

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 30, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:01 am with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to Board Allison Brown present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Brooke Campbell, Shirley Pelton, Jim Hadachek, Jake Barkhuizen and Tim Pautler joined the meeting at 9:03 am.

Republican River Water Conservation District Board Member Vacancy – Tim Pautler

Cheyenne County representative James Harlow resigned recently. The other board members have recommended Jake Barkhuizen for appointment. Discussion.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to appoint Jake Barkhuizen to the Republican River Water Conservation District Board as a representative for Cheyenne County. Motion passed.

Campbell, Barkhuizen, Pautler and Hadachek left the meeting at 9:24 am.

Recess at 9:25 am.

County Treasurer Gaila Mitchek joined the meeting at 9:29 am.

Mrs. Pelton left the meeting at 9:34 am.

Reconvene at 9:35 am.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RADIO

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the purchase of a radio for Emergency Preparedness Director Steve Hill if the funding is approved by the State. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the September 19, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Wages

Commissioner Pelton would like to look at wage increases. Consensus of the Board is to visit during budget workshops.

Recess at 9:50 am.

Reconvene at 10:04 am.

b. Department of Human Services Caseworker Position

Director Jane Tallman is awaiting a response to the presented offer.

c. 2026 Insurance

Discussion regarding increasing costs of medical, dental and vision insurance. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to remain on the same plan and to increase the deductible reimbursement for employee-only participants to \$3150. Motion passed.

Treasurer Mitchek rejoined the meeting at 10:28 am.

d. Housing Development Plan

Discussion regarding CDs to be established at The Eastern Colorado Bank for Kit Carson Rural Development and Wells Rural Development to use as collateral for housing project loans.

Mitchek left at 10:38 am.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Colorado Counties, Inc. Legislative Committee Commissioner Designation

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Smith to nominate Commissioner Pelton as the CCI Legislative Committee representative. Motion passed. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to designate Commissioner Smith as the alternate representative. Motion passed.

b. Town Police Agreements

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to present policing agreements to the towns of Cheyenne Wells and Kit Carson with amounts remaining the same as in 2025. Motion passed.

c. Equipment Discussion

Discussion regarding the dump truck selling from District 3. Consensus of the Board is to replace the truck in 2026.

Sheriff's Deputy Michael Griffin joined the meeting at 10:51 am.

Griffin left the meeting at 10:54 am.

d. Chip Sealing

Discussion regarding chip sealing roads and what material to use. Districts 2 and 3 have budgeted for it.

- e. Open Sealed Bids for Road & Bridge District #3 Shop Roof and Gutter Repairs

Commissioners opened one bid received for the roof repairs.

James Harlow joined the meeting via telephone at 11:05 am.

Telephone call ended at 11:08 am.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Smith to approve the bid from JSquared Construction to repair the roof and gutters. Motion passed 2-0, Commissioner Pelton abstained.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Firstview Wind Farm, LLC Letter

ADJOURN

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