

1 MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY

2 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

3 Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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5 CALL TO ORDER

6 Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:04 am with
7 Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman,
8 Clerk to Board Allison Brown, Assessor Lacey Welsh and guest Delene
9 Walsh present.

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11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

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13 APPROVE AGENDA

14 Addition: Kit Carson Water. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from
15 Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

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17 PUBLIC COMMENT

18 None

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20 APPROVE MINUTES

21 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to
22 approve the November 7, 2025 minutes as written. Motion passed
23 unanimously.

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25 PART-TIME HELP AND PERMITS

26 Assessor Welsh explained to the Board that she has not received building
27 permits for several years. She would like to hire a part-time person to cover
28 the office when they're out doing inspections.

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30 Public Health Director Kelli Adamson and Grant Coordinator Autumn Pelton
31 joined the meeting at 9:13 am.

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33 Discussion regarding the possibility of hiring a full-time employee to help in
34 both the Assessor and Treasurer's offices.

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2 Welsh left the meeting at 9:18 am.

3 Recess as Board of County Commissioners at 9:18 am.

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6 BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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8 CALL TO ORDER

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

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11 APPROVE AGENDA

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

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15 FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

16 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to
17 accept the financials. Motion passed.

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19 PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATES

20 a. Epidemiology

21 Influenza and RSV shots are being administered. The office is still
22 waiting for Covid vaccines to arrive and have had several inquiries
23 regarding them.

24 b. Communities that Care

25 The grant application was submitted at the end of October. Pelton
26 expects results in the first quarter of 2026.

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28 ADJOURN

29 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to
30 adjourn the meeting at 9:35 am. Motion passed.

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32 Amy Valentine joined the meeting at 9:36 am.

33 Adamson and Pelton left the meeting at 9:37 am.

34 Reconvened as Board of County Commissioners at 9:38 am.

1 COSI SCHOLARSHIP AND UPDATES

2 Valentine gave updates on the current administration and enrollment at LCC.

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4 Ambulance Co-Directors Kenny and Theresa Echols joined the meeting at
5 9:49 am.

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7 Valentine informed the Board that the COSI scholarships are changing in the
8 next year, and hopes they will still support the program.

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10 SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND BILLING

11 Discussion regarding the need for Advanced Life Support ambulance care in
12 the county. There are a few current EMTs who are interested in traveling to
13 Seibert to attend ALS training.

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15 Dr. Matt Angelidis joined the meeting via telephone at 10:08 am.

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17 Discussion regarding logistics of transporting and securing tools and
18 medications only administered by ALS EMTs, and billing changes when
19 moving from BLS to ALS ambulance service.

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21 Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen joined the meeting at 10:36 am.

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23 Echols recommended looking into moving toward a third-party billing
24 service.

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26 Phone call ended at 10:45 am.

27 Valentine and Echols' left the meeting at 11:00 am.

28 NextEra representatives Tristan Wheeler, Sam Anderson, Chris Haas,
29 Christian Nelson and Aurora Marsh joined the meeting at 11:03 am.

30 Reconvened at 11:08 am.

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32 DRYLAND PRAIRIE ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT

1 NextEra representatives presented a traffic study for the project and a full
2 decommissioning plan. They anticipate construction to last from mid-March
3 to December 2026.

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5 Sarah Cashion, Nicole Drake & Corey Elger joined the meeting at 11:30 am.
6 County attorney Kelly Lowery joined the meeting via telephone at 11:33 am.

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8 Discussion regarding changes in the development agreement. Most
9 adjustments were made to tailor the agreement to battery storage rather than a
10 wind project. A clean version will be sent for signatures.

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12 Lowery ended phone call at 11:47 am.

13 Wheeler, Anderson, Haas, Nelson and Marsh left the meeting at 11:50 am.

14 15 CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

16 Discussion regarding challenges seen in the Human Services department in
17 rural areas and resources and ideas to help alleviate those.

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19 Cashion, Drake and Elger left the meeting at 12:40 pm.

20 Jason Dechant and John Mitchek joined the meeting at 12:40 pm.

21 Delene Walsh left the meeting at 12:41 pm.

22 23 KIT CARSON WATER

24 The Town of Kit Carson is struggling with unfunded mandates from the State
25 of Colorado regarding their water and sewer. Dechant asked the Board to
26 consider helping with the costs of water testing requirements using impact fee
27 money. The Board will review during budget workshops.

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29 Dechant and Mitchek left the meeting at 1:00 pm.

30 Recess at 1:00 pm.

31 Reconvened at 1:29 pm.

32 33 OLD BUSINESS:

34 a. Employee Christmas Party

1 The date for the employee Christmas part was set for January 3, 2026.

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3 NEW BUSINESS :

4 a. Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. Annual Vehicle Permits

5 Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton
6 to approve the annual permits for Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc.
7 Motion passed.

8 b. Fair Board Letters of Interest

9 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly
10 to appoint Aaron and Skyla Crum to the Cheyenne County
11 Tumbleweed Fair Board. Motion passed.

12 c. Bonus Recommendations

13 The Board reviewed bonus amount recommendations from department
14 heads.

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16 Recess at 1:49 pm.

17 Reconvened at 2:16 pm

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19 Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly
20 to approve the bonus amounts as discussed. Motion passed.

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22 EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

23 Commissioners reviewed and approved expense vouchers on the various
24 funds.

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26 ADJOURN

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

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