

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, August 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:32 am, with Commissioners RJ Jolly and Rick Pelton, County Administrator Marcy Brossman, Clerk to the Board Allison Brown and Land Use Administrator Jerry Allen present. Guests included Gabe and Ashley Mitchek, Ron Rehfeld, Tristan Wheeler, Ricardo Sanatan, Adam Harrison, Mark Goebel, Melissa Hochmuth, Evan Reimondo, Anna Lundin, Andy Speilman, Erik Carlson and Josh Dudash.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: Kit Carson Day Request, Equipment Request. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to approve the August 7, 2026 minutes as written. Motion passed.

9:45 am: Conditional Use Permit Application for Rother Solar Project – Jerry Allen, Land Use Administrator

Project Developer Evan Reimondo presented the project and answered questions for the Board and neighboring citizens. Allen stated there was a public hearing held yesterday, and the Land Use Board recommended approval, with conditions. There were no negative complaints from citizens at that hearing.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve Conditional Use Permit 2026-091 for Rother Solar, LLC. Motion passed.

Recess at 10:29 am.

Department of Public Health and Human Services Director Kelli Adamson and Kit Carson County Department of Human Services Director Jennifer Gribble joined the meeting at 10:36 am.

Mitchek, Mitchek, Sanatan, Harrison, Reimondo, Lundin, Spielman, Carlson and Dudash left the meeting at 10:38 am.

Reconvened at 10:38 am.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Dry Land Prairie Solar Conditional Use Permit #2023-072A Three-Year Extension Request

The Dry Land Prairie Solar project is still under development and is currently being marketed. The original conditional use permit expires next month. Wheeler requested it be extended, as he is confident it will be contracted. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to grant a 3-year extension for permit #2023-072A. Motion passed.

Wheeler, Goebel and Hochmuth left the meeting at 10:46 am.

Allen left the meeting at 10:50 am.

Recess as Board of County Commissioners at 10:50 am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 10:50 am.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

FINANCIALS

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

UPDATES

a. Epidemiology

The State has seen an increase in Covid cases. The County reported one animal bite and a case of whooping cough.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Contract for Ratification – Immunization Contract 2027*0449 Amendment #3

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to ratify Contract 2027*0449 Amendment #3 with the State of Colorado. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 11:01am.

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion regarding the current status of the Department's financials.

EBTs

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

ACTION ITEMS

a. Family Facilitator Coordinator Agreement

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve and sign the agreement with the Crowley County Department of Human Services. Motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Director Updates

Adamson updated the Board on trainings she has attended since taking on the interim director position. The financials are a struggle, but she continues to work with Gribble on straightening those out.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 am.

Adamson and Gribble left the meeting at 11:54 am.

Reconvened as Board of County Commissioners at 11:55 am.

County Attorney Kelly Lowery joined the meeting via telephone at 11:56 am.

Executive Session Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(b) for Legal Advice

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to go into executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b) CRS for Legal Advice, and 24-6-402(e) for negotiating strategies with Commissioners, Brossman and Lowery present at 11:57 am. Motion passed.

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to come out of executive session at 12:24 pm. Motion passed.

Reconvened at 12:30 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Kit Carson Day Request

The Board received a request for a donation to help purchase meat for the Kit Carson Day Barbeque. The County normally donates \$2500 to the Kit Carson Chamber of Commerce for that event. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to donate an additional \$2500 to the Kit Carson Fire Department for the beef purchase. Commissioner Smith will verify who the check needs made payable to. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Arapahoe Map Survey Update

Discussion regarding the latest survey map and easements or rights-of-way needed in order to build the proposed road. The Board will contact neighboring landowners to discuss those rights-of-way.

b. Tumbleweed Fair Board Member Appointments

Ryan Ash's term is up, and he would like to be considered for reappointment. Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to reappoint Ryan Ash to the Cheyenne County Tumbleweed Fair Board. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Equipment Request

County Treasurer Gaila Mitchek is requesting a new computer for her office. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the Treasurer's purchase. Motion passed.

b. Employee Request

Mitchek requested a \$400 bonus for her new employee in August payroll, along with a raise from \$16 to \$17.50 upon the completion of her probationary period in September. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve both requests. Discussion. Motion passed.

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. Setbacks

Commissioner Jolly had a discussion with local farmers who are concerned that the setbacks for the large transmission line poles don't leave enough room to get equipment around them easily. The Board will refer the matter to the Land Use Board to review current regulations.

b. Legislative Tours

Commissioner Jolly would like to explore the possibility of partnering with other rural counties to get legislative members and staff to tour different aspects of rural Colorado to show them first-hand what we deal with. Commissioner Pelton will bring it up at CCI.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Pelton moved with a second from Commissioner Jolly to adjourn the meeting at 1:19 pm. Motion passed.