

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, June 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:31 with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, Administrator Marcy Brossman and Clerk to Board Allison Brown present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Addition: Lesser Prairie Chicken Testimony. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the June 16, 2026 minutes as written. Motion passed.

Extension Specialist Lacey Taylor and 4H Member Lacey Engelbrecht joined the meeting at 9:46 am.

9:45 am: County Extension Office Updates – Lacey Taylor, Extension Specialist
Discussion regarding activities at the Extension Office. Taylor is preparing to run another community needs assessment survey soon. Taylor told the Board about their expedition trip. They took 12 kids to Moab and Cortez. Next year they plan to go to Washington D.C. Engelbrecht told the Board about her first State 4H Conference, winning first place in the Horse Demonstration contest.

4H Member Kallie Ball joined the meeting at 9:59 am.

Ball gave her perspective on the State 4H Conference. The Board congratulated her on being elected to serve as the State 4H President.

Engelbrecht, Taylor and Ball left the meeting at 10:06 am.

Recess at 10:08 am.

Chris Haas joined the meeting at 10:10 am.

Reconvened at 10:11 am.

10:15 am: Road Use Agreement Amendment Request – Chris Haas, NextEra Energy Resources

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Road Use Agreement Amendment request. Motion passed.

Haas left the meeting at 10:32 am.

OLD BUSINESS

a. RETAC Designated Funds Proposal

Commissioners reviewed the proposal received from RETAC Coordinator Kim Schallenberger. Commissioner Pelton will contact Schallenberger and send to County Auditor Ronny Farmer for review.

b. Burn Ban Status

Consensus of the Board is to continue the burn ban.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Community Building Alcohol Waiver Request for Halde Wedding

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

b. Vacation Extension Request for Travis Watson

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve a 90-day extension for Watson. Motion passed.

c. Memorandum of Understanding with Kit Carson County Caseworkers for Adult Protection Services

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve and sign the MOU with Kit Carson County Caseworkers Windi LaBounta and Samantha McNeely. Motion passed.

d. Courthouse Surveillance Matter

Consensus of the Board is to table until discussed with legal counsel.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Lesser Prairie Chicken Testimony

Discussion regarding Commissioner Jolly's testimony at the State Capitol on the Lesser Prairie Chicken.

Public Health Grant Coordinator Autumn Pelton joined the meeting at 10:55 am.

11:00 am: Emergency Preparedness Director Position – Autumn Pelton

Pelton stated she is interested in the Emergency Preparedness Director position. Discussion regarding the OEM pickup, hours and wages.

Pelton left the meeting at 11:10 am.

b. PSCO/Xcel Letter

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve and sign the Formal Request for Removal of Structures Within County Right-of-Way. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence filed in Commissioners' file folder.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. Motion passed.