

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 8:59 am with Commissioner Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman, Clerk to Board Allison Brown and Emergency Preparedness Director Steve Hill present. Commissioner RJ Jolly was present via telephone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Smith to approve the February 28, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Operations Center Location & Updates

Hill is working on the Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment. He stated he is not getting much cooperation from the other departments. He will continue to reach out to them, as there is still time to complete the work.

Hill left the meeting at 9:15 am.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Construction Permit Application for Installation of Utilities in Public Right-of-Way from Dennis Beek

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

- b. Prowers County Letter of Support Request

Prowers County has requested a letter of support in opposition of the proposed Southwestern Grid Connector. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to send a letter of support, after review of the draft. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Weather Damage

Discussion regarding damage to bleachers at the fairgrounds during the wind storm last week. Brossman has submitted a claim to the insurance company.

d. East Cheyenne Recreation District Board Member

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to appoint Heidi Mitchek to the East Cheyenne Recreation District Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess at 9:29 am.

Reconvene at 10:00 am.

Trevor Braund with Cheyenne Ridge II, Sam Lidington, Ari Fernandez, Tyler Stitt, Tom Foreman and Dave Ryan with Xcel Energy, Anne Gregory with Enel, Sam Mitchek and Troy Smith joined the meeting 9:59 am.

10:00 am: Perpetual Easement Application for Cheyenne Ridge II Wind Project, LLC – Enel North America and Xcel Energy Representatives

Attorneys are still finalizing the language in the application. Payment of the impact fee will be coming soon, and the County will finalize the right-to-build letter.

Jolly ended the telephone call at 10:28 am.

Enel, Xcel and Cheyenne Ridge II representatives, Mitchek and Smith left the meeting at 10:30 am.

Recess at 10:32 am.

Reconvene at 10:40 am.

Sarah and Bryson Hyle joined the meeting at 10:40 am.

Fairgrounds Grandstands Painting for Senior Project – Bryson Hyle

Bryson is preparing to paint the grandstands next week. Consensus of the board is to stick with white paint. Hyle will get with Mark Galli to purchase the paint and supplies at the local hardware stores.

Hyles left the meeting at 10:46 am.

County Assessor Lacey Welsh joined the meeting at 10:50 am.

Mapping Vendor Update

Welsh updated the Board on the progress of the mapping vendor conversion. The company has assigned our project to a new team, and she feels like it's on the right track now.

Welsh left the meeting at 11:02 am.

Recess at 11:02 am.

Kiowa County Administrator Tina Adamson joined the meeting at 11:25 am.

Reconvene at 11:25 am.

Developing Strategy Negotiations

Adamson gave an update on the status of legal actions taken against Kiowa County by Invenergy.

Adamson left the meeting at 12:21 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Monthly reports from various departments

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed and approved expense vouchers on the various funds.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 pm. Motion passed unanimously.