

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2020

VIA ZOOM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Roll Call.**
The April 23, 2020 Special Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jones. Commissioners' Richardson and Gosar present.
2. **Comments from the public. None.**
3. **Disclosures. None.**
4. **Consideration of changes on the agenda. None.**
5. Resolution 2020-014, Resolution to Appoint a Special Prosecutor.

MOTION by Gosar to APPROVE Resolution 2020-014, Resolution to Appoint a Special Prosecutor.

Resolution 2020-014

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Whereas, the Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney's Office has a conflict of interest in the potential prosecution of a criminal matter that occurred in Albany County, Wyoming.

Whereas, Wyo. Stats. § 18-3-302, and §18-3-520, enables the County Commissioners of any County to employ one or more attorneys to appear and prosecute and assist the County and Prosecuting Attorney on behalf of the people of such County in any action or preceding, whether civil or criminal;

Whereas, in such case the nature and necessity of employment shall appear in the records of the County Commissioners according to Wyo. Stat. § 18-3-520;

Whereas, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners that a Special County & Prosecuting Attorney is needed to assist the Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney to carry out her duties due to the County & Prosecuting Attorney reporting a conflict of interest and an appearance of impropriety that may result should the Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney's Office handle the above matter;

Whereas, the office of Laramie County & Prosecuting Attorney has agreed to assume the responsibilities and duties of Special Prosecutor in this matter, it being noted that Albany County and Prosecuting Attorney's Office will be responsible for expenses by the Special Prosecutor in carrying out his duties including but not limited to any expenses for travel.

NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

Section 2. That the office of the Laramie County & Prosecuting Attorney be and are hereby appointed and employed as Special County and Prosecuting Attorney in the above referenced criminal case to perform the official duties in this matter that would otherwise be performed

by the Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney and her deputies and for that time and for this matter, the office of the Laramie County & Prosecuting Attorney and his deputies shall have the same powers given by law to the Albany County & Prosecuting Attorney as is so provided by Wyo. Stat. § 18-3-105.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd of April 2020.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING

/s/Terri Jones, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/Jackie R. Gonzales, Albany County Clerk

Roll call showed Gosar, Richardson and Jones. Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

5a. Discuss COVID-19.

Peggy Trent, County and Prosecuting Attorney inquired with the Board as to how the County will move forward to the next phase with COVID-19 if restrictions lessen throughout the State. We need to look at how the County will move forward with employees and customers wearing masks within the Courthouse. There are also questions about Antibody testing and whether insurance will cover for employees to be tested prior to returning to work.

6. Adjourn.

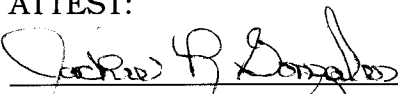
MOTION by Gosar to ADJOURN the Special Meeting of April 23, 2020 at 10:43 a.m.

Roll call showed Gosar, Richardson and Jones. Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Terri Jones, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jackie R. Gonzales, County Clerk