

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Friday, January 31, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:02 am, with Commissioners R.J. Jolly and Rick Pelton, County Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to the Board Allison Brown and present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: Maintenance Equipment, Cheyenne Wells School Parking Lot.
Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the January 22, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Assessor Lacey Welsh and Deputy Ramanda Dennison joined the meeting at 9:14 am.

9:15 am: Remote Employee Request – Assessor Lacey Welsh

Welsh presented a Memorandum of Understanding for Dennison to train the new deputy remotely, on an hourly basis through July 15, 2025. Commissioner Jolly moved

with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the MOU, due to this emergency situation. Motion passed unanimously.

Welsh and Dennison left the meeting at 9:24 am.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Letter of Support for Town of Kit Carson Road Paving Project

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve and sign the letter of support. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Prairie Development Corporation (PDC) Board Member Appointment

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to appoint Denae Roths to the PDC Board. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Republican River Water Conservation District (RRWCD) Board Member Interest

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to appoint James Harlow to the RRWCD Board. Pelton stated for the record that he is related to Harlow. Motion passed unanimously.

County Coroner Trent Davis joined the meeting at 9:34 am.

9:30 am: Deputy Coroner Pay – Coroner Trent Davis

The Board proposed Davis pay deputies \$10/day for on-call, \$75/hr up to \$500 per response and a flat \$150 for transport to autopsy. Discussion. Davis' job has changed since running for the office and he intends to pass it on to a deputy. Davis will propose the pay changes to the deputy coroners and move forward with quarterly meetings with the Board.

Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen joined the meeting at 9:58 am.

Davis left the meeting at 10:16 am.

Tawna McDonald joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:17 am.

10:00 am: Community Building Alcohol Waiver Request – Teleconference with Tawna McDonald

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

Teleconference ended at 10:19 am.

Recess at 10:20 am.

Chris Haas with NextEra, Sam Lidington with Xcel and Annie Gregory with Enel joined the meeting at 10:33 am.

Reconvene at 10:38 am.

10:30 am: Dusty Rose Wind Transmission Line Development Agreement – Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen.

Haas presented preconstruction materials for the transmission line coming into the Goose Creek substation from Kit Carson County. Discussion regarding haul routes during the construction phase and the possibility of amending them if local gravel pits become available. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in Cheyenne County in June or July. Haas will provide a clean copy for signatures.

Ted Simon joined the meeting at 10:54.

Haas left the meeting at 10:58 am.

11:00 am: Cheyenne Ridge II Wind Farm Agreements – Enel North America and Xcel Energy

County Attorney Kelly Lowery, Enel Representative Virginia Wiseman, attorney Melissa Vancrum and Xcel Energy representatives Julie Stencil and Marie Vagher joined via Teams Meeting at 11:01 am.

Discussion regarding verbiage in the development and road use agreements for the Cheyenne Ridge II Wind Farm.

Lowery ended the call at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to waive the county regulation of 75 ft for blade height on turbines for this wind project. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Cheyenne Ridge II Development Agreement, Road Use Agreement and Decommissioning Plan pending review of the final copy. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the subdivision exemption application for Schulte Farms. Motion passed unanimously.

Allen, Gregory, Lidington and Simon left the meeting and the Teams Meeting ended at 1:19 pm.

Recess at 1:20 pm.

Reconvene at 1:22 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lamar Community College CO Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) Letter of Support

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve and sign the letter of support. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Special Transportation Permit Applications from Ensign United States Drilling, Inc. and Truckworks, Inc.

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the special transportation permit for Ensign United States Drilling, Inc. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the special transport permits for Truckworks, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. CW School Parking Lot

The school has asked the County to take up the concrete off the top of the parking lot. Discussion regarding the possibility of hauling in a few loads of gravel to put down over the top of it.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- c. County Fair Concert and Carnival

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the recommended carnival, as long as they stay within budget. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve booking a concert, staying within the entertainment budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman joined via telephone at 1:48 pm.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- d. Purchase of Services Contract with Prowers County for Family Leadership Training Institute

This grant will fund training of individuals who have lived experience with DHS to support people currently going through the system. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the contract. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tallman ended the phone call at 1:57 pm.

Maintenance Supervisor Zane Galli joined the meeting at 2:02 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Maintenance Equipment

Discussion regarding the purchase of a used John Deere brush attachment for the mower. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the purchase, pending inspection by Galli. Motion passed unanimously.

Galli left the meeting at 2:08 pm.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- e. Fleet Ordering

Discussion on who is responsible for ordering vehicles for the County with the fleet management plan. The Board will continue to do the buying.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 pm. Motion passed unanimously.