

**Unapproved Minutes  
Board of Commissioners of Converse County  
February 17, 2026**

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:13 a.m. on February 17, 2026. Present in person were Commission Chairman, Jim Willox; Commission Vice-Chairman Rick Grant; Commissioners Trent Kaufman and Donald Blackburn; and County Clerk, Karen Rimmer. Commissioner Robert Short was excused for attendance at the 2026 Legislative Session on behalf of the County.

Mr. Blackburn moved to approve:

**RESOLUTION 01-26**

**A RESOLUTION REVISING THE ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMITS OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON COUNTY ROADS**

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statutes §31-5-102, §31-5-108, §31-5-109, §31-5-110 and §31-5-303, as amended, grants the Board of Converse County Commissioners the authority to establish vehicular speed limits on County-owned streets and roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Converse County Commissioners duly adopted Resolution No. 13-19 on October 1, 2019, thereby amending, consolidating, and replacing Resolutions 14-99, 15-94, 15-94A, 06-00, 15-00, 04-06 and 12-14, all of which established various and specific speed limits for all vehicular traffic on streets and roadways located within Converse County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Converse County Commissioners deems it in the best interest of the citizenry of Converse County to make further amendments to speed limits on specific County roads.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the maximum speed limits allowed by law upon Converse County-owned roadways are hereby established, and no person shall drive a vehicle upon said roads in excess of such maximum limits as described herein.

COUNTY ROAD (CR) NO.	COUNTY ROAD NAME	SPEED LIMIT (MPH)	DESCRIPTION OF ROAD, OTHER FACTORS
1	Irvine Rd	Thirty-five (35) mph	Mile marker 0.0 to 0.3.
1	Irvine Rd	Forty-five (45) mph	Mile marker 0.3 to 1.15 and mile marker 12.9 to 13.7

1	Irvine Rd	Fifty-five mph	Mile marker 1.15 to 12.9
2	Anderson Dairy Rd	Forty-five (45) mph	Mile marker 0.0 to 1.1
3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17A, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 28, 30, 33, 42, 51, 55, 57, 58, 60	Wagonhound Rd, Poison Lake Rd, Esterbrook Rd, Glendo Rd, Braae Rd, Bedtick Rd, Bruner Ln, LaPrelle Hall, Moss Agate Rd, Old Fort Fetterman Rd, Hiser Rd, Mormon Canyon Rd, Stevens Rd, Coal Shadow Rd, Cole Creek Rd, Cold Springs Rd, Orpha Rd, Cherokee Tr, Willow Creek Rd, Combs Rd, Twenty Mile Creek Rd (loop), Lost Springs Rd, Robinson Ln, Irvine Bridge Rd, Harris Rd, Esau Rd	Thirty-five (35) mph	Applies to all miles/sections.
4	Poison Lake Rd	Twenty (20) mph	Applies to all miles/sections.
9, 25, 26, 29, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 63	Chalk Buttes Rd, Monkey Mountain Rd, Leuenberger Ln, Inez Rd, Wright Rd, Sunflower Tr, Dull Center Rd, Lynch Rd, Steinle Rd, Woody Creek Rd, Cow Creek Rd, Twenty Mile Creek Rd, Dickau Rd, Flat Top Rd, Reese Rd, Pickenpough Rd, Bill Hall Rd	Forty (40) mph	Applies to all miles/sections.
11	Spring Canyon Rd	Thirty-five (35) mph	Applies to mile post 0.0 to 23.6
13	Natural Bridge Rd	Ten (10) mph	Applies to all miles/sections within Natural Bridge Park.
13	Natural Bridge Rd	Forty (40) mph	Applies to all other miles/sections.
14	Windy Ridge Rd	Twenty (20) mph	Applies to all marked school zones during time schools are in session.

14	Windy Ridge Rd	Thirty (30) mph	Applies to all other miles/sections.
17	Boxelder Rd	Thirty-five (35) mph	Applies to all other miles/sections.
17	Boxelder Rd	Forty-five (45) mph	Applies to the point where WY Hwy. 90 becomes CR 17 to mile post 2.6.
27	Tank Farm Rd	Forty (40) mph	Applies to all gravel and dirt miles/sections.
27	Tank Farm Rd	Forty-five (45) mph	Applies to all paved miles/sections.
19, 23	Deer Creek Rd, 55 Ranch Rd	Thirty-five (35) mph	Applies to all gravel and dirt miles/sections.
19, 23	Deer Creek Rd, 55 Ranch Rd	Forty-five (45) mph	Applies to all paved miles/sections.
30	Cherokee Trail	Twenty-five (25) mph	Applies to the eastern portion from mile marker 0.0 to mile marker 2.2.
31, 32	Ross Road, Highland Loop	Forty (40) mph	Applies to all dirt and gravel miles/sections.
31	Ross Rd	Forty-five (45) mph	Applies to paved portion beginning 7.1 miles northwest of the intersection of WY Hwy 93 and CR 31 and continuing for 2.25 miles.

31	Ross Road	Fifty-five (55) mph	Applies to all paved miles/sections unless otherwise denoted.
34	Jenne Trail	Forty-five (45) mph	Applies to all sections/miles.
37	Antelope Coal Mine Rd	Fifty-five (55) mph	Applies to all mile/sections.
43	Walker Creek Rd	Forty (40) mph	Applies to all gravel and dirt miles/sections unless otherwise denoted.
43	Walker Creek Rd	Fifty-five (55) mph	Applies to all paved miles/sections unless otherwise denoted.
52	East Antelope Rd	Thirty-five (35) mph	Mile marker 0.0 to 0.6 (pavement) and mile marker 7.5 to 18.35 (gravel)
52	East Antelope Rd	Fifty-five (55) mph	Mile marker 0.6 to 7.5
53	Manning Rd	Thirty (30) mph	Applies to all other miles/sections.
40A, 56, 61, 62, 64, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72	Steinle Rd (cut across), Coulter Tr, Brownfield Rd, Jarmon Tr, Ridgewater Rd, Robin Ln, West Laramie Rd, Wheelock Rd, Housiaux Rd, Bridger Crossing Rd, Irvine Spur Rd	Thirty (30) mph	Applies to all miles/sections.
56	Coulter Trail	Forty-five (45) mph	Applies to all miles/sections.
65	Twin Bridges Rd	30 mph	Applies to all other miles/sections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.
2. Every person convicted of a violation of this Resolution may be fined a maximum of five dollars (\$5.00) per mile for each mile per hour in excess of the posted speed limit, but not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), and assessed Court costs.
3. In addition to any other penalty, every person convicted of violating this Converse County Resolution or any similar law or ordinance by exceeding the posted speed limit by six (6) or more miles per hour, while operating a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating exceeding twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
4. The Converse County Road and Bridge Department shall take all necessary steps to post the maximum speed limits on Converse County roads listed in this Resolution, and all posted signs shall meet the specifications, if any, of the State of Wyoming.
5. Resolution 13-19 shall hereby be set aside, a nullity and of no force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17 day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING:  
/s/ James H. Willox, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Rimmer, County Clerk

Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Dave Shaw, Road & Bridge Special Projects, provided updates on revisions to the High- Risk Rural Road Program grant agreement. Following discussion, Mr. Grant moved to approve the HRRRP subrecipient grant agreement between WYDOT/Highway Safety Office and Converse County for a term from full execution through December 31, 2027 for a total amount of \$109,500 that includes a 9.51% local match for rumble strips and pavement markings on certain county roads; Mr. Blackburn seconded; motion carried. Mr. Todd Mattson and Mr. Kenny Sission, HDR Engineering, provided updates on major road construction projects. Following discussion, Mr. Blackburn moved to approve the Notice of Award for the Jenne Trail Phase 3 Project and award the bid to Croell, Inc. in the amount of \$18,774,070 as the apparent low bidder and as recommended by HDR Engineering; Mr. Kaufman seconded; motion carried. Mr. Grant moved to approve Amendment No. 2 for the Jenne Trail Road Phase 2 to modify the scope of services for Advanced Geotechnical Services and administrative expenses in amount of \$148,989.50 for a total contract amount of \$1,813,315.99; Mr. Blackburn seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Grant moved to recess into Executive Session pursuant to W.S. 16-4-405(a)(vii) to consider the selection of a site or the purchase of real estate when the publicity regarding the consideration would cause a likelihood of an increase in price. Mr. Blackburn seconded and motion carried. The regular meeting recessed at 8:31 a.m. and reconvened at 8:41 a.m.; no action was taken.

Mr. Jason Wilkinson, Road & Bridge Superintendent, and Mr. John Shephard, Foreman, provided additional departmental updates. Following discussion, Mr. Kaufman moved to approve Change Order No. One from Buckley Powder Co. to modify the scope of the original agreement at the Shawnee Quarry and increase blasting by 200,000 tons at a cost of \$3,750 for mobilization, \$2,000 per blast, and costs per ton for blasting patterns as presented; Mr. Blackburn seconded; motion carried. Mr. Grant moved to approve Change Order No. One from B&B Aggregates to modify the scope of the original agreement by adding an additional 100,000 to 200,000 tons of gravel to be crushed at the original contract price and at Road & Bridge specifications and extend crushing activities to June 1, 2026; Mr. Kaufman seconded; motion carried. Following discussion, Mr. Grant moved to approve the draft amended policies for Road & Bridge Safety Reimbursement Program and Road & Bridge Policy Establishing Safety Year, PPE, and Appearance Guidelines as presented; Mr. Blackburn seconded; motion carried.

Ms. Kristin Watson, HR Director, along with Mr. Joel Schell, County Treasurer, discussed current policy language relating to authorized employee leave types and requested clarification relating to work weeks, PTO, and Other Leave definitions. The Commissioners provided direction and policy language will be considered at the next Commissioner meeting. Other departmental updates included current and upcoming job postings; health insurance fund overview; Wellness; internship request from Technical Services; and upcoming and ongoing items. Following discussion, Mr. Blackburn moved to authorize Ms. Watson to enter into a contract with Wyoming Health Fairs for a spring blood draw for County employees; Mr. Kaufman seconded; motion carried.

Mr. David Freeman, representing WR Hauling LLC, presented information regarding their interest in the Antelope Refinery facility; their discussions with the current owner and interest in acquiring the property; and questions were asked about the potential for County industrial revenue bond opportunities. The Commissioners, along with Mr. Joel Schell, County Treasurer, answered questions and provided additional information relating to the bonds, which are not County funded but rather go through the County for approval only. If WR Hauling decided to move forward, they may have to own the asset and would have to make a formal application and presentation with the Commissioners. Generally, the Commissioners are pleased that there is interest in the facility, but they would have to carefully review any application and determine if it was in the best interest of the County to move forward. No action was taken.

Mr. Kenny Sission, HDR Engineering, provided updates on the LaPrele Dam project and critical project deadlines, State leases, and needs for the project should the County become the adjacent landowner, which the County continues to actively pursue. Mr. Sission provided an overview of the project staging and lay down areas, access, and an additional potential staging area of less than two acres that would require a temporary construction agreement with the

County. Other discussion included water; fencing for visual shielding and site security; electrical in place; and further insight of Project needs and needs of the County. Lengthy discussion followed pertaining to how all parties move forward for the benefit of the project and the public. No action was taken.

Ms. Stacey Etchemendy and Ms. Karmin Addleman, Converse County Fair Board members, along with Ms. Kelsey Stephens, County Fair Manager, discussed increasing the number of Fair Board members from five to seven members. Following lengthy discussion, the Commissioners advised the Board to focus on development of the various Superintendent positions rather than increasing the number of board members. Other discussion included interest from people to be involved; goals; objectives; and upcoming budget considerations. No action was taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Darcey Cowardin, Public Health Nurse Manager, provided departmental updates including department credit card usage; TANF and Workforce grant updates; Public Health office space in Glenrock; and a brief discussion of tabletop exercises. No action was taken.

Ms. Dru Palmer, DRU Consulting, provided general updates on energy and natural resources, including discussion of upcoming meetings with federal leaders in Washington D.C. during the NACo Conference. No action was taken.

The minutes of the February 3 and 4, 2026, regular meeting were approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Grant moved to approve February monthly reports: Public Health \$15,988.57; Road & Bridge \$87,443.16; Sheriff's Office \$3,184.60; NOVC 2025-0577 EOG Resources Inc. \$3,568.67; Mr. Kaufman seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Blackburn moved to approve the Request for Assignment of Interest of ONEOK Rockies Midstream LLC for a bore permit dated October 1, 2019, for CR31/Ross Road, for property located in NW1/4S17-T39N-R74W; Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Kaufman moved to ratify a WYDEQ letter for Continental Resources Inc. for additional equipment to be added to the Continental Dominion Compressor Station; Mr. Blackburn seconded; motion carried.

Ms. Kristin Watson presented draft policy language for review by Commissioners in preparation for presentation and consideration at the next Commissioner meeting; no action was taken.

Ms. Jessie Dykehouse, FDL Consulting, LLC, provided updates on major construction projects. Updated draft design plans for the Courthouse Level 1 and 2 Study and the Glenrock Office Renovations were reviewed and discussed by impacted departments. The Animal Shelter Expansion Project was briefly discussed including an upcoming Change Order Request for movement of water and sewer lines. No action was taken.

Proposals received for additional inspections for the Eastern Wyoming College Construction Technology Addition were reviewed. Following discussion, Mr. Grant moved to authorize any Commissioner, if necessary, to enter into an agreement with the proposal that best

represents the interests of the County and the project for ratification at a subsequent meeting in order to keep the project moving forward; Mr. Blackburn seconded; motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3 and 4, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., unless otherwise posted, at the Converse County Courthouse within Commission Chambers, located at 107 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, Wyoming. The public is invited to attend. To get on the agenda, call the Clerk's Office by the Thursday before the meeting. Per W.S. §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at [www.conversecountywy.gov](http://www.conversecountywy.gov) or by calling the County Clerk's Office at (307) 358-2244.

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James H. Willox, Chairman

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Karen Rimmer, County Clerk

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