

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
September 17, 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 Upton Town Hall. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Nathan Todd, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Vice-Chairman Borton meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Huber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Huber asked to add HR under Old Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Ayes: Wagoner, Taylor, Huber, Borton. Nays: Todd. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of September 3, 2024, Collection for Clerk of District Court, Board's Signature on Resolution 2024-26 Amendment to the 2024-25 Budget, Treasurer's Report; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Town of Upton Mayor, Nick Trandahl spoke during public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a) (iii); seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried. Executive Session began at 9:15 a.m. and reconvened into regular session at 9:24 a.m. Matters concerning potential litigation were discussed in Executive Session, no action was taken.

CONSTITUTIONAL REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Huber feels this is something that needs to be done during redistricting and put the vacancies in then. Commissioner Todd moved to rescind Resolution 2024-10 – Declaration of Vacancies; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Discussion ensued. Ayes: Wagoner, Todd. Nays: Borton, Huber, Taylor. Failed.

PROPOSE THAT WESTON COUNTY HIRE WILLIAM CURLEY TO WORK ON CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY DISTRICTING ISSUE

The Concerned Citizens in Support of the Weston County Sheriff would like the Board to hire William Curley to work for them on the issue of Constitutional Redistricting. Discussion ensued.

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

Dru Bower-Palmer 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, Greater Sage-grouse EIS, BLM EIS & Forest Service Old Growth. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Todd moved to approve the Chairman's signature on Weston County USDA Forest Service Old Growth Plan Amendment (NOGA) comments; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried. Ms. Bower-Palmer let

the Board know she is working on the Rock Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Protest for Crook, Campbell, Converse, Niobrara, and Weston Counties. Ms. Bower-Palmer added there were additional hours worked over her contract hours that would need to be billed. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Rock Springs RMP FEIS Protest and pay the additional fees to Dru; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

FAIRGROUNDS PROFIT & LOSS MONTHLY UPDATE

Fair Board member Francie Hamilton presented the Fairgrounds profit and loss to the Board. Ms. Hamilton let the Board know that the budget does not support a full-time Fairgrounds Manager position, and they will be coming to ask for more money. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

HR

Commissioner Huber let the Board know that Marcia Ramono is withdrawing her interest in working for the County.

PAINT ON THE CUPOLA UPDATE/DOORS AT LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Maintenance Foreman Brandon Turner presented the Board with an estimate to paint the cupola. The Board would like to have the estimate itemized and the warranty information added. This will be added back on the agenda for the next meeting. Foreman Turned discussed two bids that he received to replace the doors at the Law Enforcement Center. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to accept the bid from Architectural Specialties for the Sheriff's Office for \$8,703.21 and pay for this out of the Tribal Funds; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

AIRPORT BOARD – DANA DOCKENDORF

Chairman Taylor called Dana Dockendorf so that the Board could visit with him about his interest in serving on the Airport Board. Commissioner Wagoner moved to appoint Dana Dockendorf to the Airport Board; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk