

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, March 31, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 am with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to Board Allison Brown present. Guests present include Greg Etl and Delene Walsh.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: 1) Court Clerk Desk 2) Skidsteer Request 3) CWRA Donation 3) Dog Bite Update. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walsh has concerns about a proposed fuel pipeline crossing her land.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the March 20, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

9:15 am: Updates – Greg Etl, Department of Local Affairs

Etl requested the Board to keep him informed of emergency situations like fires, road closures, water loss, etc. Discussion regarding his role in the response and recover of a disaster. The Board inquired about grant money for small, unincorporated town water systems. A special district would have to be formed in order to qualify for any DOLA grants.

Etl left the meeting at 10:07 am.

Discussion regarding the proposed fuel pipeline that will be used to transport jet fuel to DIA and the threat of eminent domain.

Walsh left the meeting at 10:23 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Perpetual Use Agreement Application Form

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to modify the perpetual use agreement form by deleting the last sentence in paragraph four. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Cheyenne Ridge II Wind Project Haul Route Modification Request

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the request, adding County Road FF to the haul route. Motion passed unanimously.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Court Clerk Desk

The Judge has expressed concern that the Court Clerk's desk in the courtroom is not bullet proof. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the application of a Kevlar lining. Brossman is currently working on the courthouse security grant request, and will add that in.

b. Skid steer Request

An employee from District 3 is interested in using a skid steer to do work around his house. Discussion regarding the process. He will have to fill out a verification of need form and provide proof of insurance. Brossman will get in touch with the County's insurance to be sure he would be covered.

c. CWRA Donation

The fair book is due to the publisher by tomorrow, and the Fair Board needs to know if the Tumbleweed Softball Tournament needs to go in the book. Consensus of the Board is to add the tournament in.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve a \$2500 donation to CWRA for the Tumbleweed Tournament. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Dog Bite Update

County Attorney Kelly Lowery has been in touch with John Caldara. He is unwilling to sign the agreement, for fear of having more medical issues down the road. Consensus of the Board is to require his signature in order to issue payment.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

a. Emergency Preparedness Director Vehicle Request

A vehicle expenses was not included in the 2025 budget. The Board does not find it necessary for the Director to have a vehicle with emergency lighting. This position is for planning and organizing, not for responding.

County Treasurer Gaila Mitchek joined the meeting at 11:06 am.

b. Certificates of Deposit Discussion

Mitchek informed the Board that the \$6.5 million impact fee check was deposited into several CDs at both Farmers & Merchants Bank and The Eastern Colorado Bank.

Mitchek left the meeting at 11:18 am.

OTHER BUSINESS: (cont.)

e. Public Hearing

Kit Carson County has cancelled their public hearing for Singing Grass, as they have not secured all of the easements. The Board does not want to issue a perpetual easement if they are not secured along the route in Cheyenne County as well.

Recess at 11:23 am.

Reconvene at 11:31 am.

Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen joined the meeting via telephone at 11:31 am.

Discussion regarding next week's public hearing. Allen stated that he received a phone call from Singing Grass a couple of days ago, and that they had decided to pull their application. The public hearing will still be required due to the substation expansion.

Allen ended the telephone call at 11:33 am.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed and approved expense vouchers on the various funds.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 am. Motion passed unanimously.