

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

## BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 15<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 Geneva Withrow, Deputy 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 Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<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 3T WELDING & FABRICATION, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 852.70 AG HEATING & COOLING LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 142.62 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Assessor Supplies, 22.87 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 116.98 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Facilities Building Maintenance, 170.38 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Supplies, 60.26 ANTHONY KROTZ, Emergency Mgt. Supplies, 144.00 ANTHONY KROTZ, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 116.20 ARTISTIC CUSTOM BADGES & COINS LLC, Sheriff Uniforms, 1,170.00 AT & T, 911 Phones, 127.18 AXON ENTERPRISE INC, Detention New Equipment, 13,050.41 AXON ENTERPRISE INC, Sheriff New Equipment, 9,658.08 BENZEL PEST CONTROL, Facilities Building Maintenance, 305.00 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 96.47 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Capital Construction, 111.72 BLUE360 MEDIA LLC, Attorney Supplies, 368.46 BMO, Ag. Ext. Supplies, 112.05 BMO, Ag. Ext. Supplies, 27.10 BMO, American Heart Assn., 47.25 BMO, Clerk of Court.Court Costs, 3.50 BMO, Clerk of Court Postage, 9.68 BMO, Election Training, 203.91 BMO, Emergency Mgt. LEPC, 13.98 BMO, Emergency Mgt. Repair & Maint., 20.13 BMO, Emergency Mgt. Supplies, 65.32 BMO, Facilities Building Maintenance, 85.30 BMO, IT Software, 99.00 BMO, Library Child Programs, 30.92 BMO, Library Postage, 256.64 BMO, Library Software, 35.00 BMO, Library Supplies, 803.54 BMO, Library Travel Expenses, 317.21 BMO, Prevention Grant, 69.08 BMO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 4,285.32 BMO, Workforce Development, 251.99 BMO, Election Training, 178.00 BMO, Workforce Development, 110.00 BMO, Workforce Development, 110.00 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 108.95 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Emergency Mgt. Repair & Maint., 222.19 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 4,300.15 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 52.71 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 18,704.77 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.42 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 347.64 CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 694.66 COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS, Emergency Mgt. Supplies, 118.50 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 3,040.19 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Prevention Grant, 125.00 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Problem Gambling Prevention, 125.00 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 634.86 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Treasurer Supplies, 208.20 ECONO SIGNS, R & B Supplies, 169.52 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, Election Repair & Maint., 13,494.50 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Jail Maintenance, 4,150.00 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 306.00 FP-TSLN-FRE, Fair Printing, 510.00 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 289.62 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 2,524.31 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,655.79 GRAINGER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 469.73 HALEY CHENEVEY, Library Child Programs, 13.47 HARRIS GOVERN FT COLLINS USER GROUP INC, Assessor Travel Expenses, 150.00 HEINTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING LLC, Geographic Information System (GIS), 1,100.00 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 277.90 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 667.98 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 2,604.74 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 218.75 LAWSON PRODUCTS, Jail Maintenance, 126.81 LOU'S GLOVES, Detention Supplies, 396.00 MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC, Attorney Supplies, 777.36 MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC, Clerk of Court Supplies, 777.36 MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL, Detention Medical Care, 511.02 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 497.43 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 264.98 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Postage, 124.29 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 1,977.25 PLATTE COUNTY, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 700.00 RECORD TIMES, Fair Printing, 1,250.00 RECORD TIMES, PH Supplies, 79.99 RECORD TIMES, Sheriff Supplies, 100.00 ROBERT MCCLAIN, Sheriff Special Investigations, 427.00 SIMPLY CLEAN, Detention Supplies, 455.05 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, Detention Medical Care, 227.50 SUMMIT FIRE & SECURITY, Facilities Building Maintenance, 275.75 SYLVESTRI CUSTOMIZATION, Prevention Grant, 2,621.78 TDS COLLECTION SERVICE INC, R & B Utilities, 35.00 TEAM LAB, R & B Materials, 1,278.00 TEAM LAB, County Road Fund (SCRF), 6,400.00 TEXAS PATCHER LLC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,865.00 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Supplies, 228.00 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 90.90 T-MOBILE, Sheriff Special Investigations, 572.70 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 184.01 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 7,200.03 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Fair Utilities, 2,059.93 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 1,099.80 TRI-STATE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,354.94 US POSTAL SERVICE - POST MASTER, Treasurer Postage, 120.00 VERIZON WIRELESS, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 120.62 VERIZON WIRELESS, Fair Utilities, 142.20 VERIZON WIRELESS, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 100.60 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 80.58 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Grant, 80.58 VISA, Sheriff Extradition, 544.51 VISA, Sheriff Postage, 16.65 VISA, Sheriff Supplies, 340.42 VISA, Sheriff Training, (150.00)VISA, Sheriff Uniforms, 814.70 VISA, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 371.36 WARM PROPERTY INSURANCE POOL, Insurance, 84,856.42 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 132,267.04 WEX, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 358.58 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 278.50 WEX, PH Travel Expenses, 79.11 WEX, Planner Travel, 49.91 WEX, Prevention Grant, 23.37 WEX, R & B Fuel, 1,059.20 WEX, Workforce Development, 45.20 WEX, Detention Fuel, 1,173.22 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 9,213.30 WEX, Library Travel Expenses, 34.39 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 877.00 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Capital Construction, 407.38 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Jail Maintenance, 152.70 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Fuel, 41.28 WHEATLAND AUTOMOTIVE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1.87 WHEATLAND AUTOMOTIVE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 2,386.58 WHEATLAND COUNTRY STORE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 56.97 WHEATLAND COUNTRY STORE, Facilities Capital Construction, 1,743.38 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 245.54 WYO RANCH MOTORS, R & B New Equipment, 6,299.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT New Equipment, 15,750.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 14,081.50 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 20.50 WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, PH Supplies, 24.00 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19. TOTAL: \$401,355.03.

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Board Appointment: The Board discussed Bob Brockman's position on the Planning & Zoning Commission, whose term expired on June 30, 2025. Chairman Shockley informed the Board no applications had been received for the position, but Mr. Brockman was still willing to serve in the capacity. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to appoint Bob Brockman to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2028. The motion carried.

County Treasurer: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from July 1 through July 9, 2025, which totaled \$1,126,670.83. Treasurer Rietz also presented the fiscal position of the county as of June 30, 2025. It was reported that the tax sale on July 10<sup>th</sup> had a total of 58 properties, ten more than last year. Treasurer Rietz also renewed two CD's for an eighteen-month term at 3.7%.

Maintenance Department: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, provide updates. The department is gearing up for fair, working on getting the grounds, Agriplex and pens all prepared as well as working on weed control on the grounds. Butch Lind has been working the arena with his tractor getting it ready. New bleachers will be up in March of 2026 for the fair. Supervisor DeWitt reported that the County's water truck has been utilized quite a bit this last week and repairs were needed to fix a water leak. The pump is out on the water feature at the courthouse and Todd Rau will be taking care of that.

Executive Session: At 9:29 PM, Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to call for an executive session for personnel matters pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii). The motion carried. At 9:42 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adjourn executive session. The motion carried.

Chugwater Energy Project: Lucinda Houchens discussed an Executive Order issued by President Trump on July 7, 2025 titled, "Ending Market Distorting Subsidies for Unreliable, Foreign Controlled Energy Sources."

Jill Kaufman spoke of the company Nextera and how they had approached the Goshen County Commissioners and Planner asking to have a private meeting. She had concerns about the Platte County Commissioners being approached with the same request. Commissioner Shockley answered, there wouldn't be any decisions during these meetings and then discussed the process of bringing proposals about Planning and Zoning. Kaufman also spoke of budget changes and her concern that commissioners had promoted that budget was cut but the 2024-2025 budget increased and that employees were each receiving a pay raise. Kaufman voiced her concern that on the Wyoming County Commissioner Association (WCCA) website it shows that Nextera is one of the WCCA's business partners. Kaufman told the commissioners that she is very grateful for them and hats off to them for always listening to the people's concerns.

Kathryn Stevens, a landowner in Chugwater, discussed her many concerns about the Platte regulations regarding the Wind Turbines. She spoke of the impact that the wind turbines will have on the land and wellbeing of the people. These impacts include geological effects, water contamination, well damage, pollution, the risks to livestock and crops and also health issues including Wind Turbine Syndrome. She questioned if there were any plans in place to protect/help the families affected by these issues.

Keith Miller provided information on the Chugwater LLC Wind Turbine Field and the Chugwater Energy Center projects. He would like to see the projects having separate applications. Miller also shared information of the benefits and faults of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Some of the hazards he discussed were high radiation exposure, exposure to vegetation and infrastructures, fires and groundwater contamination. He discussed the need for monitoring requirements and to request a risk assessment.

Barbra Fletcher, longtime resident of the Chugwater area, started by thanking the Commissioners, Lucinda, Jill, Keith and Kathryn and announcing that there would be an informational meeting July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Chugwater Community Center to share the same information presented today. Fletcher told the Commissioners her feelings about the Wind, Solar and Bess Projects and how they would affect many things. She spoke of the loss of tourism, wildlife patterns be altered, farm and ranch acres becoming industrial. Fletcher also commented that Nextera has less than 20 years involved in the future or the life span of a wind turbine therefore not enough good history to rely on.

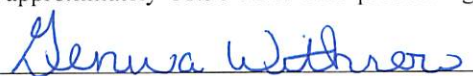
The Bell – Alexa Kennedy: Alexa Kennedy, owner of The Bell, spoke of her experience of renting the fairgrounds for a Fourth of July event. She talked about how she had to shut her event down due to the ongoing traffic of cars and trucks driving through the event and the many people letting fireworks off irresponsibly, causing damage to vehicles and harm to bystanders. She was unaware that this was an annual occurrence on July 4<sup>th</sup> and was only told of this one week prior. She explained that there was no presence or Authority on the grounds and questioned insurance and liability as well as who would be held accountable if something serious happened. Kennedy spoke of her concerns for the structures and the people with the use of fireworks. Commissioners agreed that there needs to be a change.

Wyologic Inc – Jordan Ham: Jordan Ham, owner of Wyologic Inc, discussed the library being added to the Network in three weeks and also replacing the computers with four new. Ham also sent out an invite for a new ticket system that will have a few new benefiting features. A representative from 911 Systems was present and he and Ham discussed the CAD, Computer-Aided Dispatch. The Commissioner Jolovich stated his concern that Ham was working with 911 Systems on his own time and that he was spinning up the servers to test the software. The Board discussed that there was not enough communication between Ham, the SO and the Board and asked that they be given all of the information they have so far on the CAD and what has taken place from the beginning. Ham told the Board that they are pumping the breaks and all agreed to turn the server off until more information is given to the Board.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM. This proceeding was recorded by Deputy Clerk Withrow pursuant to Wyoming statute §18-3-402(a)(i)(C).

APPROVED:

  
STEVE SHOCKLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

  
GENEVA WITHROW  
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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