

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Friday, September 19, 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, Clerk to Board Allison Brown, District 3 Foreman Jim Brown and Operator Zach Anderson present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the September 10, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH FINANCIALS

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Department of Public Health financials. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Unfunded and Underfunded Mandates Letter

Commissioner Pelton presented a letter to be sent to Governor Polis regarding unfunded mandates. Administrator Brossman and Commissioner Jolly proposed revisions to the letter, and suggested

sending to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House.

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to accept and send the revised letter. Motion passed.

b. Colorado's Power Pathway Permanent Access Permit Request

Consensus of the Board is to table this issue until the company provides documentation that all easements with landowners have been secured.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman joined the meeting at 9:27 am.

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

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Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:28 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: 1) Two Memorandums of Understanding 2) SNAP/LEAP Update.

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

UPDATE

Tallman presented information on the number of after-hour calls received as requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Memorandums of Understanding Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the MOUs with Prowers County for the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline and with the State of Colorado for the CORE Services Plan. Motion passed.

b. LEAP/SNAP Update

The State will be discontinuing programs and/or changing eligibility requirements. Tallman is expecting backlash from residents who lose their LEAP or SNAP benefits.

FINANCIALS

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 am. Motion passed.

Extension Agent Lacey Taylor and 4H Council Vice President Kallie Ball joined the meeting at 9:58 am.

Tallman left the meeting at 9:59 am.

Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners at 10:00 am.

UPDATES & 4-H WEEK RECOGNITION

Ball is our County's 4H Council Vice President, the Colorado District VI President, and is a member of the State Senate Team. She discussed with the Board opportunities that have opened for her through the 4H program and asked the Board to recognize the week of October 5th as National 4H Week. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to recognize October 5-11, 2025 as National 4-H Week. Motion passed.

Taylor and Ball left the meeting at 10:12 am.

Recess at 10:13 am.

Kit Carson Volunteer Fire Department Representatives Kevin Koch, Loren Mitchek, Pat Ward and Marilyn Ward and joined the meeting at 10:18 am.

Reconvene at 10:19 am.

FUNDING REQUEST – KIT CARSON FIREMEN

Discussion regarding needed equipment repairs and upgrades. The Board will visit during 2026 budget workshops.

Koch, Mitchek, Ward and Ward left the meeting at 10:40 am.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution #2025-05 Adopting Cheyenne County Department of Human Services On-Call Policy
Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve Resolution #2025-05, adopting Cheyenne County Department of Human Services On-Call Policy. Motion passed.
- b. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to accept Richard Gekeler's resignation letter from the Fair Board. Motion passed.
- c. 2026 Insurance Rates
Discussion regarding the increase in insurance costs for 2026.
- d. District Attorney's PERA Request
Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the request for Chief Deputy District Attorney Joshua Vogel to transition from the Colorado Retirement Plan to Colorado PERA. Motion passed.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman rejoined the meeting at 10:50 am.

Recess at 10:53 am for prospective employee interview.

Tallman left the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Reconvene at 12:13 pm.

- e. Employee Wages
Consensus of the Board is to table this issue until the next meeting.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 pm. Motion passed.