

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to Board Allison Brown present. Guests present include Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen, Planning and Zoning Board Member Devin Dickey, and Xcel representatives Greg Brophy and David Burke.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: 1) Loader and Compactor 2) Keefe Memorial Hospital 3) School Bleachers 4) Haul Route. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Xcel representatives Julie Stencel, Jose Castro, Ryan Ramirez, Brandon Bubenik, Abraham Adesoye, Stephan Grenier, Jennifer Chester and Hans Rodvik joined the meeting at 9:02 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the March 31, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

9:15 am: Conditional Use Permit Application for Xcel Energy

Xcel representatives walked the Board through a presentation describing the application and the planned expansion of the Goose Creek Substation. Allen stated that after the public hearing the Planning and Zoning Board voted to recommend approval.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve Conditional Use Permit Application 2025-080. Motion passed unanimously.

Burke, Castro, Ramirez, Bubenik, Adesoye and Grenier left the meeting at 9:36 am.

Recess at 9:38 am.

Reconvene at 9:40 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cheyenne Ridge II Wind Project, LLC Perpetual Easement Application
Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to accept and sign the perpetual easement application for the Cheyenne Ridge II Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Allen, Dickey, Chester, Rodvik, Stencel and Brophy left the meeting at 9:46 am.

Recess at 9:48 am.

Reconvene at 9:50 am.

- b. Dog Bite Update
Discussion regarding advice from County Attorney Kelly Lowery. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to follow the attorney's recommendation and offer to pay Jon Caldara \$10,000 in damages, with the signed agreement. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Employee Use of Equipment Update
Consensus of the Board is to treat an employee just like a regular citizen. They'll be required to submit a Verification of Need form, along with payment of the outsider usage rate. Another employee will be required to perform the requested work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Construction Permit for Installation of Utilities in Public Right-of-Way for Barbara Jolly & Sons LLC
Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Smith to approve the construction permit for Barbara Jolly & Sons LLC. Motion passed 2-0. Commissioner Jolly abstained.
- b. Construction Permit for Installation of Utilities in Public Right-of-Way for Funk Farms
Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the construction permit. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Colby Canvas Company Agreement for County Fair Tents
Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve and sign the agreement. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Senate Bill 2025-3 Opposition Resolution Request
Sheriff Buchanan requested the Board pass a resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 2025-3. Brossman will draft a resolution for approval at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. School Bleachers
Cheyenne Wells is hosting high school and junior high track meets this year and inquired about the use of the County's bleachers.

Commissioner Smith will have District 2 Foreman Travis Watson haul them to the high school track.

Recess at 10:17 am.

Reconvene at 10:31 am.

Trisha Herman and Erin McNab joined the meeting at 10:31 am.

10:30 am: Updates – Trisha Herman, Colorado Housing & Finance Authority (CHFA) and Erin McNab, CO Department of Local Affairs (DoLA) Division of Housing

Herman and McNab came today to discuss different funding opportunities for housing projects available through CHFA and DoLA. The Board voiced concerns with the ladies over requirements for new developments that are not feasible in our area. They will take the comments back to their respective offices and supervisors.

Herman and McNab left the meeting at 11:28 am.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed and approved expense vouchers on the various funds.

OTHER BUSINESS: cont.

b. Loader and Packer

Both pieces of equipment have come in and will be delivered early.
Discussion regarding listing the older equipment on Big Iron.

c. Keefe Memorial Hospital

Commissioner Smith was notified by KMH that all power to the hospital will be shut off on April 22nd at 7:00 am for a few hours for power system updates. A meeting between the Board, Hospital, Fire and Ambulance Departments will be coordinated beforehand.

d. Haul Route

A citizen has complained that Cheyenne Ridge II traffic has been traveling on County Road 25. The Board will reach out to the construction foreman and ask that they remain on the routes approved in the Road Use Agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Monthly reports from various departments
- b. Quarterly Report from Public Trustee

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Inspection of Sheriff’s Office Following Meeting