

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**February 20, 2024**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Taylor reported Scott Taylor was unable to make it so Wyoming Department of Transportation would be added under Old Business for the next meeting. Commissioner Todd asked to add Gambling Addiction Funds under Old Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of February 6, 2024, the Executive Session Minutes of February 6, 2024, Treasurer's Report, Chairman's Signature on Credit Card Pre-Authorization Request Detention, Tax Roll Corrections #1631-1637, Chairman's Signature on State Project No. AEC028X – 2024 NAVAID Maintenance, Board Appointment: Mallo Board – Riley Hampton; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Treasurer Susie Overman spoke during public comment.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON DECLARING VACANCIES**

The Concerned Citizens of Weston County in Support of the Weston County Sheriff came before with a proposed resolution on declaring vacancies in Weston County. Commissioner Todd moved to table this for a month and invite the Representatives and any affected parties to come and speak before this Board before I make a more educated decision on the matter & have Jeremiah Reiman attend as well; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Discussion ensued. Carried.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

Library Director Brenda Ayers and Library Board Members came before the Board letting them know of a shortfall in their budget. They are short \$47,000 for insurance, \$12,000 because there are two employees retiring and \$600 to pay for their e-mail charge. Commissioner Todd moved to move \$60,000 out of the General Fund into the Library account; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

**CAMPBELL COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Shane Kirsch and Chris Belz with Campbell County Ambulance Service gave the Board an update.

**PREVENTION MANAGEMENT – 21 WELLNESS**

Commissioner Todd read the proposal that the Board had asked Community Specialist Kristi Lipp and a Working Group to put together. Brittany Trandahl with the *Weston County Gazette* and Bob Bonnar with the *News Letter Journal* both spoke. This discussion will be continued under Old Business.

**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 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.

**4-H UPDATE**

4-H/Youth Development Extension Educator Erin Persche gave the Board an update on 4-H.

**GRANT TRAINING**

Deputy Assistant Treasurer Kim Jenkins and Treasurer Overman came before the Board for permission for Deputy Assistant Jenkins to attend a Grant training April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in Riverton. The Board feels it would be beneficial for an employee from the Clerk's Office to attend as well if possible, moving the total cost to \$2,500. Commissioner Wagoner moved to allow two individuals to go to the grant training in Riverton April 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> with the expenses discussed; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GAMBLING ADDICTION FUNDS**

Commissioner Huber moved to table this issue and allow us to look at both proposals and make a decision at the next meeting; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Discussion ensued. Carried. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

**VAULTSIDE UPDATE**

Attorney Stulken has not received a response from Vaultside. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

**HR POSITION/JOB DESCRIPTION**

Commissioner Huber stated in order to do this properly the Board needs to vote to create a position and then advertise it. Commissioner Huber moved to go ahead and establish and advertise for an HR position @ \$1500 per month @ 25-32 hours per week; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Discussion ensued. Ayes: Huber. Nays: Wagoner, Todd, Borton. Failed

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susie Overman and Rick King spoke during public comment.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wagoner spoke during Commissioner Comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Don Taylor  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk

