Commissioner Minutes
August 27, 2026 – 5:00 p.m. to 5:11 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE FY2027 BUDGET FOR CANYON COUNTY, CANYON COUNTY PEST CONTROL DISTRICT, THE MELBA GOPHER DISTRICT, AND RECOVERY OF FOREGONE PROPERTY TAXES; AND THE CONSIDERATION OF RELATED ACTION ITEMS
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The Board met today at 5:00 p.m. for a public hearing to consider the FY2027 budget for Canyon County, Canyon County Pest Control District, Melba Gopher District, and recovery of foregone property taxes; and the consideration of related action items. Present were: Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton, and Zach Brooks, Doug Hart, Marty Danner, Jay Gibbons, Nicki Schwend, Michael Farrell, Diana Sinner, Ingrid Batey, Chris Boyd, Chistine Wendelsdorf, Roxanne Wade, Rick Britton, Steve Webb, Brian Stender, Roger Craig, Mike Cowan, Tasha Howard, Jeff Breach, Jose Orozco, Jess Urresti, Kyle Wilmot, Jennifer Watters, Steve Onofrei, Melissa Tucker, Sarah Winslow, Chris Paulsen, James West, Martin Flores, and Steve Cushman, and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross.

Commissioner Holton opened the meeting asking for anyone to come forward if they would like to offer testimony on the FY2027 budget; no comments were received.

The action items were considered as follows:

FY27 Canyon County Budget, Canyon County Pest Control Budget, and Melba Gopher District Budget Resolution: Commissioner Brooks motioned to sign resolution no. 26-156 for the FY2027 Canyon County budget, Canyon County Pest Control budget, and Melba Gopher District budget – the county budget is $149,416,028.70, the pest control budget is $332,614.65, and the gopher district budget is $12,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Beek and carried unanimously.

Resolution Reserving the Right to Recover Foregone Taxes for Melba Gopher and Canyon County Pest Control: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve resolution 26-157 reserving the right to recover foregone taxes for Melba Gopher and Canyon County Pest Control - $356 for Melba Gopher

and $10,833 for Canyon County Pest Control. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Beek and carried unanimously.

L2 forms for Canyon County, Canyon County Pest Control, and Melba Gopher: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to authorize the Chairman's signature approving the L2 forms for Canyon County, Canyon County Pest Control, and Melba Gopher. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Beek and carried unanimously.

FY27 Recovery of Foregone Property Tax Resolution: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve resolution 26-158 for Canyon County's FY2027 property tax foregone in the amount of $677,625 with the property tax levy being $67,165,219. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Beek and carried unanimously.

FY27 Elected Official Salaries Resolution: Commissioner Brooks motioned to approve resolution no. 26-159 with the enumerated salaries for each elected office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Beek and carried unanimously.

Employee Appreciation Time Resolution: The resolution allows for two (2) specific days and three (3) other days of the employee's choice throughout the year. A total of five (5) days with two fixed but if an employee works those fixed days they can work with their Director for compensation of a different day. Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve resolution no. 26-160 for employee appreciation time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Beek and carried unanimously.

The Board offered comments expressing their appreciation of the budget process and the offices and departments that contributed.

Upon the motion of Commissioner Van Beek and second by Commissioner Brooks the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the hearing at 5:11 p.m. An audio recording and supporting documents are on file in the Commissioners' Office.