


**MINUTES**  
**WELD COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**July 19, 2021**

The Weld County Council met in regular session in full conformity with the Weld County Home Rule Charter at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 19, 2021, at the Weld County Administration Building, 1150 O Street, Greeley, CO.

**ROLL CALL:**

 The meeting was called to order by President James Welch. Councilmembers Nancy Teksten, Tonya L. Van Beber, Rupert Parchment and Elijah Hatch were present, constituting a quorum of members. Also present was Council Secretary Linda Kane.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA :**

Councilmember Teksten made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Parchment and carried.

**APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTATION:**

**Approval of June 21, 2021, Minutes**

Councilmember Hatch made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Councilmember Teksten, and the motion carried.


**REVIEW PROGRAM:**

**Doug Erler, Justice Services**

Mr. Erler, Director of the Weld County Justice Services, reports directly to commissioners. The department was developed by commissioners in 2008. Since then, the department has gained 39 staff members.

Mr. Erler explained his department does everything the sheriff and district attorney do not. One of the biggest parts of his department relates to community corrections. He described it as a unique model, funded by the state, to run a community corrections facility.

He described it as a residential facility where individuals can be sent instead of prison. The facility can also be used as a step down before parole. Clients are monitored, drug tested and focused on employment. If a client violates the rules, he can be sent to prison.

 A board of directors has oversight responsibilities. It decides who is accepted to the facility. Prior to Covid, the facility had 194 clients. Currently, it has about 163 with 41 clients in a non-residential supervisory program.

Clients can earn privileges including visiting loved ones or overnight furloughs. The program offers GED classes, life skills classes and intensive treatment for substance abuse. Mr. Erler estimated that roughly half of the clients work at JBS.

Another service his department offers is pretrial services. This includes an initial risk screening of someone newly booked into jail and pretrial supervision and monitoring.

While the facility is co-ed, females receive different services, Mr. Erler said. He said woman's services are more focused on life-skill issues including support for pregnancy.

The department's electronic home monitoring program blew up during Covid. The program was managed by the sheriff's department until about five years ago.

For additional information, please see Addendum 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Coordinator Reports/Councilman Reports**

Councilmember Hatch said the extension office is hoping to have a new director hired and in place within about 30 days.

**Bills**

Councilmember Van Beber made a motion to approve bills, it was seconded by Councilmember Parchment and carried. The bills were paid as follows:

- Weld County Phone Bill for June \$25.00

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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August 16, 2021

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Council President, James Welch

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Council Secretary, Linda Kane