

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**October 15, 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 and Vera Huber, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Vice-Chairman Borton opened the meeting with prayer, and Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Clerk Hadlock asked to have Mallo Manager removed from the agenda. Commissioner Todd asked to have Resolution 2024-17 – Speed Limit on Old Hwy 85 and Resolution 2024-10 comment added under Old 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 Minutes of October 1, 2024, Collections for Clerk of District Court, Treasurer’s Report, Board’s Signature on Resolution 2024-28 Change the Board of Commissioners Regular Scheduled Meeting Date 11-5-24 to 11-7-24, Board’s Signature on Resolution 2024-29 Amendment to the 2024-2025 Budget, Pre-pay to Trailers Plus Casper – For Election Trailer, Board’s Signature on Resolution 2024-30 Special Appointment of Deputy Attorney; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Treasurer Susie Overman spoke during public comment.

**PERMISSION TO USE SIDEWALK FOR TRUNK OR TREAT**

Natural Resource District Office Administrator Erin Witcher and District Manager Caleb Carter met with the Board to obtain permission to use the sidewalks in front of the Courthouse and Library during the Trunk or Treat. Commissioner Todd move to allow the Natural Resource District to use the Courthouse sidewalk for Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

**MALLO DISCUSSION**

The current Mallo Board members would like to know if a husband and wife can serve on the same Board. The Commissioners do not see a problem with this.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**OLD HWY 85 EASEMENT UPDATE**

Ted Ertman and Assessor Kara Lenardson met with the Board about the Old Hwy 85 Easement in question. The four hundred’ short of the bridge Assessor Lenardson believes is an oversight that was just missed and needs to be surveyed to clean up the easement. This will be added to Old Business for the next meeting.

**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Maintenance Foreman Brandon Turner gave the Board two bids for the Cupola. This will be added back under Old Business for the next meeting. Foreman Turner let the Board know that the elevator is still not working. Fairgrounds Maintenance Manager Eric Dudzinski joined Foreman Turner, and they gave an update on the roof and door at the Events Center at the Fairgrounds. This will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

**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.

**OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)**

**RESOLUTION 2024-17 – SPEED LIMIT**

Commissioner Todd wanted to clarify that the speed limit on Old Hwy 85 was set to be forty-five as suggested by the State of Wyoming and was not decided by the County.

**RESOLUTION 2024-10**

Commissioner Todd cautioned the Board about speaking to news organizations. Commissioner Todd stated Vice-Chairman Borton's opinion is not the opinion of the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Jennifer Proffer and Newcastle Chamber of Commerce President Henry Nessul came before the Board to introduce Jennifer as the Executive Director for the Chamber.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Borton spoke during Commissioner Comment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Don Taylor  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk