

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:01 am, with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, Clerk to the Board Allison Brown, Fair Board Manager Jim Lengel and Darin Dickey present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Addition: Substation Concerns.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the January 26, 2026 minutes as written. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Resolution #2026-03 Extending Domestic Sludge Regulation Moratorium

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adopt Resolution #2026-03 to extend the domestic sludge moratorium for six months, pending a study and review. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### a. Kit Carson School After Prom Donation Request

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve a donation of \$250 to the Kit Carson After Prom. Motion passed.

Ryan Ash joined the meeting at 9:10 am.

### b. Fairgrounds Electric Upgrades

Discussion regarding needed electrical upgrades at the fairgrounds. The Board will ask Chandler Kent to design the upgrades and then put the job out to bid, compensating Kent for the design work.

Delene Walsh joined the meeting at 9:14 am.

9:15 am: Fair Board Bylaws – Jim Lengel, Fair Manager

Discussion regarding recommendations to the portion of the bylaws pertaining to the livestock committee. Brossman will make changes revise as discussed and present to the Fair Board for approval.

Paul Howard joined the meeting at 9:25 am.

Brian Welsh joined the meeting at 9:40 am.

Lengel and Ash left the meeting at 9:44 am.

9:45 am: Vacate Alley Request – Brian Welsh and Paul Howard

Welsh and Howard presented a map of Arapahoe, illustrating alleys between their properties they would like vacated. Consensus of the Board is to draft a resolution for adoption at a later meeting and publish a legal notice.

Welsh and Howard left the meeting at 9:58 am.

Recess at 9:59 am.

Ted Smelker, Dusty Tallman, Jeff Cure, Allen Schutte, Wendi Collins, Brad Haight, Carrie Bernstein, Jenn Chester, Julie Stencel, Sam Lidington, Cameron Thompson, Deni Eiring, Jim Lengel, Devin Dickey, Wendy Dickey, Jerry Allen and Andy Mills joined the meeting between 10:13 and 10:57 am.

County Attorney Kelly Lowery joined the meeting via telephone at 10:58 am.

Reconvened at 11:00 am.

11:00 am: Cheyenne Ridge II Gen-Tie Line Request

Chester presented a map detailing the location for their temporary request. Discussion regarding the possibility of structures being placed within the County's right-of-way. Xcel will work with surveyors to determine if the structures are misplaced, and relocate them if needed.

Attorneys for Dryland Partners stated it is their belief that this issue should be decided in court rather than by the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion.

Smelker and Schutte left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Dickey, Tallman, Cure, Collins, Haight, Bernstein, Chester, Stencel, Lidington, Thompson, Eiring, Lengel, Dickey, Dickey, and Mills left the meeting at 12:21 pm.

Recess at 12:21 pm.

Reconvened at 12:26 pm.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for legal advice, with Commissioners, Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen, Administrator Brossman, Clerk Brown and County Attorney Kelly Lowery present.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to come out of executive session at 1:05 pm.

Recess at 1:06 pm.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman, Kit Carson County Human Services Director Jennifer Gribble and Caseworker Carley Lane joined the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Allen left the meeting at 1:09 pm.

Reconvened at 1:10 pm.

Sarah Cashion, Nicole Drake & Korey Elger with the State Department of Human Services joined the meeting via telephone at 1:10 pm.

10:30 am: Updates and Differential Response

Gribble updated the Board that a caseworker in her county has resigned, so a former Cheyenne County caseworker will be working within the county more than originally anticipated. The Board asked Gribble to keep tabs on the situation and use her as little as practical, and asked Tallman for professionalism and an open mind.

Gribble expressed concerns with Tallman's accountability so far in regards to the intergovernmental agreement. Issues are being discussed and documented.

Differential Response

The department is looking at moving forward with Differential Response. We are the last County in the State to make it official, but have been practicing it already. Tallman

will work with the State Department to set up a community forum and begin the process of state approval.

Gribble and Lane left the meeting at 1:31 pm.

Tallman left the meeting at 1:33 pm.

#### NEW BUSINESS (cont)

- a. Construction Permit for Installation of Utilities in Public Right-of-Way for Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, Inc.

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the permit for Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, Inc. with an amended minimum depth of 48 inches. Motion passed.

#### EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed and approved warrants on the various funds.

#### OLD BUSINESS (cont)

- a. Cheyenne Wells Housing Property

Discussion regarding land prices on the east end of Cheyenne Wells. Smith will draft up a cost proposal and present to the Board at a future meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Monthly Reports from Various Departments

#### ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 pm. Motion passed unanimously.