

**MINUTES
WELD COUNTY COUNCIL
November 15, 2021**

The Weld County Council met in regular session in full conformity with the Weld County Home Rule Charter at 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2021, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, CO.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nancy Teksten. Councilmembers Tonya L. Van Beber, Elijah Hatch and Rupert Parchment were present, constituting a quorum of members. Council President James Welch had an excused absence. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA :

Councilmember Van Beber made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Parchment and carried.

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:

Approval of October 18, 2021, Minutes

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve the October 18 minutes, seconded by Councilmember Van Beber, and the motion carried.

REVIEW PROGRAM:

Carly Koppes, County Clerk and Recorder

Weld County Clerk and Recorder Carly Koppes and Rudy Santos, Chief Deputy, presented a general overview of their department. Mr. Santos is celebrating 20 years with the county.

They explained election preparation is a year-round responsibility, requiring monthly maintenance. Only a residential house can be used to actually register to vote. Ms. Koppes said non-US residents can get IDs, but they have a black box on there so they cannot be registered to vote.

Ms. Koppes said her department must be constantly diligent about new laws. She said election judges perform and conduct the election as it's a citizen-based election process. They start building ballots when the election gets close.

She said Weld County has the most complicated ballot in the state because of so many municipalities, and fire, school, sewer and water districts.

Election processes must endure checks and balances conducted by someone other than the Clerk. Ballots are only mailed to active voters. Currently there are 208,000 active voters in Weld County.

Ms. Koppes explained voting machines are not used in Weld County or in Colorado. She said Colorado is a paper ballot state with ballot marking devices. Drop boxes are under 24-hour surveillance, with 17 available in the county. Envelopes by mail/drop off locations/drop boxes are tracked and residents can see progress online using ballottrax.com.

Ms. Koppes said by the time a ballot gets scanned for vote counting, it has been verified and cross checked seven times. The only thing that stops at 7 p.m. on election day is your ability to vote.

Each of Colorado's 64 counties conducts its own independent election. Statewide audits are conducted based on multiple variables. The audits are meant to be as random as possible using

mathematical equations. Ms. Koppes said her department continues to try and educate the public as there is so much mis/dis/mal-information circulating. Weld County is the gold standard nationwide and in Colorado when it comes to security of elections and voter access.

More specific information can be found at www.weldvotes.com.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports

There were no councilmember reports

Bills

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

- Weld County Phone Bill for October \$25.00

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT:

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

December 20, 2021

Council President, James Welch

Council Secretary, Linda Kane