

**MINUTES**  
**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**January 26, 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, January 26, 2026, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, CO.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA :**

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

**APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:**

**Approval of December Minutes**

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve the September minutes, seconded by Councilmember Reck, and the motion carried.

**REVIEW PROGRAM:**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports**

There were none.

**Bills**

Councilmember Reck 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 December \$31.27

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

- o Prairie Mtn. Media – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter RTTP \$132.00

**2026 Budget**

Councilmember DeGroot made a motion to approve the 2026 budget, seconded by Councilmember Hatch, and the motion carried.

### **Meeting Dates**

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve meeting dates, it was seconded by Councilmember Welch and carried. The meeting dates were approved as follows:

February 23  
March 16  
April 20  
May 18  
June 15  
July 20  
August 17  
September 21  
October 19  
November 16  
December 21  
January 25, 2027

### **Review Programs**

Councilmember Welch made a motion to approve the review programs, it was seconded by Councilmember Reck and carried. The review programs are scheduled for the following:

February 23 – county attorney  
March 16 – clerk and recorder  
April 20 – human resources  
May 18 - coroner  
June 15 - accounting  
July 20 – public information  
August 17 – treasurer  
September 21 – fleet services  
October 19 - finance  
November 16 – emergency management  
December 21 – commissioners

### **Election of President**

Councilmember Welch nominated Councilman Hatch as President, it was seconded by Councilman DeGroot and carried.

### **Election of Vice-President**

Councilmember Reck nominated Councilmember Welch for Vice-President, it was seconded by Councilmember DeGroot and carried.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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February 23, 2026



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Council President, Elijah Hatch

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Council Secretary, Linda Kane

Division: County Council

Department	Number Of Calls	Total Duration	Call Cost	Fixed Cost	Non-Fixed Cost	Total Cost
County Council	4	00:09:16	\$0.30	\$31.00	\$0.00	\$31.30
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Department: County Council

User: Kane, Linda

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Incoming	1	00:00:29	\$0.00			\$0.00
Long Distance	3	00:08:47	\$0.30			\$0.30
Extension: 4780						
Extension: 970/400-4780						
Login: lkane						
Email: lkane@weld.gov						
Email: lkane@weldgov.com						
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Date	Time	Number Dialed	Location	Duration	Cost
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01/26/2026	05:41:28 PM	+18602413050	HARTFORD, CT	00:01:39	\$0.06



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**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
2025– 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
REPORT TO THE PEOPLE**

The Weld County Council is mandated in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Weld County, Colorado, to report to the people of Weld County on a quarterly basis, those matters related to the council's review of Weld County government. This report summarizes the activities of the Weld County Council during the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2025.

**October 20, 2025**

**Brenda Dones, Weld County Assessor**

County Assessor Brenda Dones and Chief Deputy Assessor, Jason Marini, gave a brief presentation. Ms. Dones said her office reports to taxpayers not the county commissioners as they are an elected body.

Her department covers 4,000 square miles of county properties including within municipalities. They are responsible for approximately 162,000 parcels. Each parcel can have multiple properties. There's 650 different local governments in the county ranging from metro districts to fire districts and water districts.

Mr. Marini said as of January 1, the assessor's office is responsible for identifying characteristics and use of property. He said 64 percent of properties are residential.

Property is valued every two years when market value is established.

In 2025 the assessed value across the county was \$109 billion. Marini said last year the tax roll was \$1.5 billion. Property taxes collected in Weld County stay in Weld County, they said.

Mr. Marini said residential properties are not on a steep incline. Property owners will see an estimated 3 to 5 percent increase in property tax payments. Oil and gas property taxes are expected to remain level.

**November 17, 2025**

**Curtis Hall – Director of Public Works**

Mr. Hall's department currently has 9 divisions with a request to add a 10<sup>th</sup>, a dust management division, in process.

The budget for the Public Works Department is about \$40 million pertaining to grounds and \$36 million for the weed division for a total of about \$76 million. The department has 253 employees.

Some Capital Improvement Projects the department has been working on include a roundabout, road projects and paving projects. Some projects require a partnership with CDOT.

A significant upcoming project is to alleviate traffic on Hwy 34.

Projects are constantly ongoing, Mr. Hall said. They just completed a safety action plan in

which they engaged with the public to get their thoughts on roadways. The plan is to make roads safer.

He said speeding is a big concern for the public. Rumble strips will be added in some areas and signage alerts will be posted regarding traffic approaching an intersection.

Some personnel changes made this year included adding a guardrail crew

Councilmember Welch asked about how the department prioritizes projects. Mr. Hall said Capital Improvement Projects are reviewed yearly and they try to study high accident areas.

For more information about Public Works, please visit <https://www.weld.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works>

**December 15, 2025**

*Perry Buck, Commissioner Chair, and Kevin Ross, Commissioner*

Commissioner Chair Perry Buck and Commissioner Kevin Ross gave short presentations. The commissioners had their 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on the budget with \$1.4 billion going back to the taxpayer. They said Weld County has one of the lowest mill levies in the state.

Progress on the new justice center is underway, Commissioner Ross said. He said negotiations continue with the City of Greeley. Requests for proposals will go out for a design team.

The historical society was deciding whether the round building where City Hall is should be a historic building. While City Hall is torn down, Greeley leased the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Chase Building to temporarily house its staff.

Commissioners were supposed to fly to Washington, D.C., in October to meet with members of Congress, but they didn't go because of the government shutdown. Commissioners have rescheduled the trip for January 19. Commissioner Ross said commissioners are going to work with the EPA to try to get out of air quality testing on cars. They also want to meet with the Department of Agriculture and Human Services to run through such programs as SNAP.

The budget grew by 28 percent overall with roadwork marking a large part of construction projects.

**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL**



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Council President Elijah Hatch

Absent

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Council Vice-President James Welch

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Councilmember Nancy Teksten



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Councilmember Jeff Reck



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Councilmember Terry DeGroot

Date Signed: February 23, 2026

**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 235**

**RE: REGULAR 2026 MEETINGS OF THE WELD COUNTY COUNCIL**

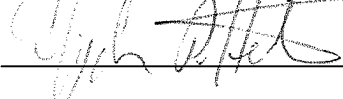
WHEREAS, Section 13-4-(3) of the Weld County Home Rule Charter specifies that regular meetings of the Weld County Council shall be held at least monthly on a day or days to be determined by the council by resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular meetings of the Weld County Council shall be held the third Monday of each month during the calendar year of 2026 unless an appropriate notice of change has been written and posted in the Board of County Commissioners' office and notice given to all council members as required in the Rules of Procedure for the Weld County Council.

The above and foregoing resolution was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted by the following vote on the 23rd day of February 2026.

**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL**

Council President Elijah Hatch

  
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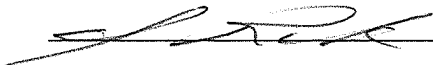
Vice-President James Welch

Absent  
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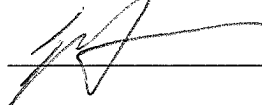
Councilmember Nancy Teksten

Absent  
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Councilmember Jeff Reck

  
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Councilmember Terry DeGroot

  
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Date Signed: February 23, 2026

Resolution Number: 235