

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

---

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 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.

Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Budgets: Chairman Shockley called a public hearing to order at 10:00 AM for the purpose of accepting public comment on the Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 (FY26) budgets for Platte County, Guernsey Rural Fire District and Y-O Ranch Improvement & Service District.

All three board members of the Guernsey Rural Fire District were present. Those members were Dennis Miller, Ted Stanfield and Dave Warner. Patty Small presented the Guernsey Rural Fire District budget for FY26. No public comment was received. Board Member Miller motioned, seconded by Board Member Stanfield, to approve the budget as presented. The motion carried.

Two of the three members of the Y-O Ranch Improvement & Service District (ISD) were present. Those members were Patricia Billing and Georgann Brown. Board Member Brown presented the Y-O Ranch ISD budget for FY26. No public comment was received, but Clerk Ervin did provide clarification on the ISD’s assessment and how it is collected. Board Billing motioned, seconded by Board Member Brown, to approve the budget as presented. The motion carried.

Clerk Ervin presented his budget message and updated the Board on adjustments made to the budget between the time the notice of hearing was published and the date of the hearing. Those adjustments included the addition of a Planning & Zoning Department, and a reduction in the Road & Bridge new equipment line item. Clerk Ervin said the Road & Bridge new equipment line-item may need to be amended for the purchase of a mechanic truck, which was authorized in FY25. Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comments. Jill Kaufman asked a series of questions related to dues paid to the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) and spoke against using taxpayer funds for associations. Mrs. Kaufman also expressed concerns regarding the use of federal funds and further requested that the County reduce its budget by an additional 10%. Commissioner Jolovich asked whether Mrs. Kaufman could provide a suggestion of how to achieve that request, but she declined to provide a suggestion. Tresha Cancino, CEO of the Platte County Chamber of Commerce, provided comments regarding the effect of property tax reductions and emphasized the necessity of economic development.

Budget Adoption: Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Resolution #2025-13 Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. The motion carried.

**PLATTE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-13**  
**ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026**

**WHEREAS**, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025, Malcolm Ervin, as Budget Officer for the County of Platte, Wyoming, prepared and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners the budget for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026; and,

**WHEREAS**, such a budget was duly entered, at large, upon the records of this Board and such a copy thereof was made available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk; and,

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing on such budget, together with the summary of said budget, was published in the Platte County Record-Times, a legal newspaper published and of general circulation in the County on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on such budget, at the time and place specified in said notice, at which time all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to W.S. §16-4-111(a) the governing body of Platte County shall adopt a budget to make necessary appropriations within twenty-four (24) hours of said hearing; and,

**WHEREAS**, also pursuant to W.S. §16-4-106, the amount of estimated revenue from property tax required by the budget shall constitute the basis for determination of the property tax to be levied.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Platte County Board of County Commissioners hereby adopt the final budget of Platte County for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 and justify the necessary amounts to be raised by collection of property tax:

**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 \$9,692,089.00 as detailed below:

General Fund Revenues: .....	\$8,225,339.00
Restricted Fund Revenues: .....	\$1,466,750.00
Library Fund Revenues: .....	\$11,500.00

**Section 2.** The total cash carry-over on July 1<sup>st</sup> will total \$12,689,966.50. Of that, Platte County intends to commit \$5,507,168.78 towards the budget of fiscal year 2025 – 2026 as detailed below:

County General Funds Committed: .....	\$5,210,168.78
Restricted Funds Committed: .....	\$292,500.00
Funds with Internal Constraints Committed: .....	\$4,500.00



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

**Section 3.** The total cash committed to the budget and revenues other than property taxes available for appropriations total \$15,164,257.78.

**Section 4.** It is estimated the appropriations to be made total \$17,882,416.89 as detailed below:

Commissioners .....	\$221,500.00
Clerk .....	\$272,500.00
Treasurer.....	\$218,000.00
Assessor.....	\$214,000.00
Sheriff.....	\$2,099,700.00
Attorney.....	\$275,000.00
Emergency Mgmt. ....	\$137,800.00
Fair .....	\$182,200.00
Coroner.....	\$92,400.00
Ag. Extension Service .....	\$98,400.00
Clerk of District Court.....	\$255,400.00
Facilities & Maintenance.....	\$671,500.00
Road & Bridge/SCRF.....	\$1,613,500.00
Planning & Zoning .....	\$66,100.00
Detention .....	\$438,400.00
Federal Grants & Aid .....	\$1,525,193.32
State Grants .....	\$77,993.57
Dispatch.....	\$299,000.00
Administration.....	\$3,462,000.00
Public Health .....	\$545,680.00
Non-Government Accounts.....	\$0
Elections .....	\$33,500.00
I.T. ....	\$682,150.00
911 System .....	\$96,000.00
Library .....	\$349,500.00
Courthouse Renovation .....	\$840,000.00
Operating Funds .....	\$2,900,000.00
Depreciation Reserve Fund .....	\$5,000.00
Provision for Tax Shrinkage.....	\$210,000.00
<u>Total Appropriations .....</u>	<u>\$17,882,416.89</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 \$2,673,690.17 as detailed below:

County General Fund .....	\$2,335,022.75 – a levy of 10.48 mills
County Library Fund.....	\$338,667.42 – a levy of 1.52 mills.

**Section 6.** Therefore, it is necessary for the County of Platte to raise **2,673,690.17** through the taxation of property within the County.


Given our hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

ATTEST:  
/s/Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk

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

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 AM. 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

