County Sheriff's Office, 24 Hour Permit for Weston County Fairgrounds: 6/3/2022 – 6/5/2022, Acceptance of Resignation: Weston County Travel Commission – Norma Shelton; seconded by Commissioner Barton. Carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Commissioner Barton asked Road & Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen about fixing a washout at the Fairgrounds. Superintendent Hansen asked the Board if they would like to rebid the CMAQ project and they indicated they would. Superintendent Hansen reported the engineering on the Dewey Road has stopped and the engineer will forward the plans to him and then he will forward them on to WYDOT. Commissioner Barton moved to authorize Road & Bridge to sell surplus equipment based on the list provided by Road & Bridge Superintendent Hansen; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Discussion ensued. Carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF ERIN PERSCHE**

University of Wyoming Nutrition & Food Safety Extension Educator, Vicki Hayman introduced Erin Persche, Weston County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. Ms. Persche gave an update on

what the 4-H Office has been doing and let the Board know she has hired Laura Lopez as a summer intern.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2022**

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 3, 2022 with addendum; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried

#### **AIRPORT**

Commissioner Barton moved to transfer funds from Mondell Airport to Yellowstone Regional Airport; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

#### **LIQUOR LICENSES**

At 10:00 a.m., a liquor license hearing was opened. Chairwoman Ertman asked for public comment three times. Hearing none, Chairwoman Ertman closed the liquor license hearing. Deputy County Clerk Amber Green let the Board know all of the applicants are in good standing with the State. However, there will be one license available as Canyon Springs had not renewed their license. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the liquor license renewals; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **COMMUNICATION TOWER – CITY OF NEWCASTLE**

Sheriff Bryan Colvard stated he did not have an issue with the City of Newcastle using the Communication Tower attached to the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Barton moved to have the County Attorney draft up an easement to have the City go overhead with a Communication line; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

##### **OLD/OLD HWY 85 N**

Chairwoman Ertman stated the Road was never established as a County Road. This process lies with the Board of County Commissioners not the County Attorney and not the County Assessor. Tim Ottaway needs to do a petition so the Board can decide if this will be a County Road.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **LETTER OF RESIGNATION – AL COSTELLO**

Maintenance Manager Al Costello gave his letter of resignation effective May 27, 2022. The Board thanked Manager Costello. Commissioner Barton moved to advertise for part time Maintenance Manager Position; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

##### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Commissioner Barton moved to appoint Dorothy Fuller to the Weston County Library Board; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried. Commissioner Barton moved to appoint Kelley Millar to the Weston County Travel Commissioner Board; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

##### **ELECTED OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

The Elected Officials and Department Heads gave updates to the Board. Commissioner Barton moved to let the Fair Board put the entrance sign where they would like to put it; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

Commissioner Barton moved to accept the resignation letter of Nicole McFarland from the Planning Board; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

**UPDATED ON BOARD RETREAT IN JACKSON**

Commissioner Wagoner gave an update on the Board retreat that he attended in Jackson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Marty Ertman  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk