

Commissioner Minutes

June 9, 2025 – 1:31 p.m. to 1:42 p.m.

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The Board met today at 1:31 a.m. to consider matters related to County Assistance. Present were: Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks, Director of County Assistance Yvonne Baker, Case Manager Kellie George, Case Manager Jenn Odom, Clerk Rick Hogaboam, Controller Kyle Wilmot, Elections Supervisor Haley Hicks, Chief Deputy Clerk/Director of Court Operations Jess Urresti, COO Greg Rast, and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross.

The following cases were presented for Board consideration:

Case no. 2025-19: Following the investigation, it has been determined that the decedent meets the eligibility criteria for county assistance. Upon the motion of Commissioner Van Beek and second by Commissioner Brooks the Board voted unanimously to approve case no. 2025-19 as presented.

Case no. 2025-16: This case was previously presented for Board consideration but tabled in order for the County Assistance office to seek a legal opinion. It has been established that Canyon County is the obligated county. The funeral home has cited code that they feel obligates the county for payment, but a cremation authorization has been signed by the decedent's brother which the County Assistance office believes releases the county from obligation and that the county is not the payer of last resort. Additionally, there appear to be assets in excess of \$1000. The County Assistance office is still awaiting a response from the

Prosecutor's Office. Commissioner Van Beek made a motion to decline the application as the county is not the payer of last resort and there are identified assets that the funeral home or brother may apply to be the personal representative to liquidate the assets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks and carried unanimously.

Case no. 2025-18: The decedent has been found to be a Canyon County resident and appears to have assets such as a motorhome, vehicle, checking account, tools and other personal belongings. They do not meet the eligibility criteria for indigency. A daughter has indicated that she is not in a position to be able to assist with cremation. Commissioner Van Beek made a motion to deny the case as the county is not the payer of last resort and the Treasurer's Office could seek assets. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks and carried unanimously.

Case no. 2025-20: The decedent was a Canyon County resident, had a vehicle but the location is unknown. A daughter participated in the interview but has no real information about him, is unable to obtain any information from the Veterans Administration and has indicated she is not able to assist with any cremation expenses. The County Assistance office is not aware of any readily available assets. Upon the motion of Commissioner Van Beek and second by Commissioner Brooks the Board voted unanimously to approve the case for cremation as the decedent appeared to be indigent and is a resident.

The meeting concluded at 1:42 p.m. and an audio recording is on file in the Commissioners' Office.