

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
July 16, 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, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Borton opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Wagoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to remove the elevator estimate from New Business and Commissioner Todd asked to add the Library Board under New Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of July 2, 2024, Chairman's Signature on Resolution 2024-18 – Chairman's Signature on CMAQ FY2024 Dust Suppression Application, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V: 7/27/2024-7/28/2024, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V: 8/24/2024-8/25/2024, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V: 9/7/2024-9/8/2024, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V: 8/3/2024-8/11/2024, 24 Hour Permit for Jessica Lundgren: 8/2/2024-8/11/2024, 24 Hour Permit for Waite Enterprises, DBA West End Bar & Grill: 7/22/2024-7/29/2024, Chairman's Signature on Rental Agreement – Weston County Annex (NEWARC), Chairman's Signature on Letter of Support Wyoming State Shooting Complex, Board's Signature on CRF Eligibility Certificate Form; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WYDOT – STIP

Scott Taylor - District Engineer, Michelle Edwards - District Traffic Engineer, Laura Dalles - Public Relations Specialist, Guy Phillips – Maintenance Foreman & Bob Bonz – Federal Highway Division were present to give the annual STIP presentation.

FAIRGROUNDS CHECKING ACCOUNT DISCUSSION

Fair Board members Francie Hamilton and Billy Jackson came before the Board to explain the Fairgrounds checking account. There will be a resolution for the next meeting moving \$14,000 out of the ARPA funds into the Fairgrounds Repair & Maintenance account.

VICIOUS DOG DISCUSSION

Chrissie & Joe Prell came before the board to discuss a vicious dog problem. Wyoming State Statute 11-31-301 is not being enforced and they would like to have the Board investigate it. Attorney Stulken will discuss this with Sheriff Bryan Colvard, and this will be added under old business for the next meeting.

DISAGREEMENT WITH LANDOWNER WITH PROPERTY LINE SOUTH OF UPTON

Ralph Shuck came before the Board to find out what he should do about a discrepancy in surveys that he had done and one his neighbor had done. Attorney Stulken let him know that the County cannot do anything for him and that this is a civil issue between him and the other individual.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARY BOARD

Library Director Kathleen Kirk asked the Board the final amount that the Library was given. Clerk Hadlock let her know it was \$341,957.97.

FY2025 BUDGET – BOARD’S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2024-19 – ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve FY2025 Budget and the Board’s Signature on Resolution 2024-19; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried. Commissioner Huber would like to have a reminder given to the Department Heads to watch their spending to try to avoid budget adjustments.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kaylee Gould.

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

Dru Bower with Dru Consulting and Caleb Carter with the Natural Resource District visited with the Board about the Newcastle BLM Resource Management Plan Revision, Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision, Thunder Basin National Grasslands, Greater Sage-grouse EIS, BLM EIS & Forest Service Old Growth. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk