

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, December 9, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the November 25, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Gravel Pit Land Test Digging Letter

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to sign and send the letter to Tracy Akers. Motion passed.

Delene Walsh joined the meeting at 9:09 am.

b. Fleet Equipment Quotes

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to purchase the Mahindra Roxor and the Hefty Trailer. Motion passed.

9:15am: Emergency Telephone Service Authority Budget Hearing

1. Resolution #2025-08 to Adopt Budget

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adopt Resolution #2025-08. Motion passed.

2. Resolution #2025-09 to Set Mill Levies

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adopt Resolution #2025-09. Motion passed.

3. Resolution #2025-10 to Appropriate Sums of Money

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adopt Resolution #2025-10. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. County Fair Rodeo Clown/Barrelman Contract

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the contract with Tate Rhoads for the 2026 Rodeo. Discussion. Commissioner Pelton retracted his motion. The Board tabled the matter awaiting more information.

Emergency Preparedness Director Steve Hill joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

- b. Intergovernmental Agreement with Keefe Memorial Health Service District for Snow Removal

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the agreement with Keefe Memorial Hospital. Motion passed.

9:30am: Cheyenne County Budget Hearing

- 1. Resolution #2025-11 to Adopt Budget

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adopt Resolution #2025-11. Motion passed.

- 2. Resolution #2025-12 to Set Mill Levies

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adopt Resolution #2025-12. Motion passed.

- 3. Resolution #2025-13 to Appropriate Sums of Money

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adopt Resolution #2025-13. Motion passed.

10:00am: Road Barrier Fine – Steve Hill, Emergency Preparedness Director  
Discussion regarding signage warning travelers of County Road closures when the highways are closed for adverse weather conditions. An additional fine would have to be approved with a separate ordinance in the Model Traffic Code. Hill will work with Undersheriff Kayla Murdock to draft an ordinance.

Hill informed the Board that he is searching for an existing tower to mount equipment on to boost radio signals. The State will supply equipment if a tower is found.

Hill left the meeting at 10:03 am.

Recess at 10:03 am.

Reconvened at 10:10 am.

NEW BUSINESS, cont.

- c. Archery and Sports Shooting Range Board Member Update

Mike Pilant will no longer be serving on the Board as he no longer lives in Cheyenne County.

- d. East Central Council of Government Direct Service Contract

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Direct Service Contract with ECCOG. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS, cont.

c. Dryland Prairie Energy Storage Project Conditional Use Permit Modification

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the permit modification application. Motion passed.

Public Health Director Kelli Adamson joined the meeting at 10:27 am.

10:30am: CDPHE Contract Amendment – Kelli Adamson, Public Health Director  
Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve Amendment #2 to Task Order 2023-\*0011 with the State Department of Public Health and Environment. Motion passed.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve Grant Agreement 2026\*0011 Amendment #4. Motion passed.

Adamson left the meeting at 10:37am.

Cory Wall joined the meeting via telephone at 10:44 am.

Discussion regarding additional information needed on the contract with Tate Rhoads.

Greg Martin joined the meeting at 10:45 am.

Phone call ended at 10:46 am.

11:00am: Arapahoe Water Board – Greg Martin

Discussion regarding updates needed to the Arapahoe water system. Martin asked the Board for a 50% match on the cost of the updates. The Board gave a verbal commitment to help. Martin will come back with estimates after visiting with vendors in March.

Kit Carson County Director of Human Services Jennifer Gribble joined the meeting at 11:10 am.

Martin left the meeting at 11:20 am.

11:30am: Contract Services – Jennifer Gribble, Kit Carson County Department of Human Services Director

Discussion regarding contracting with Kit Carson County to cover Child Welfare. Gribble expressed concern with our current financial position, along with the State's plans to redistrict. Gribble will meet with Kit Carson County Board of Commissioners and work with them to draw up a contract.

Gribble left the meeting at 11:55 am.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Tate Rhoads contract after striking the paragraph referencing 'Schedule A'. Motion passed.

Recess at 11:58 am.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman joined the meeting at 12:16 pm.

Reconvened at 12:16 pm.

Discussion regarding plans to contract with Kit Carson County for Child Welfare. Gribble will be the Supervisor of all cases and Tallman will be the Caseworker on the existing cases. Tallman will be expected to report to Gribble and to conduct the in-home visits in Conejos County. The contract with Taylor Consulting, LLC will not be renewed in January. The Department will continue advertising for a Caseworker.

Tallman left the meeting at 12:37 pm.

#### EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Monthly Reports from Various Departments

#### ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 pm. Motion passed.