

# Board of County Commissioners

## Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse  
310 W 19th Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82001



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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

4:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

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### Special Meeting

#### Roll Call/Call to Order

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

#### Resolutions

1. Consideration of a resolution approving Wyoming Horse Racing, LLC, to expand its operations at 5640 High Plains Rd.

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**Attachments:** [Resolution, Wyoming Horse Racing, LLC, Expansion Swan Ranch](#)

County Attorney Mark Voss gave an overview of the request. He said it was an expansion of an existing location. Voss said if the board approves the request, the applicant would need to go before the WY Gaming Commission for final approval.

Nick Hughes, applicant, spoke about reasons for expanding the current location. Hughes talked about the future expansion of the location and using the Historic Horse Racing (HHR) revenue to build a theater, convention meeting rooms, and hotel. Hughes said the expansion will go in phases. He noted the economic benefits to the county and state.

Commissioner Hollingshead asked about the time frame for the build-out phases. Hughes said the construction would be dependent on the weather and may take 18 months to two years.

Chairman Malm opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Maeke Ermarth, resident, spoke about the project. She said the project is moving too fast to make a final decision and expressed concerns about transparency, potential for money laundering and water.

Chairman Malm said the applicant to go to the Gaming Commission. He said the applicant presented the project details in Nov 2024 and before the city council about three months ago. He said the project is located in Cheyenne and BOPU will supply the water. He stated the expansion will bring out-of-state dollars and support the growing tourism industry.

Hearing no further PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Malm closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Hollingshead, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Heath informed the expansion information is contained in the Nov 19, 2024 meeting, which is available online.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Malm, Thompson, Heath, Hollingshead,  
Zwonitzer

**The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.**

### **Reasonable Accommodations**

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