

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:01 am, with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, County Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to the Board Allison Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the May 11, 2026 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Recessed at 9:03 am.

Public Health Director Kelli Adamson and Office Manager Kendra Cuellar joined the meeting at 9:11 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

FINANCIALS

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

UPDATES

a. Epidemiology

Colorado has seen two cases of Hantavirus. It is not the strain that is transmissible between humans. Ebola cases have increased in Uganda, but none has been reported in the US so far.

Kit Carson Human Services Director Jennifer Gribble joined the meeting at 9:20 am.

b. Emergency Preparedness and Response

A lot of work is being done at the State level, and emergency plans are currently being updated.

c. CDPHE Executive Director Conference

Adamson attended the Conference in Denver last week. They are expecting more budget cuts for the next fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. School Nurse Update

Kit Carson Superintendent Myles Johnson informed Adamson that they have a local individual interested in becoming their School Nurse. He will update Adamson when a decision is made.

b. Employee Retention Discussion

Discussion regarding grant hours for Grant Coordinator Autumn Pelton. Adamson will bring her in at the next meeting for discussion.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 am.

Adamson and Cuellar left the meeting at 9:38 am.

Human Services Director Jane Tallman joined the meeting at 9:38 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 9:39 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

UPDATES

We have a couple APS cases going on and Kiowa County Human Services Director Audrey Johnson is doing great with those. Child Welfare is going well with Kit Carson County. Discussion regarding the Child Welfare budget.

Deni Eiring joined the meeting at 9:58 am.

FINANCIALS

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to accept the financial report and sign the EBTs. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to move into executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(c) for confidential matters at 10:07 am with Commissioners and Tallman present. Motion passed.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to come out of executive session at 10:17 am. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

Reconvened as Board of County Commissioners at 10:26 am.

Gribble reported that communication between the departments has not improved. She is not sure that Kit Carson County will be able to continue the contract after the end of June.

Gribble left the meeting at 10:32 am.

Jennifer Kovarik, Rachel Randolph, Abigail Arrendondo, Izzy Jones, Aden Dravenstott and Matthew Saavedra joined the meeting a 10:32 am.

10:00 am: Courthouse Annex Final Presentation – University Technical Assistant Program Students & Supervisor

The students gave their final presentation on the Courthouse Annex project. The Board thanked them for their work.

Sheriff Michael Buchanan and Undersheriff Kayla Murdock joined the meeting at 10:53 am.

Kovarik, Randolph, Arrendondo, Jones, Dravenstott and Saavedra left the meeting at 11:02 am.

11:00 am: Miscellaneous Matters – County Sheriff Michael Buchanan

Discussion regarding the Flock License Plate Readers along highways coming into the County, and complaints the Board has received about them. Buchanan and Murdock explained what images the cameras take and the requirements needed to search within the Flock system. Access and inquiries are audited regularly. The Board asked that Buchanan and Murdock push out some education to the public on what Flock is and what it does and does not do.

The Board has received complaints from citizens seeing a Cheyenne County Sheriff's vehicle in and around Burlington. The Deputy is still in the market for a house in our area.

Buchanan and Murdock left at 11:36 am.

Eiring informed the board that the annex project could possibly qualify for an Underfunded Courthouse Grant, and will pass along the plans to Judge Tarryn Johnson.

Eiring left the meeting at 11:38 am.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to accept the resignation of Human Services Director Jane Tallman. Discussion. Motion passed.

Recess at 11:40 am.

Reconvened at 11:41 am.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Senior Meal Program

Discussion on the Friday meal at the Senior Center, price increases to cover cost of the third meal, and ways to run the program more efficiently. More information should be available after the June 3rd ECCOG meeting.

b. Arapahoe Warning Siren

Commissioners reviewed quotes for a warning siren in the town of Arapahoe. Brossman will reach out to Complete Wireless Technologies to have them quote a bigger siren that could be mounted on the County Shop.

c. Maintenance/Fairgrounds Summer Position

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to hire Kooper Brossman at \$17.00/hour to fill the summer position. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Centennial Mental Health Center, Inc. Secure Transportation License and Vehicle Permits

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the Secure Transportation permits. Motion passed.

b. Rental Space Agreement with Phirelink

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the rental agreement with Phirelink/Rebeltec, pending discussed amendments. Motion passed.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Meeting Times

Discussion regarding moving meeting start times to 9:30 am, with quarterly elected official meetings beginning at 9:00 am.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 pm. Motion passed.