

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
July 15, 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. Commissioner Borton opened the meeting with prayer, and Clerk Hadlock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2025

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the minutes of July 1, 2025, as amended; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE WYOMING
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING AND BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY –
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE OF A NEW VIADUCT IN WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING**

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's Signature on the Supplemental Agreement Among the Wyoming Transportation Commission, Weston County, Wyoming and BNSF Railway Company – For the Construction & Maintenance of a new Viaduct in Weston County, Wyoming; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Discussion ensued. Carried.

**FY2026 BUDGET – BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2025-16 – ADOPTION OF COUNTY BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2025-16 – Adoption of County Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Chairman Todd will send out a letter to the Department Heads reminding them to stay within their budget. Carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON 9 – 24 HOUR PERMITS FOR MASON KAISER, DBA WC FAIRGROUNDS;
7/26/2025 – 8/4/2025**

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on 9 – 24 Hour Permits for Mason Kaiser, DBA WC Fairgrounds 7/26/2025 – 8/4/2025; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Commissioner Ertman does not feel there should be alcohol at the rodeo and Fair Board member Francie Hamilton agreed and will have this adjusted. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL/TRANSFER

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Liquor License Transfer from Pizza Barn to Pizza Barn LLC; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON 11 – 24 HOUR PERMITS FOR JESSICA LUNDGREN: 8/1/2025 – 8/11/2025

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on 11 – 24 Hour Permits for Jessica Lundgren: 8/1/2025 – 8/11/2025; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

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.

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.

STULKEN LAW OFFICE CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued with the Board and Attorney Stulken about what is used for his private firm and for the County. Attorney Stulken let the Board know that everything is tracked separately. The Board reminded him of the importance of this not only for the public but also for the auditors.

FAIRGROUNDS

Fair Board member Francie Hamilton came before the Board to find out what needed to be done with the \$26,000 that was left in their budget. Commissioner Ertman let her know a check needed to be written to the County.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON RE-PLAT – LOTS 21, 22, 23 & 24, BLOCK 11 ORIGINAL ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on Re-plat – Lots 21, 22, 23 & 24, Block 11 Original Addition to the Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Commissioner Ertman would like #5 changed to the property of Weston County instead of Homeland Security. Commissioner Huber wondered if this could possibly be done as a lease instead of giving it to them. Chairman Todd would like it to say Joint Powers Board instead of Dispatch. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

NEWCASTLE EMS DISTRICT MEETING DATE CHANGE

Clerk Hadlock let the Board know that the Events Center is not available on August 4th so the meeting date will need to be changed. The Board would like to see if the Michael's room is available before changing the date.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Ertman would like to have a breakdown from Stulken Law Office of everything so the Board can show the public if asked. Commissioner Borton let the Board know they received an invitation from the Mayor of Newcastle to a meeting for the Economic Development after the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Nathan Todd
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk