

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**May 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Nathan Todd at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Marty Ertman, Vera Huber and Garrett Borton, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Vera Huber opened the meeting with prayer, and Vice-Chairman Wagoner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Clerk Hadlock asked to add Board Appointment – Weed & Pest under New Business. Chairman Todd asked to add Alexis Barker, News Editor *News Letter Journal* – Six Questions on Investments under Old Business. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2025**

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 2025, as amended; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2025, X 2**

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of May 6, 2025, x 2; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON 5 – 24 HOUR PERMITS FOR CAMBRIA INN INC, DBA FLYING V LODGE:  
6/7/2025 – 6/8/2025, 6/14/2025 – 6/15/2025, 6/21/2025 – 6/22/2025, 7/4/2025 – 7/5/2025,  
7/19/2025 – 7/20/2025**

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman’s Signature on 5 – 24 hour permits for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V Lodge for dates in June and July; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2025-10 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-25 BUDGET**

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Board’s signature on Resolution 2025-10 – Amendment to the 2024-25 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Huber. During discussion Commissioner Ertman would like to have a serious conversation with the Departments on how, where and why these funds are going over. Carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL/TRANSFER**

Deputy County Clerk Amber Green explained what is happening with the transfer of the Pizza Barn liquor license to the new owners of Pizza Barn LLC. The Board is not comfortable with the transfer. Commissioner Huber moved to table the transfer from the Pizza Barn to Pizza Barn LLC until June 3<sup>rd</sup>; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried. Deputy Green let the Board know all the renewal applicants are in good standing with the State. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the 2025 liquor license

renewals for Pizza Barn, Upton Golf Course, VFW, Fountain Inn, Buckhorn Bar & Grill, Flying V Cambria Inn, West End Bar & Grill; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

#### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Monte Reichenberg, President of Moorcroft Interfaith Community explained to the Board how the Food Bank for Crook, Weston & Campbell County serves the Community. Mr. Reichenberg hopes to find grants to apply for additional assistance with the program. The Board thanked him for what he was doing and presenting the information to them.

#### **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 and Jeanne Whalen with Whalen 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.

#### **COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY EXPLANATION**

Honorable Judge Matthew Castano and Honorable Judge Stuart Healy III visited with the Board about Court Appointed Attorneys. Judge Castano suggested working together with the State on a possible solution to help with the funding of these cases.

#### **WESTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE – PROVIDER OF SERVICE**

Seth Parsons with In-Home Health Services gave the Board an update on the services provided to the Community.

#### **BID – CMAQ – CM25410 DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Ertman moved to accept Timberline Services Bid in the amount of \$84,030 for the CMAQ – CM25410; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Commissioner Ertman would like to have the bid checklist updated. Carried.

#### **WESTON COUNTY PLANNING BOARD UPDATE**

Weston County Planning Board President Rick Dunford gave the Board an update on the Planning Board. Mr. Dunford would like to have a commissioner serve as a Board member until they have enough to fill the vacant positions. Mr. Dunford explained the family exemption process and why the Planning Board requires a plat with access easements to be recorded. Mr. Dunford also asked for an update from the County Attorney concerning the Sphere of Influence. Attorney Stulken joined the meeting at this time and will get back to the Board with an opinion on this matter.

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-11 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-25 BUDGET**

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2025-11 – Amendment to the 2024-25 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CONTRACT FROM POWDER RIVER ENERGY FOR HANGARS AT MONDELL AIRPORT**

Attorney Stulken would like to make sure the contract does not bind the County to anything and is just the Chairman's signature on the Easements. Commissioner Borton suggested Clerk Hadlock reach out to Tim Wick, PE, Senior Airport Engineer with Morrison-Maierle for clarification on payment to Powder River Energy.

#### **MOU W/WC COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS JOINT POWERS BOARD/WESTON COUNTY**

Attorney Stulken let the Board know that he had created an MOU, but upon further discussion with Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson, it may not be needed. The Board feels it is needed but possibly an addendum to the original Joint Powers Board Agreement.

#### **EMS DISTRICT**

The next EMS District meeting in Upton will be held at the Upton Community Center June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and in Newcastle at the Weston County Events Center June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM**

Clerk Hadlock will reach out to the Town of Upton to see what their form looks like.

#### **ALEXIS BARKER – *NEWS LETTER JOURNAL* – SIX QUESTIONS ON INVESTMENTS**

The Board went over the investment questions that Ms. Barker had pertaining to the County's investments. Chairman Todd will reach out to her with the answers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **CAMERA QUOTE UPDATE**

Clerk Hadlock gave the Board a quote for two cameras' from Golden West Technologies. Commissioner Huber moved to approve the quote from Golden West Technologies for \$4,496.00 and pay for it out of the Courthouse Security account; seconded by Commissioner Borton. During discussion the Board would like Clerk Hadlock to get a quote from Golden West for cameras at the Annex. Carried.

##### **CONTRACT WITH SEARCH & RESCUE/FAIRGROUNDS**

Lynn Busskohl with Search and Rescue gave the Board an update on what Search and Rescue has been doing with the Youth Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds. The contract between Search & Rescue & the Fairgrounds will be looked at again five years after the date it was signed. Mr. Busskohl invited the Board to the Open House on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

##### **GRIEVES ROAD**

Commissioner Borton let the Board know that he had been contacted by individuals pertaining to the Grieves Road. Chuck Grieves was one of those individuals and he was present at the meeting to discuss various road maintenance options with the Board.

##### **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Ertman moved to appoint Troy Lynch to the Weed & Pest Board; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kayleigh Gould handed the Board a packet with a list of available grants.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioner Borton reported he had been contacted about the Dewey Road. Vice-Chairman Wagoner gave an update about testifying on behalf of the various Associations as well as updating on the Board of Directors meeting in Dubois.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Nathan Todd  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk