

**WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**April 21, 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 Ed Wagoner, Marty Ertman, Vera Huber, and Garrett Borton, and Acting Clerk Amber Green were present. Vera Huber opened the meeting with prayer, and Linda Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance .

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Todd requested BLM be added to the agenda under new business. Commissioner Borton moved to approve agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Upton Mayor Nick Trandahl provided that he and Upton Clerk/Treasurer [Kelley] Millar would be willing to share information that they had gathered during their recent discussions with Black Hills Energy on the current topic of rates.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2026**

Chairman Todd stated there was an issue with the April 7th minutes. It appeared the minutes were only partially completed before former Clerk Hadlock left her position, and Acting Clerk Green believed they had already been finished.

Based on guidance from *Weston County Gazette* owner/publisher/editor Lisa LaVasseur, unofficial minutes may be published in the newspaper, and the Commission may still make corrections at the next meeting while remaining within statutory requirements. Acting Clerk Green will need to submit the unofficial minutes to the county newspaper by Friday, April 27, 2026.

Commissioner Borton moved to table the Minutes of April 7, 2026, until the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Carried

**MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2026**

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes of April 14, 2026, strike out the word “and” before Marty Ertman and to change the designation from unofficial to official; seconded by Commissioner Borton as amended. Carried

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON BUFFINGTON’S SINGLE LAND DIVISION PLAT**

Commissioners Ertman moved to table the Chairmans signature on Buffington’s Single Land Division Plat until the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON SOIL PLACEMENT AGREEMENT PROJECT**

It was reported that BNSF identified soil at the old Highway 85 bridge site containing various hazardous materials. If removal of the contaminated soil is required, the cost could increase significantly due to the volume involved—estimated at 400 to 500 semi-loads of waste material that would need to be hauled and properly disposed of.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

The additional cost under consideration pertains to the incorporation of sidewalks leading from the taxiways to the individual hangars. These sidewalks were not included in the original hangar project design, although they were included in the grant extension. No decision was made.

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-13-ESTABLISHING COUNTY RD**

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Chairman’s signature on Resolution 2026-13 with the change from view to viewer; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-14-AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 BUDGET**

Commissioner Huber moved to approve Resolution 2026-14, amendment to the 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$2,300 coming from General Miscellaneous Financial Admin going to general Homeland Security expense; seconded by Commissioner Borton. In discussion, it was emphasized that no meal expenditures would be allowed. Carried

**EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS**

Weston County Homeland Security Coordinator Gibert Nelson provided an update on revisions to the County Emergency Operations Plan, including changes within the Finance and Administration section related to procurement procedures. No action taken until after the scheduled training has been completed.

**CHAIRMAN’S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-15- DISTRICT COURT SPECIAL ATTN & GAL**

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve resolution 2026-15, amendment to the 2025-2026 budget; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Discussion followed “GAL” was written behind the account number. Carried

**REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION**

Members of the Weston County Republican Party Election Integrity Committee- Stanley Jasinski, Susan Love, and Pastor Ben Roberts- provided a presentation regarding election integrity concerning hand counts and submitted a resolution for the Board’s consideration.

**FAIRGROUNDS**

Weston County Fair Board members Billy Jackson and Francie Hamilton informed the Board the buried barrels have been removed and that all cleanup has been completed.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT-MALLO BOARD**

Commissioner Ertman moved to accept the appointment to the Mallo Board of Don Dorn; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried

**HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

It was reported that First Northern Bank currently offers Health Savings Accounts (HSA) with maximum annual pre-tax contribution limits of \$4,400 for single plans and \$8,750 for family plans. Employees may withdraw funds from these accounts at any time to pay for eligible health-related expenses.

## **SET SALARIES**

Commissioner Ertman moved to keep the salaries as they are for the next four years; seconded by Borton. Discussion is to have County Attorney Stulken create the resolution. Carried

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BCBS-PLAN SELECTION**

Commissioner Huber moved to go with the following three insurance programs; \$2500 traditional, \$3500 HDHP, and the \$5000 HDHP; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Discussion ensued. Carried

Commissioner Ertman moved that the County will assume the premium increase and provide an incentive for employees who choose to move to either High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The incentive will include \$1,000 deposited into an HSA account for each individual who transitions to an HDHP; seconded by Vice-Chairman Wagoner. During discussion, Commissioner Ertman noted that additional discussions may be held regarding further considerations. Carried

### **PENNY TAX**

Commissioner Ertman moved that Weston County includes the Morrissey Road mill and overlay project, in the approximate amount of \$448,000, on the sixth-penny tax list; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

### **CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON BUFFINGTON'S SINGLE LAND DIVISION PLAT**

Planning and Zoning Chairman Rick Dunford joined the meeting for some conversation about the Buffington's Single Land Division Plat.

Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Buffington Single land split; seconded by Commissioner Ertman. Commissioner Borton recused himself from the discussion because he sat in on the Planning Board Meeting. Carried

Commissioner Ertman rescinded the prior motion made to table the Buffington subdivision for May 5<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Borton. Carried

### **CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE ON RESOLUTION 2026-10**

The County shall divide the county into 8 election districts. Commissioner Ertman would like to just see the precincts and the polling places; but to mark off the machines and initial to the side. Vice-Chairman Wagoner moved to approve Resolution 2026-10 for the precincts with the type of voting equipment and ADA voting equipment redacted from the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Borton. Carried

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BRIDGER PIPELINE**

Commissioner Ertman moved to add the term "coordinating agency" to the existing reference to "cooperating," and further moved that the Chairman would be the individual; seconded Vice-Chairman Wagoner. Carried.

Commissioner Ertman moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between Weston County and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, through the Wyoming BLM State Director, regarding the Bridger Pipeline Expansion

Project and its associated Environmental Impact Statement. Commissioner Ertman requested that the word “coordination” be added alongside the word “cooperation” within the document; seconded Commissioner Huber. Carried

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following scholarship recipients were announced:

Holly Trandahl

Preslee Fitzwater

Reagan Redding

1st Alternate: Yaquelin Munoz Galvan

2nd Alternate: Baleigh Knight

Renewal Recipient: Breeley Materi

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

Nathan Todd  
Chairman

Attest: Amber Green  
Acting Weston County Clerk