

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
March 3, 2026

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 Marty Ertman, Garrett Borton, and Vera Huber and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Walter Sprague opened the meeting with prayer, and Francie Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Todd would like to allow individuals with concerns about the Fairgrounds to speak while the Board works on AP vouchers, add Fairgrounds to the next agenda and allow a ten-minute listening session before the Boards tour of the Fairgrounds. Chairman Todd would like to discuss Bridger Pipeline during Commissioner Comment. Commissioner Ertman would like to discuss the Old Hwy 85 bridge during Commissioner Comment. Commissioner Borton moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

FAIRGROUNDS

The Commissioners wanted to make sure that those attending knew that there was no intention of closing the Fairgrounds. Members of the public and the Fair Board spoke in support of keeping the Fairgrounds open and made suggestions to the Commissioners to help with this.

Commissioner Ertman moved to have a Fairgrounds budget workshop the last meeting in April and the first meeting in May at 5:00 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Discussion ensued. Carried.

Attorney Michael Stulken joined the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

AP VOUCHERS

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve all vouchers excluding the Ad Pro; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Borton recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Carried.

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the Ad Pro vouchers; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Ertman recused herself due to a conflict of interest. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Fairgrounds discussion continued during public comment.

PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS

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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026, as amended; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Borton recused himself as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026 - PERSONNEL

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 17, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Borton recused himself as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Carried.

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

Commissioner Borton moved to approve collections for the County Clerk in the amount of \$8,362.05, Clerk of District Court in the amount of \$2,447.51, Public Health in the amount of \$815.00 and the Sheriff in the amount of \$810.00; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried. Commissioner Ertman moved to approve collections for the Airport in the amount of \$339.63; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Borton recused himself from voting. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-4 – RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2024-10

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2026-4 – Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2024-10; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Discussion ensued. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-5 – RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING DATE FROM MARCH 17, 2026, TO MARCH 24, 2026

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2026-5 – Resolution to change the Board of Commissioner regular scheduled meeting date from March 17, 2026, to March 24, 2026; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-6 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Commissioner Borton moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2026-6 – Amendment to the 2025-2026 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. The adjustment is moving \$500,230.00 from the General Depreciation Fund into General Misc. Equipment Purchase Depreciation to purchase a new blade. Carried.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-8 – AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2026-8 – Amendment to the 2025-2026 Budget; seconded by Commissioner Borton. The adjustment is moving \$17,200 from General Miscellaneous Financial Administration into General District Court Special Attorney. Carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Ertman moved to re-appoint Greg Stumpff to the Mallo Board; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried.

HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE – CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON UPDATED COG & COOP PLANS

Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator Gilbert Nelson discussed with the Board the updated Continuity of Operations Plan and Continuity of Government Plan. Commissioner Borton moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the updated Continuity of Operations Plan and the Continuity of Government Plan; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried.

AUDIT REVIEW

County Auditor Paul Stille, with Leo Riley & Co., presented the Board with the preliminary copy of the current County audit. Mr. Stille went over some of the highlights of the audit and would like the Board to let him know if they have any questions. Mr. Stille will get the last items submitted and mail the final audit to the Board.

4-H UPDATE

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

OLD BUSINESS

CLEANING POSITION – COURTHOUSE

The Board would like to interview the applicants for the courthouse cleaning position at the next meeting.

BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-7 – CONCERNING SPECIAL APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Huber moved to approve the Board's signature on Resolution 2026-7 – Concerning Special Appointment of Deputy Attorney; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Commissioner Ertman was a Nay. Carried.

VICTIM WITNESS GRANT

Attorney Stulken would like the Board to look over the Victim Witness Grant information that Victim Witness Coordinator Stephanie Matinez had prepared for the State. Commissioner Borton did not want to sign anything as this was not properly advertised. This will be added to the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Ertman moved to have the County Attorney's office draw up a temporary maintenance contract with Steve Price for the Chairman's signature; seconded by Commissioner Huber. This contract will be from March 19 – April 3. Carried.

AWARD

News Letter Journal employees Walter Sprague and Kim Dean presented Attorney Stulken with the Benjamin Franklin Award for Open Government.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Chairman Todd discussed being contacted by the BLM office about Bridger Pipeline running a pipeline through Weston County and will be sending a letter to the Board.

Commissioner Ertman gave an update that the work on Old Hwy 85 bridge is going to start and WYDOT has set up signs warning it will be closed soon. Commissioner Ertman also reported that Google Earth is updating the GPS route to direct traffic through town instead of down Old Hwy 85. Commissioner Ertman would like to hold the second meeting in May in Upton.

Commissioner Etman moved to have the May 19th meeting in Upton at the town council chambers; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

Commissioner Huber would like to rearrange the Commissioner Room.

Commissioner Borton was thankful to everyone who attended the meeting in support of the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Borton would like to discuss the possibility of going down to three Commissioners instead of five. Chairman Todd let him know that would have to go on the ballot in two years.

FAIRGROUNDS DISCUSSION (CONT.)

The discussion continued on location at the Fairgrounds with members of the Fair Board and the public joining the Commissioners. The Commissioner let the group know that there have been budget workshops scheduled with the Fair Board on April 21st and May 5th at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room. The Commissioners pointed out that the Fairgrounds aren't required by State Stute and with the cuts by the Legislature the County will be working with less funds than they have in past years. Before the Commissioners started their tour of the grounds they welcomed input from the public. The Commissioners thanked everyone for their comments and commitment to wanting to help keep the Fairgrounds going.

The Commissioners toured the grounds of the Fairgrounds.

VOUCHERS

066-NCPERS, financial admin, \$240.00, AFLAC, payroll ded, \$3,546.49, Empower Trust CO LLC, deferred comp, \$820.00, New York Life, financial admin, \$512.59, WEBT, financial admin, \$88,971.14, Weston County Clerk, financial admin, \$46,828.81, WY Child Support Enforcement, payroll ded, \$550.00, WY Department of Workforce Services, payroll ded, \$2,070.27, WY Retirement System, payroll ded, \$39,237.50, 21 ELECTRIC LLC, bldg./grnds, \$556.24, ACED EMBROIDERY, sheriff officer equipt, \$138.00, AD PRO, misc dept suppl, \$462.25, ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS, hmlnd sec, law enf, \$272.00, ADVANCED DRUG TESTING INC (ADT), r&b cntrct, \$31.20, AT&T MOBILITY, gen dept comms, \$1,195.53, BAM DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION, crthse misc, \$423.90, BLACK HILLS CHEMICAL & JANITORIAL, law enf brd of prison, \$1,328.34, BLACK HILLS ENERGY, gen dept util, \$5,948.70, BLACK HILLS PLUMBING, law enf repair, \$145.00, BOMGAARS, r&b repair, \$176.47, BROOKELYN DELAROSA, annex cntrct wages, \$400.00, BYRAND STREETER, airport cntrct wages, \$1,731.70, CAMBRIA DISCOUNT DRUG LLC, law enf jail med, \$504.51, CHARM-TEX, law enf brd of prison, \$1,726.70, CITY OF NEWCASTLE, gen dept util, \$1,354.37, COLLINS COMMUNICATIONS INC, dist crt comms, \$110.00, CPI, sheriff officer equipt, \$907.84, CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE, hmlnd secexpense, \$721.05, CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, r&b supp, victm witness, \$42.80, DECKERS MARKET, vicim wit, ext 4H support, \$81.64, DOUBLE D, crthse suppl, r&b repair, \$1,138.18, EASTERN WY EQUIPMENT CO, r&b repair, \$587.98, ECONO SIGNS LLC, r&b repair, \$884.92, ED WAGONER, comm mlg/trvl, \$530.65, EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, misc financial admin, \$3,995.00, ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, r&b cntrct, \$832.86, ERIN PERSCHE, ext 4H ed, \$42.05, FIRST NORTHERN BANK, gen dept. visa bill, \$719.42, FISHER SAND & GRAVEL, r&b gravel, \$24,130.56, GILLETTE STEEL, r&b lmr, \$3,985.80, GOLDEN WEST TECHNOLOGIES, annex comp, misc comp, pub hlth comms, sheriff spec off, \$42,975.67, GREAT WESTERN TIRE CO, r&b repair, \$553.90, HOWARD WHITE CONSTRUCTION, bldg./grnds, \$16,053.79, HUMPHREY LAW LLC, dist crt spec attny, \$1,574.40, INDOFF

INCORPORATED, law enf suppl, sheriff suppl, \$721.50, JORDAN PITCHFORD, wic spec proj, \$280.00, KIMBERLY JENKINS, treas mlg/trvl, \$98.60, LOU'S SERVICE INC, r&b cntrct, \$130.00, MARCO, attny equipt, \$166.92, MAX MASTERS, gis land record, \$2,000.00, MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, pub hlth immuniz, \$200.67, MERIDIAN MORTUARY, coroner fees, \$295.00, MINUTEMAN LUBE CENTER, sheriff veh maint, \$317.97, MONDELL HEIGHTS LLC, \$2,102.70, MOTOR POWER EQUIPMENT, r&b postage, r&b repair, \$321.89, NEWCASTLE ACE HARDWARE, gen dept supp, \$655.42, NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Q3FY26, \$575.00, NEWCASTLE COUNTRY CLUB, hmlnd sec expense, \$118.65, NEWCASTLE MOTORS, r&b veh maint, \$78.68, NEWS LETTER JOURNAL, gen dept subs, \$415.00, NMS LABS, coroner autopsies, \$169.00, OFFICE ALLY, pub hlth immuniz, \$44.95, PITNEY BOWES – RESERVE ACCT, crthse post, \$5,000.00, PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SRVCS, crthse post, \$856.95, PLAINSMAN, misc crthse prsv fund, \$61.20, POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORP., gen dept util, \$1,797.40, RANGE, gen dept comms, \$2,624.02, REECE CHILDRESS, crthse cntrct wages, \$685.00, RINGER LAW PC, dist crt special attny, \$4,620.00, ROADRUNNER DISPOSAL SERVICE, airport util, \$60.00, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PROPANE, airport util, \$2,070.00, SALT CREEK VET CLINIC, misc noat, \$57.50, SANOFI, pub hlth immuniz, \$473.24, SELF STORAGE, LLC, elctn misc, \$200.00, SERVALL UNIFORM/LINEN CO., law enf repair, bldg/grnds, \$159.83, SIRCHIE FINGER PRINT LABS, law enf brd of prison, sheriff pub rel, \$69.01, STEPHANIE MARTINEZ, victim witness, \$15.60, SUMMIT PLUMBING & HEATING, airport repair, \$159.25, SYN-TECH SYSTEMS, r&b fuel tank, \$875.40, TAMMY CLEVERDON, treas mlg/trvl, \$42.05, TOP OFFICE PRODUCTS, ext copier, dist crt suppl, crthse suppl, \$401.90, UNIVERSITY OF WY C/O WC EXTENSION, ext 4H ed, \$5,833.50, UPTON CO-OP ASSN, r&b oil, \$47,762.26, VISIONARY COMMUNICATIONS, annex comms, \$165.60, VOELKERS AUTOBODY, r&b veh maint, \$15,886.33, WAYNES HEATING SERVICE, bldg./grnds, \$310.00, WEST END WATER DISTRICT, airport util, \$60.00, WESTERN STATES FIRE PROTECTION CO, bldg./grnds, \$282.00, WC CHILDRENS CTR, Q3FY26, \$3,187.50, WCSD #1, misc financial admin, \$500.00, WCSD #7, prevention mange, \$9,712.40, WC 4-H COUNCIL, ext repair, \$211.26, WC GAZETTE, gen dept adverts/suppl, \$679.00, WC HEALTH SERVICES, pub hlth immuniz, r&b cntrct, \$97.75, WC ROAD & BRIDGE, gen dept fuel, \$2,495.82, WC SR SERVICES, law enf brd of prison, \$3,126.00, WHEELER LUMBER, r&b lube/lumbr, \$3,401.17, WOODYS FOOD CENTER, law enf brd of prison, victim witness, ext 4H suppt, \$21.81, WY DEPT OF HEALTH, pub hlth reimb, \$21,472.30, WY DEPT OF HEALTH/RENTAL, pub hlth, \$165.00, WY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, r&b old hwy 85, \$1,086.17, WY MACHINERY CO, r&b repair, \$3,696.72, WY NETWORK, misc financial admin, \$270.00, WY DEPT OF HEALTH – LAB, pub hlth suppl, \$28.00.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Nathan Todd
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk