

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
August 19, 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 Upton Town Hall. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Marty Ertman, Vera Huber and Garrett Borton, Deputy Attorney Jeani Stone and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Commissioner Borton opened the meeting with prayer, and Commissioner Huber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Todd would like to move Update on Upton from the agenda and replace this time with EMS District and Grant discussion. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Sprague spoke during Public Comment.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2025

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025, as amended; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

RESIGNATION LETTER MALLO BOARD

Commissioner Ertman moved to accept the resignation letter from Kolby Piscioti from the Mallo Board with regret; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. During discussion Commissioner Ertman asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Piscioti. Carried.

AIRPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT LETTER

Vice-Chairman moved to re-appoint Bob Svava to the Airport Board; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Commissioner Borton recused himself from voting. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2025-18 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Commissioner Ertman moved for the Board's signature on Resolution 2025-18 – Amendment to the 2025-2026 Budget; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. During discussion the Board would like to have reports of the inmate program for the next meeting. Ayes: Wagoner, Borton, Huber, Todd. Nays: Ertman. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION PER REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE AND MATT GOODSON

The Board discussed that the Re-plat – Lots 21, 22, 23 & 24, Block 11 Original Addition to the Town of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming plat has already been signed. The Board also see that this paperwork is indicating that the Board needs to pay a fee. Commissioner Ertman moved to table the Chairman's signature on preliminary plat application per request from the City of Newcastle and Matt Goodson until the next meeting; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

FAIR BOARD UPDATE

Fair Board members Francie Hamilton and Billy Jackson came before the Board to give an update on the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Ertman asked about the funds made from the honey sale. Ms. Hamilton let her know that these funds went to the Junior Livestock, and they spent them on upgrades to the buildings as had been done the year before. Commissioner Huber asked why these projects are not coming through the County as they are buildings owned by the County. The Board asked for a list of completed upgrades.

EMS DISTRICT MEETING

The Board addressed the good turnout for the EMS District Meeting that was held at the Upton Community Center. The Board will add EMS District Resolution to the next meeting to discuss moving forward with the formation of an EMS District Board.

GRANT DISCUSSION

Chairman Todd let the Board know that Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson has found a 100% grant for a generator for the Courthouse but would like permission from the Board to apply for this. Commissioner Ertman indicated a previous passed motion has already been made on this subject. Chairman Todd will pass this information on to Coordinator Nelson.

24/7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM LINE ITEM – INMATE AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT – JAIL MEDICAL ACCOUNT

Jail Administrator Jason Jenkins and Undersheriff Dan Fields came before the Board to explain the 24/7 Sobriety Program and ask that a line item be created for this.

Two bids for the replacement of the inmate air conditioner were presented to the Board. This will be added to the next agenda with updated bids.

The Jail medical account is currently out of funds. Before the Board does a budget adjustment Clerk Hadlock will present a report over the past five years to get an idea for an amount. Administrator Jenkins indicated he has not heard back from the County Attorney to get money back from collections. The Board would like Administrator Jenkins to investigate the price of a tele-health subscription.

The Board asked Undersheriff Fields to explain the Law Enforcement Inmate Program. He explained that there is a separate checking account that is used at the Sheriff's office for the inmates. The Board asked about the funds in the account approved by them. Undersheriff Fields indicated these funds had been taken from the Board along time ago. The Board was confused but indicated they would investigate this.

4-H UPDATE

4-H/Youth Development Extension Educator Erin Persche gave the Board an update on 4-H.

21 WELLNESS

21 Wellness Certified Prevention Specialist Kristi Lipp gave the Board an update on the 21 Wellness Coalition.

OLD BUSINESS

ERTMAN EASEMENT UPDATE

Assessor Kara Lenardson presented the Board with an update on the map from the Surveyor Callie Hilty and the County GIS Coordinator Max Masters. Although there is an Easement Right of Way on file the easement from the State to the County is not complete. Landowner Ted Ertman was also in attendance to discuss his ongoing concerns. Chairman Todd will visit with Wyoming DOT Engineer Scott Taylor to see if the Board can move forward with the Easement process.

BARTON ROAD UPDATE

Chairman Todd discussed the Resolution presented declaring Barton Road as a legally established county road. This will be added to the next meeting as there are a few items that need to be changed.

CORONER DISCUSSION

Coroner Scott Beachler came before the Board to continue discussion about where the Board would like the location of his office to be. The Board would like to add this amount to the Search and Rescue provider of service agreement. Clerk Hadlock will work on a separate agreement and present it to the Board at the next meeting. Discussion ensued on how the agreement would be worded. The Board would like Coroner Beachler to get a copy of the contract between Search and Rescue and the Fair Board to them pertaining to the building that Search and Rescue is occupying.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stanley Jasinski spoke during public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii); seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried. Executive Session began at 12:09 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 12:27 p.m. Matters concerning employment were discussed in Executive Session, no action was taken.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Ertman would like to remind the Department Heads to have their employee evaluations done by the end of September. Commissioner Ertman would also like to have the County Road Fund workshop after the next meeting if there is time. She would also like to know about the VOCA reimbursement as she listened to the Joint Judiciary Committee meeting and the director of family services just applied for these funds. Commissioner Ertman let the Board know that there will be landowners coming in about Red Butte Road, but they will be doing their research first. Commissioner Ertman also let the Board know she was approached about a dog attack in the County and that these individuals had visited with the Sheriff and Attorney, and nothing had been done.

Commissioner Borton commended Tim Tysdal and Road and Bridge Foreman Jim Hansen for working well together for the placement of the cattleguard.

Chairman Todd let Deputy Attorney Stone know that he appreciated her attending the meeting. Chairman Todd reported the Board could have a big problem referencing a letter received by the judges. The Board would like the judges to come to the next meeting. Clerk Hadlock will set the up for the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Nathan Todd
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk