

**Town of Pierce
Special Meeting
July 20, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 6:00 P.M. July 20, 2023.

Mayor Julie Lukela called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Julie Lukela

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Todd Blehm	
Carol Wirkus	
Mary Heberlee	
Geoffery Broughton	

- Reschedule Recall Election:** The date of August 29, 2023 will not work for the election. Staff cannot meet the deadline for UACOVA ballots with this deadline. Clerk Duran stated that she said in the last meeting that the Board wasn't giving enough time, but the Board was adamant to get this scheduled as soon as possible.

Kenny Dill wants to know where Attorney Godbold got that staff can't notarize election documents. Godbold explained that if the recall election was challenged, that Clerk Duran could be the hearing officer for that hearing and that was enough for it to be a conflict of interest. He explained that he will always take the more cautious course on these types of grey areas.

Kim Herrick said the state statutes say that a notary isn't allowed to refuse to do a notary. Donna O'Connor wants to know if changing the election schedule is setting a precedence. Attorney Godbold said the Board can change their minds on almost anything that has come before them. He gave the example of the emotional support dog being approved with no conditions, then the Board adding conditions at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Lukela said it seems like this keeps getting put off for some reason and that it is costing the Town to hold a special meeting.

Trustee Broughton said that people not wanting to have one election is going to cost the Town quite a bit more than this meeting.

Andy Sauter said he is just here for clarification, not putting blame on anyone.

Kim Herrick said that some of the people in the audience have been in this Town for years. She stated that the three Trustees that are being recalled broke the sunshine law, then attacked the Mayor for getting free money.

Trustee Broughton said that since he has become part of the Board, that the constant beating up of staff creates a hostile work environment.

Clerk Duran stated the soonest they could schedule the recall election is the 3rd of October. That is based on the required timeline, and the time it will take to have the ballots printed. Attorney Godbold suggests that they move it to the 10th, to allow a little wiggle room. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to schedule the recall election for October 10, 2023. Second by Heberlee. Four “AYES”, two “NAYE” by Paris and Schwindt. Motion passed.

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk