

MINUTES OF THE CHEYENNE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, September 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Ronald Smith called the meeting to order at 9:35 am, with Commissioner RJ Jolly, Administrator Marcy Brossman, Clerk to the Board Allison Brown and Delene Walsh present. Commissioner Pelton joined via teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/PRAYER

APPROVE AGENDA

Additions: Prairie Dog Letter, Town of Cheyenne Wells. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

County Auditor Ronny Farmer joined the meeting at 9:38 am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to approve the August 31, 2026 minutes as written. Motion passed.

9:35 am: 2025 Audit Report – Ronny Farmer, rfarmer llc

Farmer explained the audit report and the County's financial position to the Board and made suggestions on how to simplify DHS bookkeeping. He also explained new accounting standards effective in 2027.

Rex Hyle, Debbie Knudsen and Carleton Pelton joined the meeting at 10:28 am.
Farmer left the meeting at 10:33 am.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Town of Cheyenne Wells

In order for the TAP grant project to continue, the Town must hire lease lawyers to go through the entire project and negotiate damage settlements with the landowners. The attorney fees are estimated to be \$20,000, in addition to the settled amounts with landowners. Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to commit to covering half of the cost for attorney fees and for the damages on the county's portion of the project.

Knudsen, Pelton and Hyle left the meeting at 11:06 am.

Recess at 11:06 am.

Reconvene at 11:07 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Equipment Auction Items

Discussion regarding what equipment each district has to go to auction. The Board will continue to discuss with their respective foremen.

b. Prairie Dog Letter

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission entertained a citizen's petition to ban the control of Prairie Dog populations on public lands. They voted to accept the petition and start drafting rules. Commissioner Jolly will draft a letter in

protest on behalf of the Board to send to the CPW Commission prior to the adoption of the rules.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Colorado Counties, Inc. Legislative Committee Designation

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Smith to appoint Commissioner Pelton to the CCI legislative committee. Motion passed.

Commissioner Smith volunteered to be the alternate.

b. Vacation Extension Request for Mark Galli

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

c. Management Control Agreement Colorado Bureau of Investigation and FBI Criminal Justice Information Systems

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

EXPENSE VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS

Commissioners reviewed vouchers and signed warrants on the various funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Monthly Reports from Various Departments

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jolly moved with a second from Commissioner Pelton to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 am. Motion passed.