

***AD-HOC Weld County Home Rule Charter
Amendment Study Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018***

Welcome and Introductions

Bruce Barker, Weld County Attorney, called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Jennifer Finch, Public Information Officer for Weld County and Karla Ford, Board of County Commissioners' Office Manager are also in attendance to provide support.

The committee introduced themselves and gave a bit of personal background and reasons why they wanted to be part of this committee. Those on the committee are Jackie Johnson, Sam Gluck, Al Dominguez, Mark Lawley, Dave Kisker, Justus Pettit, Garrett Varra, James Welch and Ray Patch.

Notebooks – Materials

Mr. Barker discussed the items in the notebook, which was provided to all committee members: Resolution, Roster, Calendar, Home Rule Charter, Agendas, Minutes and Constitution and Statutes.

Resolution - The Resolution adopted by the Weld County Commissioners appoints each member to the committee and outlines a minimum of five outreach meetings. The Study Committee will need to make its recommendations to County Commissioners on Monday, July 23rd at their 9:00 a.m. board meeting. Mr. Barker stated that the Commissioners envisioned a three-step process: 1) Information Gathering at special meetings scheduled by the Study Committee in various parts of the County to meet and hear from residents and gather information and suggestions about Home Rule Charter amendments. 2) Review and Discussion by the committee and initial proposal of amendments; and 3) Develop Ballot Language for proposed changes. A final public meeting will be scheduled to explain and discuss the Study Committee's proposals.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Dominguez made a motion to nominate Jackie Johnson to Chair of the Ad-Hoc Weld County Home Rule Charter Amendment Study Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patch and passed.

Mr. Lawley made a motion to nominate Al Dominguez to Vice Chair of the Ad-Hoc Weld County Home Rule Charter Amendment Study Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gluck and passed.

Schedule

The Study Committee members discussed the purposes of the public input meetings, and they developed an initial schedule of five such meetings. There was a consensus that each meeting should begin with a brief review of the Home Rule Charter as well as an explanation of the nature of the amendments the study committee can suggest.

Meeting Dates

The Study Committee meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Weld County Administration building in the Pawnee Conference Room on the following dates: March 21, March 28, May 16, May 23, and May 30.

The public outreach meetings were tentatively scheduled for the following dates and places: April 4 – Ault; April 11 – Hudson; April 18 – Southwest Weld Building; April 25 – Greeley; May 2 – Johnstown and May 9 – Windsor. These meetings will begin at 6:00 P.M. Further details will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Communications Plan

Ms. Finch gave an overview of the communications summary handout. There is currently a Home Rule Charter page on the Weld County website. This is where Study Committee information can be placed/housed. Such items include agendas, minutes, press releases, meeting dates and how people can send in information to the committee

Ms. Finch can prepare press releases to municipalities, Weld County media, along with Weld County Public Information Officers, who can help get information out on their webpages and newsletters.

Ms. Finch suggested creating a generic general email address that would permit residents to send emails to the committee. The email would come to Mr. Barker in a separate email box, which he could then forward to the committee stating: “We received your email and will forward to the Home Rule Charter Committee.” The Study Committee endorsed this proposal.

Recording Minutes

The minutes of the Study Committee meetings as well as a recording of its meetings will be posted on the Study Committee’s web page. Turnaround time for audio and typed minutes will need to be discussed and finalized. The typed minutes will be sent to Chair Johnson for review before they are put on webpage.

Adjournment

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:01p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Karla Ford, BOCC Office Manager