

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
October 17, 2023**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wagoner asked to add Update on Consensus Spending under Old Business and Commissioner Borton asked to add Rocks in Indoor Arena under Old Business. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of October 3, 2023, Treasurer's Report, Chairman's Signature on Rental Agreement – Weston County Annex – Stulken Law Office, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2023-27 – Open Burning Restrictions Lifted, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2023-28 – Amendment to the 2023-28 – Amendment to the 2023-24 Budget, Tax Roll Correction #1607; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**UPDATE ON NEWCASTLE BLM RMP REVISION, BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION,
THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLANDS & GREATER SAGE-GROUSE EIS**

Dru Bower with Dru Consulting and Jeanne Whalen with Whalen Consulting visited with the Board about the Newcastle BLM Resource Management Plan Revision, Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision, Thunder Basin National Grasslands and Greater Sage-grouse EIS. Discussion ensued.

WESTON COUNTY NURSE MANAGER POSITION

Melanie Pearce, State of Wyoming Public Health Nursing Regional Supervisor, phoned in for permission to fill the vacant Weston County Nurse Manager Position. Commissioner Taylor moved to allow Melanie Pearce to advertise to fill the Weston County Nurse Manager Position; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Vice-Chairman Todd read a letter from Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson letting the Board know he will be closing the Courthouse and Annex at 11:30 a.m. on November 17th for Critical Incident Response Training for staff. Commissioner Huber moved to allow the Courthouse and Annex to close at 11:30 a.m. on November 17th for Critical Incident Response Training for staff; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

Sheriff Bryan Colvard brought a \$10,277.20 proposal from Aegix Global LLC for a response system for the County buildings. Discussion ensued. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING E-911 TAXES TO BE REROUTED FROM THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE TO THE JOINT POWERS BOARD

Deputy Attorney Jeani Stone presented a Resolution to the Board rerouting E-911 funds from the City of Newcastle to the Joint Powers Board. Discussion ensued. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to authorize the Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2023-29 – Redirecting 911 Emergency Tax Monies within Weston County, Wyoming; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEMIZED EXPLANATION ON WARRANT #71369

Sheriff Colvard had a detail of the receipt in question. Discussion ensued on updating the credit card policy. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

UPDATE ON CONSENSUS SPENDING

Chairman Wagoner let the Board know he attended the Council meetings of the Town of Upton and City of Newcastle and discussed the consensus funds available. A Joint Resolution will be prepared so the Consensus Money can be spent.

ROCKS IN THE INDOOR ARENA

Commissioner Borton let the Board know that the rocks in the arena need to be removed. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Taylor moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii), seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried. Executive Session began at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 3:13 p.m. Commissioner Borton moved to appoint Mason Kaiser whose term ends January 2026, Teigen Marchant whose term ends January 2027 and Francie Hamilton whose term ends January 2028 as new members of the Weston County Fair Board; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Ed Wagoner
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk