

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
July 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Nathan Todd at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Don Taylor, Vera Huber and Garrett Borton, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Denise Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Taylor asked to add Budget Hearing Televised under Old Business and Commissioner Huber asked to have Volunteer Boards added under New Business. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of July 5, 2023, Treasurer's Reports, Chairman's Signature on 2023 Joint Agreement to take advantage of an ESRI Small Government Enterprise Agreement, Chairman's Signature on Agreement for Cattle Guard Installation and Relocation on County Road #32 Known as the Thornton County Road, Chairman's Signature on CMAQ FY2024 Dust Suppression Application, Chairman's Signature on Dispatch Joint Powers Agreement, Tax Roll Correction #2598, Board Appointments: Library Board – Debra Piana, Becky Todd; Seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stanley Jasinski spoke during public comment.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Superintendent Jim Hansen gave the Board an update on the Road & Bridge Department.

HIRING/RAISES

Commissioner Taylor moved to have all hiring and raises come before the Board for approval; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

FY2024 BUDGET – BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2023-20 – ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve FY2024 Budget and approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2023-20; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER HEARING

At 10:00 a.m., a liquor license transfer hearing was opened to transfer the West End liquor license from Rohde Investments LLC to Waite Enterprise LLC. Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the liquor license transfer; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

VAULTSIDE

Attorney Michael Stulken let the Board know that Vaultside had counter offered with 20% on a month to month basis. Commissioner Huber moved to take the 20% and request a one year contract; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Discussion ensued. Carried.

EMS DISTRICT

Judd Dawson, Weston County Health Services CEO, visited with the Board about the EMS District and that Campbell County Ambulance is doing a good job. Discussion ensued.

IMPROVE & MAINTAIN CURRENT ROADS IN LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISION GRANT REQUEST

Trisha Baumann, Mark Morehead, Ron & Jan Hartman came before the Board to discuss different options for the improvement and maintenance on the roads in the Lookout Mount Subdivision. This will be added under Old Business.

NEWCASTLE BLM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE, BH NATIONAL FOREST LAND USE PLAN REVISION UPDATE, SAGE-GROUSE UPDATE

Dru Bower with Dru Consulting and Jeanne Whalen with Whalen Consulting visited with the Board about the Newcastle BLM Resource Management Plan, BH National Forest Land Use Plan Revision and Sage-grouse. Discussion ensued.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Supervisor Brandon Turner came before the Board to discuss a few items. Commissioner Taylor moved to accept Hurricane Service's bid to remove the canopy at the Annex for \$10,250 and pay for it out of Building and Grounds; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

TITLE 25

Commissioner Taylor reported that he was going to transport Title 25 patients as Mondell Heights will run it through the Hospital for a year.

BUDGET HEARING NOT ON TEAMS

Commissioner Taylor reported he was asked why the budget hearing was not televised. Clerk Hadlock let him know that only meetings are put on Teams. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT JOINT POWERS BOARD DESIGNEE

Commissioner Huber moved to appoint Commissioner Taylor to the Selection Committee; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

VOLUNTEER BOARDS

Commissioner Huber would like to have the Commissioners be liaisons to attend the meetings of the Boards appointed by the Commissioners and then report back.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Nathan Todd
Vice-Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk