

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD’S DECISION TO VOTE ON THE VACANCY POSITIONS FOR WESTON COUNTY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE & WESTON COUNTY STATE SENATE CANDIDATES
October 22, 2024

The special 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 Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Vice-Chairman Borton opened the meeting with prayer, and Chairman Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Taylor opened the meeting by stating that Weston County cannot fight this and does not have the funds for this. Commissioner Taylor commends the Weston County Republican Party and those nominated. Weston County Republican Party Chairman Kari Drost stated that it was not the Weston County Republican Party that did this but the Concerned Citizens of Weston County. Chairman Taylor added that the Weston County Republican Party has stated that they supported this as have Representatives Alan Slagle and Chip Nieman.

Chairman Taylor stated the Board has a list of names presented to them and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Huber stated she was disappointed in her colleagues for not being here today even if they do not support it. Commissioner Huber thinks that this position needs to be someone who can deal with the pressure and will be going to Cheyenne at some point. Commissioner Huber added that she feels they are all capable of doing the job.

Commissioner Huber nominated Don Taylor for State Representative. Vice-Chairman Borton nominated Karl Lacey. Commissioner Huber said she nominated Chairman Taylor for the reasons that she just said and feels he is more capable of dealing with the pressure and dealing with the people in Cheyenne. Vice-Chairman Borton said she nominated Mr. Lacey as he has noticed his involvement with working on this issue since 1994. Chairman Taylor said he will not nominate himself. When asked, Mr. Lacey stated he understands what will be asked of him if he is appointed to this position and that he will need to withdraw from the City Council race as he cannot hold both positions.

Commissioner Huber voted for Chairman Taylor and Vice-Chairman Borton and Chairman Taylor both voted for Mr. Lacey. Mr. Lacey was appointed as the State Representative.

Vice-Chairman Borton nominated William Curley for State Senator and Commissioner Huber seconded this nomination. Vice-Chairman said he nominated Mr. Curley for his large law background. Chairman Taylor added Mr. Curley is very knowledgeable but worries about his age, the stress of going to Cheyenne and the time restraints due to having a private practice. Chairman Taylor added that he feels Patricia is a great candidate as well, but the time restraints could be an issue. Chairman Taylor does not know Sue Mireles very well. Commissioner Huber, Vice-Chairman Borton and Chairman Taylor all voted for Mr. Curley. Mr. Curley was appointed as the State Senator.

Chairman Taylor stated the next process is to submit the names to Wyoming Republican Party Chairman Frank Eathorne.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk