

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

## BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> 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: 307 PROPERTY, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 900.00 ABSOLUTE SOLUTIONS, 911 Facility Rent, 400.00 ACE K9, Sheriff K9 Operations, 336.00 ALLEN'S PARTS SUPPLY, Facilities Building Maintenance, 91.69 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 249.42 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 165.86 ARTISTIC CUSTOM BADGES & COINS LLC, Detention Uniforms, 450.00 AT & T, 911 Phones, 77.14 BILLY J DAWSON, Facilities Capital Construction, 315.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Fair Utilities, 424.93 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 131.63 BLUE360 MEDIA LLC, Sheriff Special Investigations, 2,458.63 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 1,972.29 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 2,390.84 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Facilities New Equipment, 37,000.00 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 708.96 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 23,062.66 CASPER COLLEGE LIBRARY, Library Supplies, 163.00 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.42 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 454.74 CHASE FRAZIER, Attorney Court Costs, 65.45 CHUGWATER TELEPHONE, Library Utilities, 71.89 CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 118.75 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 2,020.50 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Prevention Grant, 125.00 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Problem Gambling Prevention, 125.00 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 880.42 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 975.00 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Jail Maintenance, 7,500.00 FARMER BROTHERS CO, Detention Board of Prisoners, 425.10 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 781.79 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair New Equipment, 1,981.87 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair Supplies, 430.40 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 54.43 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 1,860.66 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 514.12 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,663.60 HEINTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING LLC, Geographic Information System (GIS), 950.00 HOUCHEN BINDERY, Library Supplies, 170.00 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 277.90 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 492.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 792.48 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 380.75 LUCAS COLOR CARD, Library Printing, 709.05 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 439.45 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Clerk Supplies, 71.97 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 47.24 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 5.63 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 44.82 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 1,959.86 RECORD TIMES, Courthouse Phase II, 91.35 RECORD TIMES, Printing, 672.00 RECORD TIMES, Printing & Publishing, 1,004.85 REX E JOHNSON, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 874.00 RICHARD ANDERSON, Sheriff Extradition, 27.47 ROCKY'S GRAPHICS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 50.00 SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 264.00 SMITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, Detention Medical Care, 400.00 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, Detention Medical Care, 2,060.99 STREAKLESS WINDOW CLEANERS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 390.00 SUPER VACUUM MANUFACTURING CO INC, Sheriff New Equipment, 710.00 SYLVESTRI CUSTOMIZATION, Prevention Grant, 2,236.42 THE MASTER'S TOUCH LLC, Printing, 1,382.86 THE PIE TIN BAKERY AND CATERING, Library Child Programs, 300.00 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Supplies, 571.00 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 162.01 T-MOBILE, Sheriff Special Investigations, 567.74 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 896.81 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 216.61 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 6,314.57 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Fair Utilities, 1,806.96 TRIPLE R REPAIR LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,515.48 TW ENTERPRISES INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 2,623.86 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, IT Software, 36,310.09 US POSTAL SERVICE - POST MASTER, Attorney Postage, 352.00 VERIZON WIRELESS, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 120.62 VERIZON WIRELESS, Fair Utilities, 142.26 VERIZON WIRELESS, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 100.60 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 80.58 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Grant, 80.58 VISA, Detention Uniforms, 1,677.63 VISA, Jail Maintenance, 144.77 VISA, Sheriff Extradition, 668.08 VISA, Sheriff Supplies, 112.18 VISA, Sheriff Training, 186.20 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 140,628.54 WEX, Detention Fuel, 1,024.09 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 7,534.85 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 35.74 WEX, Assessor Travel Expenses, 82.26 WEX, Election Training, 45.82 WEX, Election Travel Expenses, 99.29 WEX, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 89.18 WEX, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 144.56 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 309.78 WEX, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 29.12 WEX, PH Travel Expenses, 33.15 WEX, Planner, 43.54 WEX, R & B Fuel, 718.04 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 719.09 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Jail Maintenance, 224.67 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Fuel, 30.23 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Materials, 40.45 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Sheriff Supplies, 40.47 WHEATLAND FAMILY DENTAL, Detention Medical Care, 769.00 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 211.00 WOODHOUSE RODEN AMES & BRENNAN LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 666.00 WYDOT MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, Facilities New Equipment, 2.00 WYOMING FARM BUREAU, Fair Printing, 406.00 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 4,191.55 WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, PH Supplies, 18.00 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19. TOTAL: \$322,394.52.

Collections Before the Board: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from June 2 through June 11, 2025, which totaled \$950,978.85.

Agreement for Consideration: The Board considered an annual grant agreement with Wyoming Department of Health, which would provide \$92,000 in funding for the Public Health Response Coordinator position. That grant would cover salary and benefits for the position between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the Public Health Preparedness and Response grant agreement. The motion carried.

Plats for Approval: Doug Dumont, County Planner, presented three plats for approval. The Board reviewed, and approved, the following plats: Fellowship Acres Simple Subdivision; Slater Acres Simple Subdivision; replat of the T/ Subdivision.

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Wyoming Industrial Siting Division: Jenny Staeben, Administrator of the Wyoming Industrial Siting Division, explained the application process, which includes a bifurcated contested case hearing before a panel of seven individuals. Administrator Staeben said the Division must hold a public hearing within 90 days of receiving an application. In that time, Counties, Municipalities and Special Districts may apply for impact assistance funds, but those entities must provide evidence that the project will financially impact their entities and to what degree. Administrator Staeben informed the Board that there are two known projects that the County is considered to be impacted by. The first is the Chugwater Energy Project, which is anticipated to apply to the Division around August 2025 according to Administrator Staeben. The second is the Laramie Wind project, which Administrator Staeben expects to receive an application for around October 2025. Members of the public asked questions of Administrator Staeben, which she reminded those present that they are able to issue written comment to the Division regarding either project.

Fire District Billing Discussion: The Board met with members of fire districts throughout the County. All of Platte County is under the fire authority of Fire Districts and as such the County has no statutory authority for fire protection. However, the County received approximately \$97,000 from Platte County Firefighters, which the County will use to pay for certain costs up front and then bill districts a proportionate share of those costs. Clerk Ervin explained his goal is to grow the fund to the point where the fire suppression premium can be paid by interest on the account and not absorbed by fire districts. After much discussion, it was decided that – until the firefighters fund is able to generate sufficient interest to cover the suppression account premium – the premium will be paid up front by the County and bill each district proportionately based on their assessed valuation compared to the valuation of the entire county. In addition, each district will be billed equally for fire warden salary, deputy fire warden salaries, Casper Interagency Dispatch, Fire Advisory Board, and E-Dispatch. The Platte County Firefighters account will pay for the repair and fuel for the fire command units, fire warden PO Box, and food acquisition for non-EFSA fires. Clerk Ervin will work with the County Attorney's Office to prepare an agreement outlining the cost share agreement and disseminate that agreement to each district for consideration.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Requests: The Board heard budget requests from Josephine Young, Executive Director of Platte County Economic Development, and from Makenzy Whittekiend, Executive Assistant of the Platte County Chamber of Commerce.

Board Appointments: Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to appoint Cheryl Deuel and Lauren Nordeen to the Hospital Foundation Board for a term expiring June 30, 2030. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to appoint Christine Harmon to the Library Board for a term expiring June 30, 2028. The motion carried.

Executive Session: At 1:56 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to call for an executive session for personnel matters pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii). The motion carried. At 2:44 PM, Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

Road & Bridge: Chris Bookout, Superintendent, asked the Board to provide direction on how he should address concerns that certain irrigators are consistently causing damage to roads due to their irrigation water being sprayed onto the same spot in the road. Superintendent Bookout cited W.S. 24-1-116, which prohibits any person, company, corporation or association of persons from overflowing water onto a public road, which would weaken or damage said road. Doug Weaver, County Attorney, said the county could cite those irrigators pursuant to W.S. 24-1-117, but the fine is a maximum of \$100. Instead, County Attorney Weaver advised that the Sheriff's Office cite those irrigators for property damage if they are chronically applying water to the County roads. Members of the Wheatland Irrigation District (WID) Board were present for the discussion. The Board asked if WID would address the concern with specific irrigators, which they agreed to do. Should those irrigators fail to respond the Sheriff's Office and Road & Bridge will cite those individuals pursuant to W.S. 24-1-117. Further, the County Attorney's Office will seek restitution for damages may seek criminal charges for property destruction.

Commissioner Scholarship: The Board received numerous applications for the Commissioner scholarship. The Board is authorized to award three scholarships, and name three alternates, to Platte County students who have never received the scholarship and attend a Wyoming college. Additionally, the Board can award a single scholarship, and one alternate, to a Platte County student who previously received the scholarship and attend a Wyoming college. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award initial scholarship awards to: Dylan Nelson, Abad Luna and Nolan Schaffner; and further moved that Lily Nichols, Waylon Milnes and Desirae Iacavetto be named as alternates for the scholarship in that order. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award a renewal scholarship to Ryland Petroski and further moved that Jacilou Ciz be named as the alternate for the scholarship. The motion carried.

Executive Session: At 3:35 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to call for an executive session for personnel matters pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii). The motion carried. At 4:34 PM, Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 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

