

WESTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
May 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Weston County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Don Taylor at 9:00 a.m. at the Weston County Courthouse. Commissioners Ed Wagoner, Nathan Todd, Garrett Borton and Vera Huber, Attorney Michael Stulken and Clerk Becky Hadlock were present. Mick Bohn opened the meeting with prayer, and Ed Quinones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk Hadlock asked to remove Vacancy Update, remove Endowment Fund for Fairgrounds, add Executive Session per Attorney Stulken, add Budget Letter to Elected Officials/Department Heads and add Board's Signature on County Road Fund Project Eligibility Certificate Form – Old Hwy 85 #1A Asphalt Removal & Replace w/gravel to the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chairman Borton asked to add Commissioner Attendance Resolution under Old Business, Chairman Taylor asked to add Update from Frank Eathorne on why Vacancy Update was removed and Cost Share of Ambulance Service -Mayor under New Business. Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the Minutes of May 7, 2024, Board's Signature on County Road Fund Project Eligibility Certificate Form – Old Hwy 85 #1A Asphalt Removal & Replace w/gravel, Chairman's Signature on Modification of Grant or Agreement Cooperative Law Enforcement Operating & Financial Plan Between the Weston County Government and the USDA, Forest Service Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Chairman's Signature on Grant Agreement Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Chairman's Signature on Grant Agreement Between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Weston County, Tax Roll Correction #1644, Chairman's Signature on Bid Opening Affidavit, 24 Hour Permit for Deanna Steele, DBA Rocking Cowboy Cuisine: 5/25/2024-5/26/2024, 24 Hour Permit for Cambria Inn Inc, DBA Flying V: 6/5/2024-6/6/2024, Board Appointments: Weston County Child Support Authority Board – Tina Cote; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Quinones and Stanley Jasinski spoke during public comment.

RARE EARTH UPDATE

Roger Conett came before the Board to give an update on Rare Element Resources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to go into Executive Session per W.S. 16-4-405(a) (ii); seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried. Executive Session began at 9:23 a.m. and reconvened into regular session at 9:36 a.m. Commissioner Huber moved to have Clerk Hadlock contact LGLP and contingent upon their availability to come do a workshop with Supervisors and Elected Officials discussing proper Supervisor etiquette and Employer training; seconded by Vice-Chairman Borton.

BUDGET LETTER TO ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Vice-Chairman Borton moved to approve the Chairman's Signature on a letter generated by the Clerk for a budget cut letter sent out to Department Heads; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy County Clerk Amber Green let the Board know all the applicants are in good standing with the State. However, the Pizza Barn has applied for the one retail license that was available. Commissioner Wagoner moved to approve the liquor license renewals; seconded by Commissioner Huber. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE FROM FRANK EATHORNE ON WHY VACANCY UPDATE WAS REMOVED

Chairman Taylor let the Board know that he had a meeting with Dan Bau, Dan Fouche, Frank Eathorne and Chip Neiman about the notice of Vacancy Letter. Mr. Eathorne and Mr. Neiman both feel it would be better to wait until after the election to move forward with this. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE RESOLUTION

Clerk Hadlock will add this to the agenda when there is an opinion from the Attorney General.

MOVING FORWARD WITH EMS DISTRICT

Attorney Stulken will work on a Resolution to move forward with the EMS District, and it will be added under Old Business for the next meeting.

UPDATE ON NEWCASTLE BLM RMP REVISION, BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN REVISION, THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLANDS, GREATER SAGE-GROUSE EIS, BLM EIS & FOREST SERVICE OLD GROWTH EIS

Dru Bower 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. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

COST SHARE OF AMBULANCE SERVICE

Mayor Pam Gualtieri came before the before to discuss splitting the cost of the Campbell County Ambulance Service with the City. Discussion ensued.

SERVICE WARRANT VOUCHER/FUTURE SERVICE WARRANTS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wagoner moved to allow the Clerk's Office to pay for all civil processes as they are requested by the Attorney's Office; seconded by Commissioner Todd. Carried.

CREDIT CARD PRE-AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Commissioner Todd moved to authorize the Chairman's signature on the County Attorney's Credit Card Pre-Authorization Request for Victim Witness Business Cards and Wyoming Criminal and Traffic Law Manuals; seconded by Commissioner Wagoner. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

All Commissioner's spoke during Commissioner Comment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Don Taylor
Chairman

Attest: Becky Hadlock
Weston County Clerk