

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
August 22, 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. Walter Sprague, reporter/photographer for the *News Letter Journal* opened the meeting with prayer, and Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to add Chairman's signature on Provider of Service contracts to the Consent Agenda. Chairman Taylor asked to add Paul Bau gravel donation for Osage School problem under Old Business. Vice-Chairman Borton asked to add Airport Board definition under Old Business and Fairgrounds credit card pre-authorization under New Business. Commissioner Wagoner asked to pull Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-24 from the Consent agenda for separate discussion. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of August 6, 2024, Collection for Clerk of District Court, Chairman's Signature on Grant Award Agreement Between Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and Weston County, Chairman's Signature on Final Acceptance Certificate FY 2024 Dust Suppression CM24411, Chairman's Signature on FY2024 Airport Infrastructure Grant, Chairman's Signature on Treasurer & Clerk Abstract, Chairman's Signature on Credit Card Pre-Authorization Request Detention Office, Treasurer's Report, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-23 Amendment of the 2024-2025 Budget, Chairman's Signature on Butler Family Subdivision, Chairman's Signature on Provider of Service Contracts; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2024-24 – RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING TO CREATE A USE CONTROL AREA

Commissioner Wagoner abstained from voting as he is a Wyoming Refining employee. Vice-Chairman moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2024-24; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

HR DISCUSSION

Commissioner Huber had previously visited Marcia Romano about the possibility of a County HR position, and she came to visit with the Board about it. The board asked Ms. Romano about the proposal that she handed out. Commissioner Todd would like to put this under Old Business for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION FOR THE OPTIONAL 3 MILL LEVY FOR HOSPITAL BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Weston County Health Services CEO Cathy Harshbarger and Weston County Health Services Board Chairman Ann Slagle came before the Board to ask to have the additional 3 Mills for the Hospital added

to the General Election Ballot. Commissioner Wagoner explained that this will not raise their taxes because it is already in place. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the resolution to put the 3 Mills on the General Election Ballot; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

HAND COUNTING BALLOTS UPDATE

Chairman Taylor gave the Board an update from the Attorney General's Office on hand counting ballots.

DONATION OF GRAVEL

Chairman Taylor reported that Paul Bau had received a donation of 6 loads of gravel from Fisher Sand and Gravel and Pinnacle Bank and was following up to see if the County could haul it. Commissioner Todd indicated County resources cannot be used on a private road. Discussion ensued.

AIRPORT BOARD DEFINITION

Vice-Chairman Borton would like clarification on if the Airport Board is a Board or an Advisory Board. Commissioner Taylor let the Board know that the City of Newcastle is upset that they didn't have a say in the removal of Airport Board member Donald Cooksey. Clerk Hadlock reported she had done some research, got into contact with the State of Wyoming and the Federal Aviation Association. Everything that was found shows this is an Airport Board and this information was on to Attorney Michael Stulken. Attorney Stulken put it on record that this is in fact a Board.

NEW BUSINESS

MALLO BOARD

Mallo Board members Gregg Stumpff and Jimmy Lewis came before the Board letting them know Caleb Thompson has turned in his letter of resignation. Commissioner Wagoner moved to accept Caleb Thompson's letter of resignation effective September 14; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried. Commissioner Wagoner moved to advertise the vacant Mallo Camp Manager position for until September 6th to work in conjunction with the Mallo Board meeting and the Board of Commissioner meeting; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

Maintenance Foreman Brandon Turner let the Board know the elevator was not fixed. He will have KONE come and give a quote to fix it. They will charge \$500/hr. or \$4,300 but if we sign a maintenance agreement this will be cut in half. Foreman Turner also had a quote from Powder River Heating & Air Conditioning to fix the heat pump and coil at Public Health. Commissioner Todd moved to except Powder River Heating quote to get the heat pump and ac repaired and pay the \$8,959 out of the ARPA funds; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

FAIRGROUNDS CREDIT CARD PRE-AUTHORIZATION

Vice-Chairman Borton stated that Fairgrounds Board member Francie Hamilton called him to see if the Fair Board needed to get pre-authorization from the Commissioners. Clerk Hadlock reported that both her and Chairman Taylor let Ms. Hamilton know that the Fairgrounds does not need to get permission from the Board of Commissioners as they are in control of their own funds.

The Board would like Clerk Hadlock to see who painted the dome and when and add it under New Business for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Wagoner, and Chairman Taylor all spoke during Commissioner Comment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk