

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**December 19, 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, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Garrett Borton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Attorney Stulken asked to add Budget Adjustment to the agenda and Commissioner Borton asked to add Solid Waste Update under Old Business. Commissioner Taylor asked to move the Executive Session to 11:00 and the Handbook Review with Commissioners & Department/Elected Officials to 11:30. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of December 5, 2023, Board's Signature on Resolution 2023-35 – Official Holiday Schedule 2024, Board's Signature on Resolution 2023-36- Amendment to the 2023-2024 Budget, Chairman's Signature on FY24 CMAQ Project CM24411, Chairman's Signature on Statement of Claim Response Letter, Chairman's Signature on Agreement with the Wyoming Department of Transportation's DYK Bridge Structure Letter, Board Appointment: Predator – 1 Vacancy; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Henry Nessul spoke during public comment.

**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.

**FAIRGROUNDS**

Fair Board member David Kline, Francie Hamilton and Billy Jackson and Fairgrounds Manager Eric Dudzinski came before the Board to give an update on the indoor arena and the Fairgrounds. Mr. Kline also discussed the Quick Books program and let the Board know that the cost is more than what they originally asked for. The Board advised this additional amount will be adjusted from the Fairgrounds salary line item for the purchase. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to approve the credit card pre-authorization, for QuickBooks, in the amount of \$400 +/- some; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF WESTON COUNTY NURSE MANAGER**

Weston County Nurse Manager Angela Phillips introduced herself to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

## **SOLID WASTE UPDATE**

Chairman Wagoner gave an update on the progress of the Weston County Solid Waste District.

The meeting recessed at 9:47 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Borton moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii), seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried. Executive Session began at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened into regular session at 11:41 a.m. Matters concerning personnel were discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Huber moved to retro to Deputy Attorney Stone sick and vacation from when she went full-time and change her back to exempt from non-exempt; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

## **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Attorney Stulken requested a budget amendment due to an upcoming jury trial. The Board would like to wait until after the trial and then adjust the budget. Attorney Stulken would like to have special prosecution from the Attorney General's Office to assist. Vice-Chairman Todd moved to pass Resolution 2023-37 For Special Prosecutor for Criminal Case No. CR-3392; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried.

## **HANDBOOK REVIEW WITH COMMISSIONERS & DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Discussion ensued on the new employee handbook. Commissioner Taylor moved to accept the Handbook with the exclusion of section 701 done by the end of January. Commissioner Borton liked Employers Councils suggestion of the condensed version. Vice-Chairman Todd would like to wait to sign off on the Handbook until it is complete. Discussion ensued. Ayes: Taylor and Huber. Nays: Todd, Borton and Wagoner. Failed. The Board will work on the vacation and add the Handbook to the agenda the first meeting in January.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **NONE**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Ed Wagoner  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk