MINUTES
WELD COUNTY COUNCIL
August 17, 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, August 17, 2026, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 0 Street, Greeley, CO.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Council President Elijah Hatch. Councilmembers James Welch and Terry DeGroot were present, constituting a quorum of members. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

Councilmember Welch made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember DeGroot, and the motion carried. Interviews of District 2 candidates was moved to occur before the review program.

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:

Approval of July Minutes

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

Interviews of candidates for the District 2 position

Gustavo Cortez was the first candidate to be interviewed. He indicated the role of a councilmember is to act as a connection between the population of the county and the board of commissioners. Cortez said his role as a councilmember would be to represent District 2 residents from a nonpartisan standpoint. Cortez has experience in public service and has served for two decades. The opportunity would provide him another opportunity to serve the public.

Randy Propp was the next candidate interviewed. He said though the position is temporary he planned to run for the four-year term. He said he's interested in the role because he wants to help shape the future of Weld County.

Dennis Stark was the final candidate to be interviewed. He said his experience with government made him an ideal candidate. He would use his experience to help the council make informed decisions. He said his experience with budgets and finances would lend well to the council.

Councilmember Welch made a motion to appoint Mr. Propp the interim representative for District 2, seconded by Councilmember DeGroot, and the motion carried.

REVIEW PROGRAM:

Brigitte Grimm, Treasurer, and Julie Cole, Public Trustee

The treasurer's office has 9 employees and the public trustee's office has 3. The 2026 budget for the treasurer's office is roughly $13 million, while the trustee's is about $.5 million.

Statutory duties of the treasurer include sending tax notices; distributing funds to tax autho9rities; investing county funds; to act as chair of the retirement board; to employ a public trustee; and to manage legislative updates.

A major role of the treasurer's office is to collect property taxes. The property tax formula takes the actual value -established by the assessor's office – multiplied by the assessment rate – established by the legislature- multiplied by the mill levy – established by the local taxing authority – which equals the amount of taxes due.

The treasurer's office is also responsible for disbursing funds to authorities of which there are more than 650 in Weld County including 17 schools; 31 cities and towns; and 25 fire districts.

The public trustee manages the foreclosure process, protecting the rights of the borrower and the lender. The trustee's office also releases the deed of trust.

For more information regarding legislative changes or the status of improvements please see **Addendum 1.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion regarding salaries of elected officials

Council discussed how elected officials are sometimes paid less than their employees. Councilmember Welch stated the last time salaries were set, Council was trying to get officials up to the salary level they should be.

Further discussion will happen at the September 21 meeting.

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:

- Weld County Phone Bill for January $31.00

ADJOURNMENT:

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

9/21/2026
September 21, 2026

Council President, Elijah Hatch

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Council Secretary, Linda Kane