

MINUTES

WELD COUNTY COUNCIL

March 16, 2026

The Weld County Council met in regular session in full conformity with the Weld County Home Rule Charter at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, CO.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by President Elijah Hatch. Councilmembers James Welch, Nancy Teksten and Terry DeGroot were present, constituting a quorum of members. Councilmember Jeff Reck had an excused absence. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

Councilmember Teksten made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember DeGroot, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:

Approval of February Minutes

Councilmember DeGroot made a motion to approve the February minutes, seconded by Councilmember Welch, and the motion carried.

REVIEW PROGRAM:

Carly Koppes, Weld County Clerk & Recorder

Ms. Koppes is serving her final term. The clerk's office handles three departments; 1) Recording; 2) Motor Vehicle and 3) Elections.

The first mission of the clerk's office is to ensure the process of recording and maintaining permanent records efficiently and accurately for the citizens of Weld County.

In 2025, the clerk's office recorded 72,213 documents. Its total revenue was \$3.2 million.

The mission of the motor vehicle department is to ensure the process of titling and licensing all motor vehicles for the residents of Weld County and the State of Colorado Department of Revenue.

In 2025, motor vehicle had 439,123 transactions. The number of tickets served was 22,238. The average wait time at an office was 20 and the average service time was 9 minutes. Total revenue collected was \$156,059,627.02. County revenue was \$8,278,826.06.

The mission of the election department is ensuring the process of elections is open, trusted, secure, convenient and accessible for all eligible Weld County voters.

The county has 5 voter service and polling centers. There are 20 24-hour drop boxes. Postage was \$.78 on return envelopes. Total cost was \$740,934.25. The number of ballots cast was 80,475. There are 241,349 registered voters in the county

For more information, please see Addendum 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerrick Sorensen, of Milliken, presented his reasons for not supporting the county allowing AI companies to build data centers in the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports

There were none.

Bills

Councilmember DeGroot made a motion to approve bills, it was seconded by Councilmember Welch and carried. The bills were paid as follows:

- o Weld County Phone Bill for February \$31.00

ADJOURNMENT:

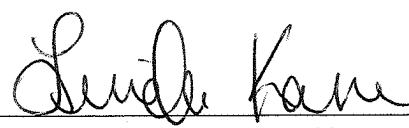
By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

April 20, 2026



Council President, Elijah Hatch

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Council Secretary, Linda Kane