

# **TOWN OF NEWCASTLE, TOWN OF UPTON, WESTON COUNTY JOINT POWERS BOARD COMMUNICATIONS MEETING MINUTES**

**Call Meeting to order:** 16:33 **Date:** 5/20/26

**Guests:** 1guest present

**Attendance:** Brian Meals, James Curren, Derek Thompson, interim Director Tonia Mills

**Changes to Agenda:** NA

**Motion:** to approve 4/18/26 Minutes

**Motion by:** Thompson **2<sup>nd</sup> By:** Meals **Motion Carried**

## **Treasures Report:**

**Checking Account:** \$411,684.53

**Savings:** \$262,335.60

Motion by Curren to move the outstanding bills to the Treasures Report to be approved Meals 2<sup>nd</sup> it Motion Carried. Motion made to accept treasures report and to pay outstanding bills **by:** Curren **2<sup>nd</sup> By:** Thompson. Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** NA

**Old Business:** Budget- Upton had a question as to why we had so much in the insurance line item. Meals explained to them that it was figured as if we were fully staffed. Thompson Made a motion to submit a finalized budget to the state of \$872,750 Meals 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion carried. CIS to Flex Migration – the migration has been completed, and we are done with CIS. Backup dispatch console- Upton PD will be the best option. Fields got with Ricks Electric they will start on it around the 1<sup>st</sup> of June Rich will figure out what will be needed for a generator. Backup generator- Curren got the regulator changed out and it has fired up. The tech that was here to get it fired up will get us a bid for a maintenance program. Attorney- Burger and Brown did not get back with us. Thompson has talked to Kara Ellsbury out of Sundance he will send her a letter and see what she thinks. Board member terms and the modifications to employee wage schedule were tabled

**New Business:** Department of Labor audit-there were a couple of things that they pointed out one was they asked if we had a labor law poster, we did not but we do now, and they asked if we paid travel time for training. The guy said he would a lot rather field Questions then to give out fines, so he said to call him if we had any questions. Curren moved to pay travel time and milage in accordance with the GSA schedule, to the driver and travel time to the passengers. Meals 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion carried.

**Directors Report:** Two dispatchers went to Douglas to training. Janelle and Tonia went to Laramie for a training but it got canceled at the last minute they will reschedule the training either virtual or in person. Tonia went to Casper to testify to Legislators about getting dispatchers covered under the workers comp mental health plan for first responders. There is a bill being drafted to present this. Tonia would like to get onex and Been Verified for the dispatchers. She will check on prices and if there are other options that may be better.

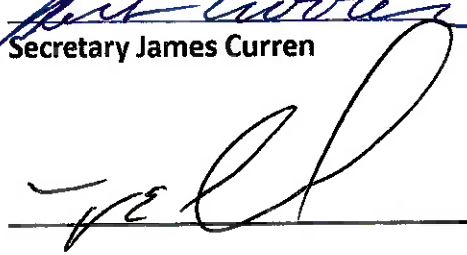
**Other Business:** NA

**Next Meeting:** 6/17/26 **Time:** 16:30 **Location:** Upton council Chamber

**Meeting adjourned Time:** 18:22 **Motioned by:** Curren 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thompson **Motion Carried**



Secretary James Curren



Chairman Bryan Colvard