

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
August 5, 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, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Vera Huber opened the meeting with prayer, and Walter Sprague led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Todd let the Board know that Attorney Michael Stulken would like to discuss his budget when he discusses his new copier. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

AP VOUCHERS

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the AP Vouchers minus Warrant #74237; seconded by Commissioner Borton. During discussion Commissioner Borton recused himself from voting on Warrant #74218, 74216, 74220, 74171 and 74168 voting due to no warrant numbers on vouchers and Commissioner Ertman recused herself from voting on Warrant #74250. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stanley Jasinski spoke during public comment.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Board's signature on the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2025

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2025, as amended; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

Commissioner Huber moved to approve Payroll and Vouchers; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – AIRPORT BOARD

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to re-appoint Garrett Borton to the Airport Board; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Borton recused himself from voting. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD

Commissioner Ertman moved to appoint Kathy Decker Levasseur to the Planning Board; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Ertman moved to appoint Pam Pzinski to the Planning Board; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MILL LEVY'S

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved the approval of the MILL Levy's for fiscal year 2026 as presented by the County Assessor; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Discussion ensued. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2025-17 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2025-17 – Amendment to the 2025-2026 Budget; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Discussion ensued. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WESTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE MEDICINE BOW – ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST AND THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement Between the Weston County Government and the USDA, Forest Service Medicine Bow – ROUTT National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON COUNTY ROAD FUND PROJECT – GRIEVES ROAD (CR#5)

Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Board's signature on County Road Fund Project – Grievess Road (CR#5); seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

COLLECTIONS FOR COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT COURT, PUBLIC HEALTH, SHERIFF & AIRPORT

Commissioner Ertman moved to accept collections for County Clerk in the amount of \$15,634.36, District Court in the amount of \$1,900.78 and Court Appointed Attorney Fees in the amount of \$75.00, Public Health in the amount of \$770.44, Sheriff in the amount of \$372.00 and Mondell Field Airport in the amount of \$593.78; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND NOTICE OF LIEN – WESTON COUNTY AND INFELD DISCOVERY, LLC

Attorney Stulken, Treasurer Susie Overman and Deputy Treasurer Kim Jenkins explained to the Board that Infield Discover, LLC has not paid their taxes. This agreement will give them notice to either pay their taxes or their wells will be shut down. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Board's signature on the Settlement Agreement and Notice of Lien – Weston County and Infield Discovery, LLC; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON ONEWYO II MOA NATIONAL OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on OneWyo II MOA National Opioids Settlement; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Ertman asked how these funds can be used and Chairman Todd explained they were used for the County drug dog. Commissioner Ertman would like a report on how the drug dog is doing. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON PROVIDER OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Provider of Service Agreements; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Maintenance Foreman Brandon Turner discussed the bids for the fire sprinkler system at public health as well as a new riding lawn mower. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to authorize \$31,080.00 to Rapid Fire for the Public Health Fire Sprinkler System to be paid out of Building & Grounds Major Repair, 100.00.26.0621000.0000 and have Attorney Stulken review the contract; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

Foreman Turner discussed the library wall with the Board. This will be added to the next agenda.

Foreman Turner had two bids for riding lawn mowers. Commissioner Borton moved to purchase a cub cadette mower, bag and trailer for \$5,649.97 from Bomgaars to be paid out of Miscellaneous Equipment Depreciation, 100.00.20.0126000.0000; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

NEW COPIER – BUDGET

The County Attorney's Office presented the Board two options for a new copier. Additional fees are needed in the Communications line as well. The Board would like them to wait on a new copier. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve a budget adjustment of \$2,500.00 out of financial admin 100.00.20.0099000.0000 and adding it in to 100.00.06.0034000.0000 attorney office equipment; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Undersheriff Dan Fields came before the Board to discuss several line items. Commissioner Borton moved to move \$5,450 out of financial admin 100.00.20.0099000.0000 and split it into the following accounts, \$3,424.00 – 100.00.07.0039000.0000, \$1,000.00 – 100.00.05.0051000.0000, \$64.00 – 100.00.07.0043000.0000, \$1,162.00 – 100.00.05.0031000.0000 and \$250.00 – 100.00.07.0014000.0000; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON AGREEMENT FOR CATTLEGUARD INSTALLATION AND RELOCATION ON COUNTY ROAD #72 KNOWN AS THE RED BUTTE COUNTY ROAD

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Agreement for Cattleguard Installation and Relocation on County Road #72 known as the Red Butte County Road; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Superintendent Jim Hansen gave the Board an update on the Road & Bridge Department.

CORONER

Coroner Scott Beachler came before the Board to discuss the coroner rent line item that was removed from his budget. The Board explained that they could not pay rent for a building that was owned by the County. He explained that this was not actually rent but the Search and Rescue utilities that he was paying. Coroner Beachler explained that he was the secretary for Search and Rescue and the Board indicated that was a conflict of interest. This will be added under Old Business to the next agenda so the Board can figure out the best option for everyone.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Wagoner let the Board know that employee vacation had been brought up and wondered if this could be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Attorney Stulken let him know that everyone must be treated the same. Commissioner Huber added the reason it was put in like it was, so the employees were not building up their vacation and having big pay outs when they retired. Attorney Stulken and Deputy Attorney Jeanie Stone let the Board know they will investigate the vacation portion of the handbook and report back to the Board. Vice-Chairman Wagoner also addressed that Covid is over, and County Employees are to not be working remotely unless they are contract employees and the only two County Employees that are contract employees are Dru Palmer and Jeanne Whalen.

ERTMAN EASEMENT UPDATE

Attorney Stulken presented a Right of Way Easement Grant and Consent of Landowner between Ted Ertman and Weston County. Mr. Ertman was present and explained this is not what was agreed upon between him and the Board at the November 7, 2024, meeting. Attorney Stulken will work on getting the proper documents ready for the next meeting. Commissioner Ertman recused herself from the meeting.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chairman Todd indicated he had heard a lot of things and read a lot of things that the Board is hiding money. Chairman Todd explained the details of the reserve funds and what is done with the budget worksheet. Chairman Todd added it's all there if you do the math. Commissioner Huber feels that for the public it would help if there was a box around the reserve accounts and possibly change the color of the total. Chairman Todd added that there was a mass email sent, and he was not interested in answering these questions in an e-mail. Commissioner Ertman added that there are speculations that there are two separate county funds when in fact these are one in the same. The county budget is invested to earn interest. Chairman Todd wanted it known that all of this was discussed in budget meetings not behind closed doors. Assistant Publisher/Editor for the *Weston County Gazette* Nick Trandahl asked the Board who had sent the mass email and was this published. Chairman Todd responded it was published and on Facebook and the email was from Alexis Barker, *News Letter Journal*.

OLD BUSINESS

MOU W/WC COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS JOINT POWERS BOARD/CITY OF NEWCASTLE/WESTON COUNTY

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Board's signature on the MOU w/WC Combined Communications Joint Powers Board/City of Newcastle/Weston County; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REMINDER THAT NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN UPTON

Chairman Todd reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held in Upton.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON CLERK'S ABSTRACT

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Clerk's Abstract; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Ertman let the Board know that the EMS District meeting, had very good questions asked with great answers by those in attendance. There is a great video, she believes put out by the Wyoming Business Council, that Commissioner Ertman encouraged everyone to watch. Commissioner Ertman also hopes that if the public has any additional questions, they will attend the EMS District meeting in Upton. Clerk Hadlock asked if a commissioner could attend the EMS needs assessment meeting with her but no one can attend.

Commissioner Borton stated that Fair went over well, and he had the opportunity to help with the mini rough stock event.

Vice-Chairman Wagoner was grateful that Brad with the Ambulance Service attended the EMS meeting as he was very informative. Vice-Chairman Wagoner added that Weston County is very fortunate as some counties do not have 911 ambulance service. Vice-Chairman Wagoner said that Chuck Gray is wanting to still go after Clerk Hadlock and he wanted it on record, did the Clerk have any criminal intent in the last election. Clerk Hadlock answered, no. Vice-Chairman Wagoner added there was an investigation done on a former County elected official and he hopes Clerk Hadlock gets the same consideration and support that that County Official got. It's kind of scary even when the Governor said there was nothing there, they are still trying to go after her. Chairman Todd agreed with Vice-Chairman Wagoner.

VOUCHERS

066NCPERS, financial admin, \$256.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$3,784.00, Empower Trust CO LLC, deferred comp, \$820.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, WEBT, financial admin, \$94,490.72, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$53,221.60, WY Child Support Enforcement, payroll ded, \$550.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, payroll ded, \$2,324.26, WY Retirement System, payroll ded, \$42747.98, Weston County Library, gen block allocation, \$72,989.49, J & J Sprinkler Service, bldg/grnds repair, \$694.00, Weston County Fairboard, yearly budget, \$126,441.60, 3 Fingers Ranch inc, rd constr, \$6,960.00, Advanced Communications, hmlnd sec, law enf tower rent, \$272.00, Amber Green. Crthse cntrct wages, \$900.00, Applied Concepts inc, misc not, \$155.00, AT&T Mobility, sheriff comms, maint comms, hmlnd comms, r&b comms, \$3,734.85, BAM Document Destruction, crthse misc, \$423.90, Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial, law enf brd of prisoners, \$403.26, Black Hills Energy, gen department util, \$4,348.75, Black hills Orthopedic, law enf jail med, \$960.00, Bomgaars, airport maint, r&b maint, \$129.00, Brandon Turner, crthse misc, \$5.00, Brookelyn Delarosa, annex cntrct wages, \$300.00, Byrand Streeter, airport cntrct wages, maint, support eqpt, \$1,908.68, Cambria Discount Drug, law enf jail med, \$310.19, Cambria Supply, r&b maint, \$50.77, Carol Koch, treas mlg/trvl, \$40.60, Casey Thorson, bldg/grnds, \$300.00, CDU Treatment Program, pub hlth comms, \$270.00, Center for Solutions, law enf jail med, \$150.00, City of Newcastle, law enf util, annex util, \$709.04, CLT Flooring & Furnishings, victim witness, \$555.83, Comtronix, gen bldg/grnds, \$130.80, Crook Co Family Violence, Q1FY26, \$956.25, Culligan Water, annex jan supp, r&b maint, \$28.90, Deckers Market, ext 4H support, r&b maint, \$160.31, Eastern WY Equipment Co, r&b maint, \$7.98, Election Systems & Software Inc, gen elctn maint, \$6,505.00, Farnsworth Services Co Inc, rd constr co rd, \$32,190.00, First Northern Bank of Wyoming, attny office equipt, victim witness, coroner school, hmlnd sec, \$1,325.67, Fisher Sand & Gravel, rd constr, \$29,530.24, Freemont County Coroners Office, coroner autopsies, \$1,925.00, Gillette Steel Center, r&b lmb, \$3,841.80, Golden West Tech, gen department comp soft, \$5,688.48, Haynes Trucking, rd constr co rd fund, \$10,802.50, Humphrey Law LLC, dist crt special attny, \$2,356.44, IDI, coroner inquest, \$900.00, Industrial Networking Solutions, sheriff veh maint, \$2,841.28, Iron Creek Services, rd constr co rd fund, \$47,705.00, James Bau Services, rd constr co rd fund, 11,092.50, Jeff Regan Trucking, rd constr co rd fund, \$4,422.50, Joint Powers Board Communications, dispatch expense, \$304,420.00, Jub Jub Inc, misc comp softwr, \$125.00, Kenny K Trucking, rd constr co rd fund, \$8,120.00, Kimball Midwest, r&b maint, \$199.20, Lexisnexis-matthew bender & co, misc law library, \$393.61, Marco, Inc, attny office equipt, \$143.39, Marty Borgialli, r&b suppl, \$8.66, Max Masters, 1% sls tax, \$2,000.00, Michelle L Cunningham, RPR, dist crt special attny, \$39.00, Michelle Sweet, ph infr needs, \$23.99, Minuteman Lube Center, sheriff veh maint, \$173.98, Motor Power Equipment, r&b maint, \$545.46, National Sheriffs Association, sheriff pub rel, \$125.00, Newcastle Ace Hardware, law enf maint, bldg..grnds, r&b maint, \$415.21, Newvision Security, bldg/grnds, \$89.97, NMS Labs, coroner autopsies, \$522.00, Pitney Bowes, crthse postage, \$7,000.00, Powder River Energy Corp., gen dept util, \$1,555.37, Power Plan OIB, r&b maint, \$1,290.02, Range, gen dept. comms, \$2,559.16, Ringer Law P.C., dist crt special attny, \$8,233.52, Roadrunner Disposal Service, airport util, \$60.00, Rock Solid SST, law inf det equip, \$4,123.00, Self Storage LLC, elctn misc, \$400.00, Servall Uniform/linen co, crthse jan supp,

\$91.95, Smith Psychological Services, law enf pre empl, \$800.00, Summit Plumbing & Heating, law enf maint, \$611.35, Tammy Cleverdon, treas mlg/trvl, \$40.60, Thomson Reuters- West, misc law library, \$1,038.00, Timberline Services, rd constr co rd fund, \$92,698.20, Top Office Products, ext copier maint, \$128.10, Triple Seven Trucking LLC, rd constr co rd fund, \$20,082.50, Trugreen, bldg./grnds, \$336.00, Upton Co-Op Assn, r&b oil/gas/lube, \$8,691.78, Visionary Communications, annex comms, \$165.60, Volunteers of America, Q1FY26, \$2,125.00, Waco, misc financial admin, \$400.00, Wade Regan Trucking, rd constr co rd fund, \$30,667.50, West Side Services, rd constr co rd fund, \$6,452.50, Weston County School District #7, prevention management, \$9,020.01, Weston County 4-H Council, ext postage, \$19.36, Weston County Gazette, gen dept. misc print, \$1,129.75, Weston County Humane Society, Q1FY26, \$750.00, Weston County Pharmacy, law enf jail med, \$123.40, Weston County Road & Bridge, gen dept. veh fuel, \$3,964.41, Weston County Sheriff's Office, sheriff invest, postage, \$55.17, Weston County SR Services, Q1FY26, law enf brd of prison, \$8,738.50, Woodys Food Center, law enf, crthse jan supp, \$208.76, WY Co Commissioners Assoc, gen comm assoc dues, \$8,148.00, WY Dept of Health, pub hlth mlg/trvl, pub hlth reimb to state, \$21,722.43, WY Dept of Transportation, r&b old hwy 85, \$321.96, WY Machinery Co, r&b maint, \$1,077.91, WY Network, misc financial admin, \$270.00, WY Office of Guardian Ad Litem, dist crt gal, \$4,340.68, WY Dept. of Health – Lab, pub hlth suppl, \$56.00.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Nathan Todd
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk