

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING – DISPATCH

April 26, 2022

The special meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairwoman Marty Ertman at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Marty Ertman, Nathan Todd, Tony Barton, Don Taylor, Deputy Attorney Jeanie Stone and Clerk Hadlock were present. Newcastle City Councilman Ty Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the special meeting was to decide how the Board would like to move forward with Dispatch.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Barton moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Commissioner Barton moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a)(iii); seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Carried. Executive Session began at 9:03 a.m.; regular meeting reconvened at 9:41 a.m. Matters concerning possible litigation were discussed in Executive Session; no action was taken.

Commissioner Barton moved to authorize the County Attorney's office to seek special council for proposed litigation due to possible conflict; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

The City of Newcastle presented the Board of Commissioners with a new Dispatch contract drafted by Mayor Pam Gaultieri.

The Board explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Motorola contract that was handed to them at the April 19, 2022 meeting just as they were about to adjourn.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Joint Powers Board and the possibility of forming one with all entities involved with Dispatch.

Commissioner Barton moved to try to set up a joint meeting with one member from all entities involved as well as a mediator, to try to flush out a joint powers agreement a little more, with Vice-Chairman Todd representing the Board of Commissioners; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

Commissioner Barton moved to have the County Attorney put forth three names for an Independent Mediator for the group to pick from and the County will pay for it; seconded by Vice-Chairman Todd. Carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Marty Ertman  
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock  
Weston County Clerk

