

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Friday, August 29, 2025

1:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

SPECIAL MEETING TO FILL VACANCY IN SD6 - JOINT MEETING OF LARAMIE & PLATTE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS

Roll Call/Call to Order

Present: Chairman Gunnar Malm, Vice Chairman Troy Thompson, Commissioner Linda Heath, Commissioner Don Hollingshead, Commissioner Ty Zwonitzer

Roll Call Platte County

Present: Chairman Steve Shockley, Commissioner Ian Jolovich, Commissioner John "Jeb" Baker

Appointments

1. Consideration of an appointment to fill the vacancy in Senate District 6 of the Wyoming Legislature (WS 22-18-111(a)(iii)(D)).

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Attachments: [Candidate Packet WY SD06, Jeff Barnes](#)
[Candidate Packet WY SD06, Roy Birt](#)
[Candidate Packet WY SD06, Taft Love](#)
[Resolution, Appointment](#)

Chairman Malm called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee did the roll call for Laramie County. Platte County Clerk Malcolm Ervin did the roll call for Platte County.

Chairman Malm explained the purpose of the meeting was to appoint a person to fill the vacancy for Wyoming Senate District 6. He explained that each candidate would be interviewed individually and the order of interview would be determined by a manual drawing. He said candidates waiting to be interviewed would be sequestered in another room and would surrender their cell phones. He stated that following the interviews, the board would meet in executive session for deliberations, and the vote would be done in public.

Candidates were invited to approach the dais and select a number for the order of their interview. Taft Love was the first interviewee, Roy Birt second, and Jeff Barnes third.

Each commissioner asked questions of the candidates. Topics include constituencies they would represent, description of their budget experience, knowledge of property taxes and position on further cuts, recommendations for keeping young people in Wyoming, land use and land rights issues, support for voter-approved sales tax options, and industries the counties should cultivate.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Hollingshead, to go into executive session for deliberation for this position. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The boards went into executive session at 3:05 pm

The boards reconvened at 3:30 pm.

Clerk Lee distributed a ballot to each commissioner that contained the names of the three candidates. Ballots were labeled by county in order to assign the weighted vote as required in W.S. 22-18-111(a)(iii)D).

Ballots were returned to the Clerk who read each vote by county into the record. Clerk Ervin entered the results on a publicly displayed spreadsheet that tabulated the weighted vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hollingshead, seconded by Commissioner Heath, to appoint Taft Love to fill the vacant Senate District 6 position.

Clerk Lee did the roll call for Laramie County. Clerk Ervin did the roll call for Platte County. All members voted 'aye'.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Malm, Thompson, Heath, Hollingshead,
Zwonitzer

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Reasonable Accommodations

This information is available in alternate forms. If reasonable accommodations are required, contact Laramie County Human Resources at (307) 633-4355 or humanresources@laramiecountywy.gov at least two business days prior to the meeting. Per WS §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at laramiecountywy.gov.