

1 MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
2 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
3 Monday, April 20, 2026

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5 CALL TO ORDER

6 Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 am, with  
7 Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, County Administrator Marcy Brossman and  
8 Clerk to the Board Allison Brown present. Guests include Perry Hanavan, Brian Welsh,  
9 Zach Anderson and Paul Howard.

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11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

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13 APPROVE AGENDA

14 Additions: CPW Letter. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from  
15 Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

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17 PUBLIC COMMENT

18 Welsh was told there was going to be an extension of Illinois in Arapahoe, and  
19 questioned whether it would be surveyed prior. Pelton stated a final decision has not  
20 been made. Howard would like the Board to review Colorado's 35-acre law.  
21 Subdivision exemptions must go through the Land Use Board prior to Commissioner  
22 approval.

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24 Public Health Director Kelli Adamson joined the meeting at 9:12 am.

25 Welsh and Howard left the meeting at 9:12 am.

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27 APPROVE MINUTES

28 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the  
29 March 31, 2026 minutes as amended. Motion passed.

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Recess as Board of County Commissioners at 9:13 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

FINANCIALS

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to accept the financial presentation. Motion passed.

Dawn and Lacey Engelbrecht joined the meeting at 9:18 am.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATES

a. Epidemiology

Measles is still circulating in Colorado. Flu and Covid cases are slowing down. There were two reportable animal bites this month, both individuals are recovered.

b. Community Health Survey

Grant Coordinator Autumn Pelton emailed an updated version of the survey. Adamson has received several responses. The Board requested the results be emailed.

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ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 am. Motion passed.

Adamson left the meeting at 9:27 am.

Reconvened as Board of County Commissioners at 9:27 am.

9:45 am: Community Building Alcohol Waiver Request – Dawn Engelbrecht

Engelbrecht requested an alcohol waiver for a wedding on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the alcohol waiver. Motion passed.

Engelbrechts left the meeting at 9:28 am.

Recess at 9:29 am.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

1 UPDATES

2 a. Cheyenne Manor Collaboration

3 The Department is collaborating with Cheyenne Manor, putting in place  
4 policies for supporting residents when needed. They will be paid a small  
5 amount from HCPF for the collaboration.

6 b. Most Improved County Award

7 Cheyenne County will be receiving a plaque for C-Stat most improved county,  
8 after raising their score from 66 to 92.

9 c. Differential Response

10 Both Differential Response community meetings were well attended. The  
11 application has been turned in to the State and Tallman is awaiting the  
12 approval.

13 d. MOUs

14 Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to  
15 approve the Purchase of Services Contract for the Core Services Program with  
16 DACT LLC for drug and alcohol testing, with the contract date amended to  
17 May 1, 2026 instead of May 1, 2023. Motion passed.

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19 Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to  
20 approve the Memorandum of Understanding Amendment #3 with The  
21 Colorado Department of Early Childhood. Motion passed.

22 e. 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Convening Update

23 Only one director can attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Convening at the end of April.  
24 Tallman is under the impression that she will be going instead of Kit Carson  
25 County Director Jennifer Gribble.

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27 FINANCIALS

1 There was a page missing from the financial report. The Board tabled the financials  
2 and requested a complete report by the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

5 Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to move in to  
6 executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(c) for confidential matters, at 10:04 am  
7 with the Commissioners and Tallman present. Motion passed.

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9 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to come out of  
10 executive session at 10:21 am. Motion passed.

11 Tallman left the meeting at 10:25 am.

12 Welsh rejoined the meeting at 10:25 am.

13 Chandler Kent joined the meeting at 10:28 am.

14 Reconvened at 10:29 am.

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16 ADJOURN

17 Board of Human Services meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

18 Reconvened as Board of County Commissioners at 10:29 am.

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20 10:00 am: Fairgrounds Electrical Upgrades – Chandler Kent

21 Kent met with Casey Hyle from KC Electric Association. There were suggested  
22 changes to the plan, in order to upgrade power going to the Community Building.

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24 Debbie Knudsen and Rex Hyle joined the meeting at 10:31 am.

25 Kristy See, Jenna See and Billie Cozart joined the meeting at 10:31 am.

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1 The Board requested an updated bid showing the approximately \$6,000 increase.

2 Consensus of the Board is to have Kent order all the parts and materials and complete  
3 the work in the 2027 budget year.

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5 Kent left the meeting at 10:41 am.

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7 10:30 am: Community Building Alcohol Waiver Request – Kristy See and Jenna See  
8 See requested an alcohol waiver for a wedding on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Pelton  
9 moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the alcohol waiver. Motion  
10 passed.

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12 Carleton Pelton joined the meeting at 10:42 am.

13 See, See and Cozart left the meeting at 10:44 am.

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15 10:45 am: Drainage Project and Splash Pad Donation Request – Rex Hyle, Town of  
16 Cheyenne Wells

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18 The Town will have a walk-through of the drainage project with CDOT on May 18<sup>th</sup>,  
19 and the Board is invited to attend.

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21 The town is looking at putting a splash pad in at Medicine Arrow Park. Anderson asked  
22 the Board for either a financial or in-kind donation. Consensus of the Board is to offer  
23 an in-kind donation, with the amount being decided after final grant match amount is  
24 received.

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26 Anderson, Carleton Pelton, Hyle and Knudsen left the meeting at 11:11 am.

27 Jim and Rhonda Brown joined the meeting at 11:11 am.

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1 OLD BUSINESS

2 a. Arapahoe Roadways & Alleyways Vacate Request

3 Discussion regarding the extension of Illinois avenue south to Front Street. The  
4 County will have the property surveyed prior to be sure everything is correct.

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6 Welsh and Browns left the meeting at 11:51 am.

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8 Consensus of the Board is to table the Roadways and Alleys Vacate Request until  
9 after the survey is complete.

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11 b. Elected Officials Salary Category Change

12 Commissioner Pelton reached out to State Senator Rod Pelton since the matter  
13 has to go through the legislature. He was able to add it as an amendment to a  
14 current bill, and expects it to pass. Consensus of the Board is to schedule a public  
15 hearing on the matter at the next meeting date.

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17 NEW BUSINESS

18 a. Watchpoint Surveillance Estimate

19 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve  
20 the purchase of an additional DVR, in order to separate the surveillance system  
21 for the court floors. Motion passed.

22 b. Doug Mathis PRCA Rodeo Announcer Contract

23 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve  
24 the contract with Doug Mathis. Motion passed.

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26 Hanavan left the meeting at 12:02 pm.

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1 c. Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC Construction Permit for Installation of Utilities in  
2 Public Right-of-Way  
3 Discussion regarding amendments the Board would like to see on the application.  
4 Consensus of the Board is to table the matter until the permit includes the  
5 discussed amendments.

6 d. Data Center Policy & Regulations  
7 Discussion regarding creating and instituting policies and regulations surrounding  
8 data centers coming into the county. Consensus of the Board is to institute a  
9 moratorium on the establishment of data centers within the county. Brossman  
10 will draft a resolution for approval at the next meeting.

11 e. Baca County Request to Purchase Motor Graders  
12 Baca County Commissioners approached Commissioner Pelton at the CCI  
13 Winter Conference, interested in purchasing our used graders. Discussion  
14 regarding checking auction prices and trade values before deciding on how to sell  
15 used equipment. Pelton will do some research and stay in touch with Baca  
16 County Commissioner Race Chenoweth.

17 f. Search Drones  
18 Discussion regarding the purchase of a drone to be used in search and rescue  
19 operations, law enforcement and fire activities. Commissioner Pelton will  
20 research reviews and pricing.

21 g. Impact Fee  
22 Commissioner Pelton would like to look at restructuring the way the County's  
23 impact fee money is held and spent. He has heard from several citizens that the  
24 money should be used to better the community. Commissioner Jolly suggested  
25 loosening the rules around what qualifies for impact fee expenditures, but that  
26 money will be needed when the projects are at their end. Commissioner Pelton  
27 will research how surrounding counties are dealing with this.

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1 Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to add County  
2 Road 36 to the agenda. Motion passed.

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4 h. Arapahoe Warning Siren

5 The Board will seek quotes on a siren and look into putting up a tower or  
6 mounting one on top of the County Shop in Arapahoe.

7 i. Payroll Software

8 Discussion regarding the possibility of moving toward an electronic means of  
9 time tracking for County employees.

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#### 11 OTHER BUSINESS

12 a. Colorado Parks and Wildlife Letter

13 Discussion regarding the Governor's recent appointments to the Colorado Parks  
14 and Wildlife Commission. Consensus of the Board is to allow Commissioner  
15 Jolly to draft a letter of opposition to be sent on the Board's behalf ahead of the  
16 Senate Hearing.

17 b. County Road 36

18 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to extend  
19 County Road 36 from County Road DD to County Road Z. Motion passed.

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#### 21 EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

22 Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

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#### 24 CORRESPONDENCE

25 a. Monthly Reports from Various Departments

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27 ADJOURN

- 1 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the
- 2 meeting at 12:58 pm. Motion passed.
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