

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 3rd day of June 2025 in the county seat of Wheatland. Those present for the meeting were Steve Shockley, Commission Chairman; Ian Jolovich, Commissioner; John “Jeb” Baker, Commissioner; and Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk.

Chairman Shockley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the November 19th meeting minutes. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion carried.

Vouchers Approved for Payment: PAYROLL, GROSS 371,411.04, HAS ACCOUNT 793.16, PC TAX ACCOUNT 27,492.25, WY DEPT OF WORKFORCE SVCS 5,147.96, WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 64,339.54, AED AUTHORITY, Detention Medical Care, 8,180.00 AG HEATING & COOLING LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,334.87 ALEXANDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, County Road Fund (SCRF), 30,396.00 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund, 504.48 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Detention Supplies, 68.98 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, IT Peripherals, 35.59 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Armory, 588.56 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Special Investigations, 159.15 AT&T MOBILITY, Sheriff Special Investigations, 649.76 BARNES LAW LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,643.07 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 52.48 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Facilities Utilities, 1,016.19 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, PH Repair & Maint., 21.07 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, R & B Utilities, 106.47 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Library Utilities, 104.47 BMO, Ag. Ext..New Equipment, (40.00) BMO, Ag. Ext..Postage, 7.10 BMO, Clerk of Court.Travel Expenses, 628.42 BMO, Election.Travel Expenses, 97.33 BMO, Facilities & Maint..Building Maintenance, 2,343.62 BMO, Federal Grants & Aid.Bioterrorism Grant, 45.22 BMO, IT.New Equipment, 1,667.77 BMO, IT.Software, 99.00 BMO, Library.Child Programs, 54.81 BMO, Library.Postage, 417.18 BMO, Library.Software, 35.00 BMO, Library.Supplies, 1,856.08 BMO, PH.Supplies, 39.90 BMO, PH.Travel Expenses, 82.41 BMO, R & B.Vehicle Repair, 250.99 BMO, Ag. Ext..Postage, 7.10 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Facilities Building Maintenance, 131.97 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Jail Maintenance, 222.98 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Supplies, 74.98 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 38.53 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 7.99 BROWN CO, Facilities Building Maintenance, 118.75 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Leased Equipment, 2,232.99 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Printing, 132.70 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, PH Supplies, 63.31 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 781.79 CHARM-TEX, Detention Supplies, 795.80 CNA SURETY, Insurance, 100.00 CORVINUS GROUP LLC, Jail Maintenance, 4,575.45 DEMCO INC, Library Printing, 89.71 E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY, Sheriff Extradition, 28.95 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 885.00 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Facilities Capital Construction, 1,045.00 GORMAN FUNERAL HOME, Coroner Facility Rent, 1,500.00 I-CON SYSTEMS INC, Jail Maintenance, 29,782.08 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 484.16 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 2,151.01 JAMES ANGLE, R & B Materials, 805.27 KELLY OWEN, Attorney Court Costs, 376.52 KENNETH BROWN, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,116.00 KINSCO, Detention Uniforms, 1,484.50 LOU'S GLOVES, Detention Supplies, 594.00 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,179.40 NORCO INC, R & B Fuel, 68.37 PALEN LAW OFFICES LLP, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 900.00 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Postage, 215.43 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Printing, 53.47 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Travel Expenses, 39.90 PENNY SIMONTON, PH Travel Expenses, 128.20 PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY, Clerk of Court Supplies, 25.50 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Mgt. Facility Rent, 700.00 PLATTE COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DIST, Facilities Building Maintenance, 421.39 POWERDMS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 1,319.87 QUADIENT LEASING USA INC, Leased Equipment, 1,404.00 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE SYSTEMS INC, Jail Maintenance, 453.96 SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 408.00 SIMPLY CLEAN, Detention Supplies, 455.05 SIMPLY CLEAN, Facilities Building Maintenance, 238.01 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, County Health Officer Grant, 800.00 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, PH Health Officer, 365.00 TDS COLLECTION SERVICE INC, R & B Utilities, 35.00 THARPE CONSULTING, Sheriff Training, 1,975.00 ULINE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 669.54 ULINE, R & B Supplies, 379.54 WACO, Commissioner Dues & Continuing Ed., 400.00 WHEATLAND AUTOMOTIVE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,367.00 WHEATLAND COUNTRY STORE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 215.96 WYDOT FINANCIAL SERVICES, Clerk Supplies, 1,911.36 WYDOT MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, Facilities New Equipment, 10.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 14,069.50 WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS, Sheriff Uniforms, 500.00 WYOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY POOL, Insurance, 46,493.00. TOTAL: \$648,273.96.

Collections Before the Board: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from May 15 through May 30, 2025, which totaled \$1,158,625.38.

Agreement for Consideration: The Board considered an annual agreement with the Wyoming Department of Health, which would provide \$40,000 to offset the cost of a county health officer. The term of that agreement is for four years, which will expire June 30, 2029. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the County Heath Officer agreement with the State of Wyoming. The motion carried.

Problem Gambling Funding: Clerk Ervin presented an invoice to the Board in the sum of \$6,031.54. That invoice is to the State of Wyoming for the disbursement of funding for the purpose of prevention and treatment for problematic gambling behavior. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an invoice for problem gambling prevention funding pursuant to W.S. §9-24-104. The motion carried.

Grant Application: Penny Simonton, Public Health Nurse Manager, presented a grant application for \$25,000 in Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funding through Community Action of Laramie County (CALC). Public Health is currently subcontracted with CALC for the use of CSBG funds. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the CSBG grant application as presented. The motion carried.

Executive Session: At 12:17 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to call for an executive session for matters concerning litigation pursuant to W.S. §16-4-105(a)(iii). The motion carried. At 12:25 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

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Road & Bridge: Chris Bookout, Superintendent, provided updates to the Board regarding the projects his department completed over the last 30 days, and those they anticipate completing in the next 30 days. Most notably, Road & Bridge sold the road reclaimer, which netted \$58,500 in revenue for the County. The Board agreed to utilize the proceeds from that sale for the purchase of signboards in the next fiscal year. Additionally, Road & Bridge repaired washouts on Fletcher Park, Harris Park and Fish Creek roads. Superintendent Bookout reported that recent sales of equipment, aside from the reclaimer, resulted in \$18,312 in revenue, and requested that he be able to pursue a mechanic truck and use those proceeds to purchase that vehicle, which the Board agreed to.

Chugwater Energy Project: Anthony Bianchini, Project Manager for NextEra Energy, provided updates to the Board about the proposed project. Mr. Bianchini was joined by Ryan Fitzpatrick, Marianne Shanor and George Wooley. NextEra is planning to construct approximately 107 wind turbines, divided between Platte, Goshen and Laramie counties. Additionally, NextEra is planning to construct a 150 MW solar array and battery storage, all of which is planned to be constructed in Platte County. NextEra Energy anticipates submitting an application to the Wyoming Industrial Siting Division in August 2025 and submitting the Platte County Planning & Zoning application in September 2025. If approved, they anticipate construction activities of the battery storage around May 2026 and wind turbines around April 2027. Both projects are anticipated to be completed by December 2027. Mike Kelley expressed concerns regarding setbacks and informed the Board he sent them a letter regarding his concerns. In that letter, he asked the Board to consider modifications to the County’s Planning & Zoning regulations. Keith Miller expressed concerns that the lessees who have turbines built on their land may be penalized through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Mr. Bianchini said they are having those discussions with potential lessees. Rex Johnson asked what the estimated material costs of the project are, which Mr. Bianchini reported to be approximately \$600,000,000. Jill Kaufman asked who the targeted customer is, but Mr. Bianchini is unable to discuss potential customers but reported a desire that the energy would be consumed by Wyoming customers. Lucinda Houtchens expressed concerns about the project citing environmental and toxicity concerns.

Resolution of Recognition: Effective May 31st, Phil Martin, County Coroner, resigned from his role. The Board reviewed a resolution to recognize Coroner Martin’s service to the County. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Resolution #2025-11 Recognizing Philip G. Martin. The motion carried.

PLATTE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-11
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PHILIP G. MARTIN

WHEREAS, Philip G. “Phil” Martin faithfully served the people of Platte County as a Coroner for fourteen years; and,

WHEREAS, during his years of faithful and dedicated service he earned the admiration and respect of his friends and colleagues; and,

WHEREAS, Coroner Martin treated all decedents with the care and honor they deserved and ensured no stone was left unturned while investigating their deaths; and,

WHEREAS, while coroner, he extended compassion to the families and friends of those who experienced loss; and,

WHEREAS, Coroner Martin also served as a volunteer firefighter for decades, further showing his dedication to public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Platte County Commissioners hereby acknowledges and recognizes Phil Martin for his years of dedicated service and contributions to the citizens of Platte County and desire to record their deep sense of appreciation in the official proceedings of the Board. Thank you, Phil!

Given our hand and seal this 3rd day of June 2025.

ATTEST:
/s/Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
/s/Steve Shockley, Chairman
/s/Ian Jolovich, Commissioner
/s/John “Jeb” Baker, Commissioner

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Requests: The following departments discussed their requests before the Board: Clerk of District Court; Road & Bridge; County Assessor; County Fair; Ag. Extension; Public Health; and Emergency Management.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget: The Board discussed any additions or alterations to the proposed budget. Pursuant to Wyoming Statute §16-4-109(a), the following is a summary of the proposed budget entered into the proceedings of the governing body. A public hearing called for the purpose of accepting public comments on the proposed budget shall be held at 10:00 AM on the 8th day of July 2025. Below is the proposed budget of the County for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

Section 1. It is estimated the total amount of revenues other than property taxes to be collected during the fiscal year are in the amount of \$9,520,396.37 as detailed below:
General Fund Revenues:\$8,144,970.71
Restricted Fund Revenues:\$1,363,925.66
Library Fund Revenues:\$11,500.00

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Section 2. It is estimated the total cash carry-over on July 1st will total \$12,644,791.41. Of that, Platte County intends to commit \$6,162,284.53 towards the budget of fiscal year 2024 – 2025 as detailed below:
County General Funds Committed:\$5,216,284.53
Restricted Funds Committed:\$946,000.00

Section 3. The total cash committed to the budget and revenues other than property taxes available for appropriations total \$15,682,680.90.

Section 4. It is estimated the appropriations to be made total \$17,440,510.84 as detailed below:

Commissioners	\$231,500.00
Clerk	\$272,500.00
Treasurer.....	\$217,405.00
Assessor.....	\$214,000.00
Sheriff.....	\$2,099,450.00
Attorney.....	\$270,000.00
Emergency Mgmt.....	\$138,600.00
Fair	\$182,200.00
Coroner.....	\$92,400.00
Ag. Extension Service	\$98,400.00
Clerk of District Court.....	\$255,400.00
Library	\$352,500.00
Facilities & Maintenance.....	\$682,800.00
Road & Bridge/SCRF.....	\$1,631,500.00
Detention	\$392,400.00
Federal Grants & Aid	\$1,489,581.98
State Grants	\$39,218.79
Dispatch.....	\$298,085.70
Administration.....	\$3,462,000.00
Public Health	\$545,680.00
Non-Government Accounts.....	\$0.00
Elections	\$33,500.00
I.T.....	\$682,150.00
911 System	\$94,100.00
Courthouse Renovation	\$1,437,000.00
Operating Funds	\$3,000,000.00
Depreciation Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00
Provision for Tax Shrinkage.....	\$210,000.00
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	<u>\$18,427,371.47</u>

Section 5. It is estimated that Platte County will be required to levy a property tax of 12 mills on the taxable property within the County to collect \$2,706,552.31 as detailed below:
County General Fund\$2,363,722.35 – a levy of 10.48 mills
County Library Fund.....\$341,000.00 – a levy of 1.52 mills.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM. This proceeding was recorded by Clerk Ervin pursuant to Wyoming statute §18-3-402(a)(i)(C).

APPROVED:


STEVE SHOCKLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD


MALCOLM ERVIN, COUNTY CLERK
& CLERK OF THE BOARD

