

***AD-HOC Weld County Home Rule Charter
Amendment Study Committee
Meeting Minutes July 18, 2018***

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:

Jackie Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Al Dominguez, Sam Gluck, Dave Kisker, Mark Lawley, Ray Patch, Justus Pettit, Garrett Varra, and James Welch. Also present were Bruce Barker - County Attorney, and Esther Gesick - Clerk to the Board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 11, 2018, AND CORRECTED JUNE 13, 2018:

Garrett Varra moved to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Sam Gluck and it carried unanimously. Dave Kisker moved to approve the Corrected Minutes of June 13, 2018. The motion was seconded by Garrett Varra and it carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW OF FINAL RECOMMENDATION REPORT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: A motion was made by Ray Patch to accept the Recommendation Report prepared by Chair Johnson. Seconded by Al Dominguez, the motion carried unanimously.

B. REVIEW OF DRAFT BALLOT LANGUAGE: The Committee requested, and Mr. Barker agreed, to submit the Recommendation Memorandum, supporting documents (Minutes), and the proposed ballot language to the Board of County Commissioners in electronic format for their review prior to the formal presentation on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Mr. Barker explained his practice of proposing ballot questions with the exact language as it will be incorporated into the Charter to help avoid confusion. Mr. Kisker agreed with the approach and suggested preparing an explanation in the local election Pros/Cons summary document for voter review.

Mr. Barker displayed the proposed language for the following ballot questions:

Ballot Question 1A - concerning Section 3-6 to correct reference to Department of Finance and Administration and amend the number of County Departments from four to three. The Committee had no changes.

Ballot Question 1B - concerning repealed and re-enactment of Section 3-8(4)(b) to eliminate the requirement of contracts and disposition of real property to be by Ordinance only. The Committee had no changes, with the exception of a typo.

Ballot Question 1C – concerning repeal of outdated Section 3-9(3) which set the initial salary of Commissioners. The Committee had no changes.

Ballot Question 1D – concerning repeal and re-enactment of Section 3-11 to amend the title to “Official” meetings and to correct grammatical errors. The Committee made one further grammatical revision.

Ballot Question 1E – concerning enactment of Section 6-5(5) to disallow convicted felons from being eligible for elected office. The Committee discussed and included clarifying grammatical language.

Ballot Question 1F – concerning repeal of outdated Section 10-6 furnishing living quarters for the Sheriff or Under Sherriff acting as jailer. The Committee had no changes.

Ballot Question 1G – concerning repeal and re-enactment of Section 16-6 to require notice to the public prior to approval of contracts for expenditures of \$2.5 million or greater. The Committee had no changes.

Ballot Question 1H – concerning addition of Section 17-3 titled “Substantive Changes” and inclusion of the subsequent text. The Committee had no changes.

Ballot Question 1I – concerning the change of “Elective” to “Elected” when referring to elected office or officers throughout the Charter. The Committee had no changes.

Garrett Varra moved to approve the proposed Ballot Questions. Seconded by Ray Patch, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Barker offered to provide the summary of changes in the packet to be submitted to the Commissioners. Mr. Kisker requested the summary document also be posted on the website for public review. In response to Mr. Gluck, Mr. Barker explained on Monday the recommendation will be submitted, followed by a work session or a scheduled board meeting for formal adoption and placement on the ballot and legal publication. The deadline to be submitted to the Secretary of State’s Office is the Friday after Labor Day.

Mr. Lawley stated his support of meeting as a group to draft the Pros/Cons of the Ballot Questions, if delegated by the Commissioners. There was consensus of the group to participate, and Mr. Barker agreed to prepare a draft, pending the decision of the Board of Commissioners.

A majority of the Committee members agreed to be present on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. Following discussion, it was agreed to prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Esther E. Gesick, Clerk to the Board