

**MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
*Monday, February 10, 2025*

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, County Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to the Board Allison Brown and present. Guests present include Trey Brown and Autumn Pelton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: Building Permits, ECCOG Request. 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 31, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

9:15 a.m.: Community Building Alcohol Waiver Request

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the alcohol waiver for the Smoky River Golf Course. Motion passed unanimously.

Pelton and Brown left the meeting at 9:12 am.

## OLD BUSINESS

### a. Equipment Rates

Discussion regarding outside rates for equipment usage and rates for the local highway users finance report. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to amend the outside equipment rates to \$7.50/mile for single axle trucks and \$12.50/mile for tandems, and the local highway finance report rates to \$3.75/mile single axle truck, \$6.25/mile for semis, \$5 for tandems and \$3 for pickups. Discussion. Commissioner Jolly amended his motion to adjust only the outside rates and table the local highway finance rate amendments. Motion passed unanimously.

### b. Ambulance Director Position

Consensus of the Board is to make a counter-offer to the EMTs with changes in the agreement that Director duty pay will not exceed \$20,000 in order to stay within the approved budget.

Recess at 9:51 am.

Reconvene at 9:58 am.

### c. Deputy Coroner Pay

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Deputy Coroner pay as follows: \$10.00/day on-call, \$75/hr up to \$500 for calls and \$150 for transport to autopsy. Motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### a. Kit Carson School District After Prom Donation Request

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to donate \$250 each to Kit Carson and Cheyenne Wells High School after prom activities. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Mike Buchanan, Undersheriff Kayla Murdock and Deputy Morgan Stephens joined the meeting at 10:04 am.

10:00 am: Status of K-9 and Deputy

Deputy Stephens gave a presentation explaining the benefits of a department owning and working with a K-9 officer. He is an experienced K-9 handler, and has been working with K-9 Draco. He believes he still possesses his trained skills, and with a refresher, could be a great asset to the Sheriff's department. Discussion regarding the Board's apprehension due to previous handlers. Consensus of the Board is to allow a one-year trial. The Board discussed several complaints about Deputy Stephens driving while responding to calls. Stephens stated that he follows all department policies during responses and is aware of the complaints. The Board will have County Attorney Kelly Lowery draw up a contract between Cheyenne County, the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Stephens.

Buchanan, Stephens and Murdock left the meeting at 11:17 am.

NEW BUSINESS (cont)

- b. Voting System Acquisition Agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.

Consensus of the Board is to table this matter until more information is acquired.

- c. Archery & Sports Shooting Range Board Member Agreement

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to appoint Michael Pilant to the Archery and Sports Shooting Range Board. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Personnel Manual Review

The Board will review during after meeting workshop.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Building Permits

County Assessor Lacey Welsh has reported that she does not receive building permits from the Planning and Zoning Board in a timely manner. Several buildings may not be assessed on the tax roll, losing the County money. The Board will follow up at the next Planning and Zoning board meeting.

### b. ECCOG Regional Housing Needs Assessment Support Request

ECCOG is requesting \$2000 from each participating county to support the grant application for a Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to send Prairie Development Corporation \$2000 to support their grant application. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess at 11:30 am.

Reconvene at 11:38 am.

## OLD BUSINESS (cont)

### d. Cheyenne Ridge II Agreements

County Attorney Kelly Lowery joined the meeting via telephone at 11:53 am.

Discussion regarding changes made to the agreements, and how best to protect the landowners from the threat of imminent domain.

Telephone conference ended at 12:05 pm.

The Board signed the Development Agreement, Road Use Agreement and Decommissioning Plan for the Cheyenne Ridge II project.

#### 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 12:13 pm. Motion passed unanimously.