

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:01 am with Commissioners R.J. Jolly and Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to Board Allison Brown present. Guests include EMTs Laine Mitchek, Kenny Echols and Theresa Echols.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: Grant Support Letter, Mortenson. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The EMTs made a proposal for the job description and compensation of an Ambulance Director. They have struggled without leadership for two years, and are low on available EMTs in the County. The Board will review the proposal.

Public Health Director Kelli Adamson and Grant Coordinator Autumn Pelton joined the meeting at 9:15 am.

Echols, Echols and Mitchek left the meeting at 9:17 am.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the January 14, 2025 minutes as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess as Board of County Commissioners at 9:19 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

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

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATES

a. Epidemiology

Adamson reported a Covid-19 outbreak at Cheyenne Manor that involved 17 residents. All have fully recovered. Colorado is listed in the moderate level for RSV, influenza, Covid and norovirus.

b. Immunization

Immunization costs have increased approximately \$100/dose since the previous order.

COMMUNITIES THAT CARE PROGRAM UPDATE

Pelton stated that the Communities that Care (CTC) Grant has been renamed to Communities Organizing for Prevention (COFP).

The grant is awarded in a five-year cycle, with the next application due this November.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 am.

Adamson and Pelton left the meeting at 9:48 am.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman joined the meeting at 9:49 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY

BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

UPDATE FROM DHS

a. MOU to be signed

Tallman presented a memorandum of understanding for The Family Voice Grant which is based out of Prowers County. The Board requested more information and will revisit it at the next meeting.

b. General Updates

Emergency Preparedness Director Steve Hill joined the meeting at 9:57 am.

FINANCIALS

c. Signatures for EBT

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

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 am. Motion passed unanimously.

Recess at 10:02 am.

Adamson and Pelton rejoined the meeting at 10:09 am.

Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners at 10:09 am.

Discussion regarding the importance of communication between the Emergency Preparedness and Health and Human Services Directors. In the event of a catastrophe, these three departments will have to work together closely.

Tallman, Adamson and Pelton left the meeting at 10:20 am.

Recess at 10:21 am.

Hill left at 10:25 am.

Reconvene at 10:26 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Emergency Telephone Service Authority Board Member Interest

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to appoint Steve Hill to the Emergency Telephone Service Authority Board. Motion passed unanimously.

b. RETAC Advisory Board Member Status

Pelton stated that Laine Mitchek was on the Board's zoom meeting yesterday, so she may be interested. Brossman will reach out to her.

K-9 DISCUSSION – SHERIFF MIKE BUCHANAN

Sheriff Buchanan is out of town for a conference. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to pay the invoice from the Town of Cheyenne Wells for the electricity used while keeping K-9 Draco warm in the town's dog pound.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Pelton would like to publish the meeting minutes on the county's website in the interest of transparency. Discussion.
Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton

to post the approved minutes for a period of 90 days. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Deputy Coroners' Pay

Brossman verified that Deputy Coroners would have to be under the payroll in order to be covered by insurance. Commissioners will brainstorm ideas for a simpler process for compensation and revisit at their next meeting.

c. Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) Steering Committee Proxies

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to designate Tallman and Adamson as a proxies to the Health and Human Services Steering Committee, and Brossman as a proxy to all of the CCI Steering Committees. Motion passed unanimously.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed and approved expense vouchers on the various funds.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Grant Support Letter

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve sending a letter of support for the Kit Carson town road paving project. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Mortenson

Commissioners reviewed a map sent by Mortenson for 4 ½ miles of pipe to be laid for the duration of the construction phase of the Cheyenne Ridge II Wind project. Consensus of the Board is to request boring under roads where necessary instead of trenching. No decision will be made until Kit Carson County finalizes, as the majority of the pipeline will be laid there.

RETAC Advisory Board

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to appoint Kenny Echols to the RETAC advisory board. Motion passed unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISCUSSION

Jolly met with Sheriff Buchanan this week. They discussed complaints received from community members about a deputy living out-of-county, as well as the status of K-9 Draco. The Board is not interested in sending another handler to training and there are no funds budgeted for it in 2025. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to pay John Caldera for damages caused by Draco's bite, pending a release drafted by County Attorney Kelly Lowery be signed. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

