

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
July 2, 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 Nathan Todd, Garrett Borton, Vera Huber, 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

Clerk Hadlock asked to move the Airport Board appointment to the 10:30 a.m. discussion, add the Treasurer's Report to the Consent Agenda and announced that Commissioner Wagoner would not be attending the meeting as he was at a meeting in Cheyenne at the Governor's Office. Vice-Chairman Borton asked to pull the minutes of June 18, 2024 for discussion and add Consulting under New Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the payroll and payroll voucher, collections for June 2024, Special Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2024, Chairman's Signature on Diversion of Funds, Chairman's Signature on Grant Agreement Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Chairman's Signature on 2025-2026 Community Prevention Grant Point of Contact Information Form, Chairman's Signature on Annual Compensation Agreement Between the University of Wyoming and the Commissioners of Weston County, Tax Roll Correction #1645, Board Appointments – Library Board – Deb Smith, Steve Smith – Weston County Travel Commission – Melissa Hammond; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Attorney Michael Stulken spoke during Public Comment.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen gave the Board an update on the Road & Bridge Department. Superintendent Hansen discussed giving the Weston County Solid Waste District two of the old Road and Bridge pickups. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2024

Discussion of the minutes of June 18, 2024, was tabled until the end of the meeting.

RARE EARTH UPDATE

Roger Conett came before the Board to give an update on Rare Element Resources.

4-H UPDATE

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

COURTHOUSE SECURITY DISCUSSION

Chairman Taylor let the Board know of some concerns that the judges have. Judge Lynda Busch wants to have doors re-keyed so that they are the only ones to have access to this area. Another concern is the sound in the Courtroom which is a liability. Commissioner Huber will get in contact with the Historical Society about the possibility of purchasing something to dampen the noise. Chairman Taylor added the last thing they would like is to use the Commissioner room for the juror's during jury trials. Discussion ensued on all topics. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to have Maintenance Forman Brandon Turner get bids on having the locks being re-keyed and bring them back to the next meeting; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Discussion ensued. Carried.

HANGAR PROJECT UPDATE

Airport Board members Don Cooksey and Alan Parks, Airport Manager Tuff Streeter and Bobbie Augustene came before the Board to let them Board know of an increase of \$4,648.89 for the hangar project. Commissioner Todd moved to take the \$4,648.89 out of the ARPA funds for the additional County match for the hangar project; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the 2024 Hangar Construction Project once it comes in; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

18-9-102 – CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION

Commissioner Todd advised the Board that at the June 18th meeting he had asked Vice-Chairman Borton if Airport Board Member Don Cooksey lived in Weston County, and he stated that he did. Discussion ensued on this topic. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to ask for Mr. Cooksey's resignation; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Discussion ensued. Vice-Chairman Borton rescinded his motion. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to appoint Keith Materi to the Mondell Field Airport Board; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 84-1

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to rescind Resolution 84-1; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSULTING

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to create an Aviation Consulting position for Mondell at \$23,000.00 per year for five years. Commissioner Todd stated that this is not something that the Board of Commissioners would create and that the Airport Board would need to do this. Vice-Chairman Borton rescinded his motion. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to suggest that the Airport Board create an Aviation Consulting position and bring a proposal to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Todd stated that the Board of Commissioners is just a funding mechanism, and the Airport Board needs to figure out a game plan first. Vice-Chairman Borton rescinded his motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stanley Jasinski and Mick Bohn spoke during public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Huber, Vice-Chairman Borton and Chairman Taylor spoke during Commissioner Comment.

MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2024

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that Commissioner Huber made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda not Vice-Chairman Borton. Commissioner Todd moved to approve the June 18, 2024, minutes; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

AP VOUCHERS

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the AP Vouchers; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

VOUCHERS

066NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$3,158.83, Great-West Trust Company LLC, payroll ded, \$870.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, WEBT, financial admin, \$94,344.68, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$54,027.66, WY Child Support Enforcement, payroll ded, \$550.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, payroll ded, \$2,169.01, WY Retirement System, payroll ded, \$40,974.49, Aced Embroidery, hmlnd sec expense, \$237.00, Action Communications Inc, r&b radio exp, \$3,544.00, Ad Pro, clerk suppl, treas suppl, dist crt suppl, sheriff suppl, \$462.25, Alpha Communications, law enf tower rent, \$55.00, Amber Green, crthse other empl, \$635.00, Angela Phillips, pub hlth, \$79.98, AT&T Mobility, hmlnd sec exp, maint comm, sheriff comm, \$1,157.15, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, law enf suppl, fairgrnd admin fees, \$668.52, Black Hills Energy, annx util, bldg & grnds maj rep, crthse util, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth util & em prep, r&b util, wic spec proj, \$4,911.59, Black Hills Plumbing, law enf, bldg and grounds repair, \$3,330.21, Blue Dog Cleaning, wic spec proj, \$425.00, Bomgaars, r&b repair/maint, fair grnds repair/maint, \$1,416.13, Byrand Streeter, arprt cntrct wages, arprt repair/maint, arprt supp eqp, \$4,476.64, Cambria Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$355.14, Campbell County Sheriffs Office, law enf brd prisoner, \$200.00, Carmen Simon, p hlth communicator, \$169.28, Casey Thorson, gen bldg. & grds maj rep, \$150.00, Chemical Industries Inc, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, \$7,200.00, City of Newcastle, annx util, crthse util, fair util, law enf util, p-hlth util, r&b util, wic spec proj, \$2,594.42, Clinical Lab of Black Hills, coroner autopsies/rpr, \$1,675.00, CLT Floorings & Furnishings, airport Repair/Maint, \$913.00, Collins Communications Inc, dist crt comm, fair util, \$140.00, Comtech, p hem prep covid 19 vacc out, \$69.00, Culligan Water Conditioning, r&b maint, annex misc, \$34.00, Deckers Market, nutrition educator, r&b maint, \$93.89, Denette J Price, treas mile/trvl/convent, \$38.86, Dianna Ewing, dist crt spec attny, \$1,343.65, Double D, r&b oil/gas/lube/ repair/maint, \$11,075.34, Eastern WY Equipment Company, r&b sm tools, repair/maint, \$765.37, Eden k9 Consulting & Training Corp, misc noat, \$174.00, Election Systems & Software Inc, gen elctn supplies, \$1,895.04, Erin Persche, gen ext 4h educator/trvl, \$1,223.77, First Northern Bank of Wy, attny office equip/tech, sheriff office equip, law enf brd prisoners, gen crthse post/freight, pub hlth em prep, \$3,727.04, Fisher Sand & Gravel, r&b gravel/rd mtrl fund, \$45,587.55, Francine Hamilton, gen fairgrounds admin fees, \$325.49, Freemont County Coroners Office, coroner autopsies/rpr, \$1,925.00, Galls LLC, hmlnd sec exp, \$213.98, Genes Lock Shop, gen law enf repair/maint, \$334.00, GlobalStar USA, hmlnd sec exp, \$342.3, Godfrey Brake Service & Supply, r&b repair/maint, \$264.38, Golden West Technologies, annx comp softwr lic, crthse comp softwr lic, p-hlth comm, sheriff spec, crthse new equip, \$4,039.71, Great Western Tire Co, r&b repair/maint, \$14,714.21, Grossenburg Implement, fairgrnds repair/maint, \$749.47, Hometown Medical

Clinic PC, law enf repair/maint, \$175.00, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$2,095.25, Jason Kline, fairgrds repair/maint, \$500.00, Jewel Parrish, attny voca funds, \$241.82, Kami L Lopez, fair slry, \$2,295.00, Kayleigh Ann Gould, annex contract wages, \$400.00, Kimberly Jenkins, mile/trvl/convent, \$\$38.86, Kregal Towing & Recovery, veh maint/fuel, \$407.00, Kristi Butler, gen ext 4h educator/trvl, \$58.96, Leo Riley & Co, misc fin admin, \$28,250.00, Lycox Enterprises, r&b repair/maint, \$21,190.00, Marina Renee Mcilvain, coroner deputy calls, coroner inquest, \$250.00, Max Masters, gis land records, r&b trng, \$2,000.00, Meridian Mortuary, coroner fees, \$295.0, MG Oil Company, r&b repair/maint, \$3,659.89, Minuteman Lube Center, sheriff veh maint/fuel, \$1,388.42, Motorola Solutions, shsp 2023 inter comm 1 ends, \$47,222.74, Newcastle Ace Hardware, crthse repair/maint, r&b maint, hmlnd sec exp, \$848.66, Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, gen 1% sls tax, \$575.00, Newcastle Motors, r&b veh maint, \$109.89, News Letter Journal, p-health prevention management, problem gambling, \$1,321.99, fairgrds adm fee, r&b maintenance, \$1,538.13, Newvision Security, crthse repair/maint, \$89.97, NMS Labs, gen coroner inquest & invest, \$159.00, Norco Inc, fairgrounds admin/fee, \$421.13, Omega Computers, gen fairgrounds admin/fee, \$110.00, Powder River Energy Corporation, arprt util, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth comm & util, r&b util, wic spec proj, \$2,744.87, Powder River Heating & AC, bldg. & grounds maj rep, \$75,371.00, Pro Plus Construction, gen bldg & grounds maj rep, \$1,585.00, Range, arprt comm, assr comm, attny comm, clrk comm, crthse comm, dist crt comm, ext comm, fair util, hmlnd sec exp, law enf util, p-hlth em prep & util, r&b comm, sheriff comm, treas comm, wic spec proj, \$2,113.79, Ringer Law PC, airport util, fairgrounds util, \$2,585.00, Roadrunner Disposal Service, fairgrnds util, airport util, \$260.00, Rocky Mountain Propane, gen airport util, \$3,848.79, SafetyVideos, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, \$995.00, Sagebrush Marketing, fair admin/fees, \$100.00, Scott E Beachler, coroner autopsies, coroner school exp, \$648.56, Self Storage LLC, gen elctn misc, \$200.00, Servall Uniform/Linen CO, fair repair/maint, crthse janitor supp, \$466.30, Smith Psychological Services, gen law enf pre empl, \$800.00, Southland Medical Group Corp, coroner misc, \$33.86, Sundance Extinguisher LLC, fairgrnds repair/maint, \$850.00, Thompson Reuters- West, misc law library, \$945.00, Top Office Products, crthse supp, dist crt supp, law enf maint agrmnt, treas suppl, \$1,444.86, Tri-Sstate Oil Reclaimers Inc, r&b repair/maint, \$304.50, TrueGreen, gen bldg & grds, maj rep, \$247.00, Uline, hmlnd sec exp, \$577.6, Upton Co-op Assn, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$49,465.62, Verizon Wireless, fair util, \$101.96, Vicki Hayman, gen ext nutrition educator, \$38.19, Voelkers Autobody, sheriff veh maint/fuel, \$367.50, WACO, gen misc financial admin, \$2,125.00, Waynes Heating Service, gen fairgrounds repai/maint, \$287.76, WC Sheriffs Search & Rescue, coroner rent, gen 1% sls tax srch & rscue, \$3,883.52, West End Water District, gen arprt util, \$60.00, West River Anesthesiology, Western Printing, gen elctn supplies, \$1,328.18, Weston County 4-H Council, Weston County Gazette, misc print/publ, \$1,188.00, Weston County Health Services, r&b cntrct/equip/lbr, \$50.00, Weston County Hospital District, prevention management, \$8,007.49, Weston County Pharmacy, jail medical, \$16.21, Weston County Road & Bridge, sheriff veh maint/fuel, law enf maint veh maint/fuel, fairgrnds repair/maint, \$6,038.00, Weston Countuy Sr Services, law enf brd of prisoner, \$3,562.00, Weston County treasurer, crthse post freight, \$44.31, Wilson Plumbing Services LLC, gen bldg & grounds maj rep, \$762.00, Woody's Food Center, law enf brd of prisoners, r&b maintenance, arprt janitor suppl, \$196.66, Wy Co Commissioners Assoc, financial admin, \$276.00, Wy County Assessors Assoc, assr mile/trvl, \$200.00, Wy Dept of Agriculture, fairgrds adm/fee, \$100.00, Wy Dept of Transportation, r&b old hwy 85, \$850.78, WY Machinery Co, r&b repair/maint, \$1,056.53, WY Network, financial admin, \$270.00, Wy Department of Health -lab pub hlth, mile/trvl, communications, public health, mch grant ends o6, \$168.50, Wyoming Secretary of State, gen elctn training, \$60.00, Net Payroll, \$183,969.64.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk