

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 5th day of August 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 July 15th meeting minutes. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion carried.

Vouchers Approved for Payment: Payroll, Gross, 386,124.55 HSA Account, 1,055.16 PC Tax Account, 28,494.11 Wy Dept of Workforce SVCS, 8,149.14 Wyoming Retirement System, 68,182.49 307 PROPERTY, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 900.00 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 132.40 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Detention Supplies, 83.86 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Facilities Building Maintenance, 57.95 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 35.62 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Prevention Grant, 79.98 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Supplies, 149.99 ANTHONY KROTZ, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 15.55 ASHLEY PHILLIPS, Fair Expenses, 208.10 AT&T MOBILITY, Sheriff Special Investigations, 238.95 ATHENA BROWN, Fair Expenses, 181.90 AVENUE OF FLAGS MEMORIAL FUND, Facilities Building Maintenance, 76.00 BARNES LAW LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,734.56 BETH SIMMS, Fair Expenses, 108.59 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 43.99 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Facilities Utilities, 651.25 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Fair Utilities, 207.47 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, PH Repair & Maint., 20.49 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, R & B Utilities, 44.73 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Library Utilities, 68.68 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Capital Construction, 38.95 BMO, Ag. Ext. Supplies, 33.20 BMO, American Heart Assn., (2.50)BMO, Assessor Supplies, 28.61 BMO, Assessor Travel Expenses, 680.19 BMO, Children’s Trust Fund, 94.01 BMO, Clerk of Court Postage, 21.30 BMO, Clerk Postage, 3,000.00 BMO, Commissioners Travel Expenses, 52.00 BMO, CSBG, 48.72 BMO, Election Postage, 2,763.35 MO, Emergency Mgt. Supplies, 69.68 BMO, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 161.39 BMO, Facilities & Maint. Capital Construction, 290.64 BMO, Facilities & Maint. Supplies, 62.75 BMO, IT Software, 3,013.96 BMO, PH Postage, 11.85 BMO, PH Supplies, 240.20 BMO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 421.86 BMO, Workforce Development, 220.00 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Facilities Building Maintenance, 941.44 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 92.92 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Leased Equipment, 2,232.99 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Printing, 65.34 CARRIE JO CALVERT, Fair Expenses, 277.80 CATE CUNDALL, Fair Expenses, 130.50 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.26 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 644.47 CHARM-TEX, Detention Supplies, 158.70 CHUGWATER TELEPHONE, Library Utilities, 111.80 CODEE KOPELCHUK, Fair Expenses, 726.30 DEEP ROCK, Inmate Trust Fund, 588.07 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 3,410.10 DONNA HOFFMAN, Fair Expenses, 129.10 DOOLEY OIL INC, R & B Fuel, 770.00 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 130.40 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Sheriff Supplies, 369.25 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 180.00 ELLA STIEFVATER, Fair Expenses, 669.60 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 210.94 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair Expenses, 672.22 FISHER ROOFING & RESTORATION, Facilities Building Maintenance, 17,161.00 FUN ON THE GO, Fair Expenses, 3,037.50 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 493.19 GORMAN FUNERAL HOME, Coroner Facility Rent, 1,500.00 GRAINGER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 256.32 HALEY MOUSER, Fair Expenses, 904.80 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 283.83 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 209.33 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 74.00 JAMES ANGLE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 109.80 JAMIE GEYER, Fair Expenses, 726.30 JENKINS AUTO & BODY SERVICE LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 9,315.29 JOHANNA DUZIK, Fair Expenses, 204.81 KENNETH BROWN, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 48.00 LARAMIE PEAK MOTORS, Planner Travel, 94.39 LAURIE SCHWABAUER, Fair Expenses, 237.90 LAWSON PRODUCTS, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,072.96 LINDA MONTGOMERY, Fair Expenses, 118.81 LORA STUEHM, Fair Expenses, 231.90 LUKE LAUTARET LLC, Fair Expenses, 2,750.00 MARY OWENS, Fair Expenses, 284.80 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 426.80 MEGA DISTRIBUTION INT’L INC, R & B New Equipment, 27,797.00 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,250.19 MICHELLE CASTELEIN, Fair Expenses, 164.19 MIDWEST CONNECT, Clerk of Court Postage, 284.00 MIRA SAFETY, Detention New Equipment, 2,879.75 MONTANA PREMIERE ENTERTAINMENT, Fair Expenses, 4,560.00 NICOLE MACY, Fair Expenses, 130.50 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 171.54 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 84.97 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 126.97 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Clerk Supplies, 66.08 PETTY CASH, Clerk of Court Postage, 23.18 PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, Inmate Trust Fund, 200.37 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Mgt. Facility Rent, 700.00 PLATTE COUNTY FAIR, Fair Expenses, 1,605.00 REBECCA MONCUR, Fair Expenses, 288.70 RECORD TIMES, Printing, 2,571.33 RECORD TIMES, Printing & Publishing, 1,197.70 RECORD TIMES, Courthouse Phase II, 81.20 SANDIE WHITMAN, Fair Expenses, 98.79 SIMPLY CLEAN, Detention Supplies, 420.03 STEINER, FOURNIER, ZOOK & CASE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 708.00 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, County Health Officer Grant, 800.00 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, PH Health Officer, 365.00 T-MOBILE, Sheriff Special Investigations, 1,882.96 TAFFI BROWN, Fair Expenses, 102.57 TDS COLLECTION SERVICE INC, R & B Utilities, 35.00 TERRI KING, Fair Expenses, 100.12 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Supplies, 227.00 THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, Detention Supplies, 1,914.00 THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, Sheriff Supplies, 1,914.00 TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION, Facilities Building Maintenance, 3,794.12 TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION, Facilities Building Maintenance, 7,030.50 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Fair Expenses, 500.00 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 216.95 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 7,529.46 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Fair Utilities, 1,798.65 VERIZON WIRELESS, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 117.59 VERIZON WIRELESS, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 97.57 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 77.55 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Grant, 77.55 VERONICA MASON, Fair Expenses, 125.60 VICKIE ZIMMER, Fair Expenses, 139.69 WACERS, R&B Training, 100.00 WCCA, Commissioner Dues & Continuing Ed., 7,828.00 WEX, Detention Fuel, 9,693.61 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 1,126.18 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 7.93 WEX, Assessor Travel Expenses, 23.41 WEX, Clerk Travel Expenses, 15.91 WEX, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 310.14 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 629.60 WEX, Planner Travel, 15.92 WEX, R & B Fuel, 875.05 WEX, Workforce Development, 71.88 WHEATLAND AUTOMOTIVE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 932.07 WHEATLAND COUNTRY STORE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 18.99 WHEATLAND GARAGE DOOR, Facilities Building Maintenance, 499.20 WORLD WASH LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,025.00 WORLD WASH LLC, Jail Maintenance, 1,250.00 WYDOT MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, R & B New Equipment, 2.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 14,116.50 WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, Fair Lodging Tax, 248.27 WYOMING DEPT OF HEALTH, PH State Reimbursement, 19,439.62 WYOMING OFFICE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM, Clerk of Court GAL, 1,290.02 WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Retirement, 2.16 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19. Total: \$694,581.62.

August 5, 2025

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Collections Before the Board: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from July 10 through July 23, 2025, which totaled \$5,214,449.61. Of note, \$5,000,000 of those receipts were related to a single investment of county-controlled funds and as such were not new revenue.

Board Appointments: The Board interviewed Georgann Brown and Levi Clark who were interested in filling vacancies on the Hospital Foundation Board. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to appoint Levi Clark to the Hospital Foundation Board for a term expiring June 30, 2026. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to appoint Georgeann Brown to the Hospital Foundation Board for a term expiring June 30, 2027. The motion carried.

Services Agreement: The Board reviewed an agreement with Candy Wright for the purposes of grant writing and administrative assistance. The agreement is for a term expiring June 30, 2026 for a rate of \$75.00 per hour, \$37.50 per hour for travel time and reimbursement for mileage. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an agreement between Platte County and Candy Wright. The motion carried.

Road Maintenance Agreements: The Board reviewed two agreements with the Y-O Estates Improvement & Service District (YO ISD). The first agreement provides that the County will maintain Main Drive, and if a chip seal is required YO ISD will reimburse for chips and oil. The second agreement would allow the County to maintain Antelope and Coyote Drives. That agreement that YO ISD reimburse the County at a rate established by Superintendent Bookout. Georgann Brown and Patricia Billing, YO ISD Board Members, were present. Former YO ISD Board Member Jason Halvorsen provided information to the Board regarding the agreements. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an agreement for the maintenance of Main Drive with the YO Improvement & Service District. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an agreement for the maintenance of Antelope and Coyote drives with the YO Improvement & Service District. The motion carried.

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 patched cracks and pot holes on a number of County roads. Road & Bridge also spent time repairing washouts on Patten Creek and Meadowdale Roads. Over the next 30 days, Road & Bridge will prepare for numerous chip seal projects.

Magistrate Appointment: The Board considered a resolution to approve the appointment of Wendy Curtis Palen as a part-time magistrate in the Circuit Court. Magistrate Curtis Palen is currently serving in the role, but was recently re-appointed by the new circuit court judge, Jacqueline K. Brown. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Resolution #2025-14, Approving the Appointment of Wendy Curtis Palen as a part-time Magistrate for the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial District. The motion carried.

PLATTE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2025-14
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WENDY CURTIS PALEN
AS A PART-TIME MAGISTRATE FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jacqueline K. Brown and the Honorable Clark C. Allan, Circuit Court Judges of the Eight Judicial District, have determined the nomination of a part-time magistrate is in the public interest for the people of Platte County; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Brown and Judge Allan, respectively, have nominated Wendy Curtis Palen to serve as a part-time Magistrate for the Circuit Court of the Eight Judicial in Platte County; and,

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute § 5-9-210(b) requires that the Board of County Commissioners of the county wherein the magistrate will serve approve or reject the nomination; and,

WHEREAS, Wendy Curtis Palen meets the qualifications of W.S. § 5-9-201 in that she is both a qualified elector of Platte County and is also a resident of the Eight Judicial District; and,

WHEREAS, Wendy Curtis Palen is well-known for her impartiality, moral conviction and solid understanding of Wyoming law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe Wendy Curtis Palen would continue to serve the people of Platte County at the highest level of public service and that she will be a phenomenal jurist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING that the appointment of Wendy Curtis Palen as a part-time magistrate for the Circuit Court of the Eight Judicial District in Platte County, Wyoming is hereby approved.

Given our hand and seal this 5th day of August 2025.

ATTEST:
/s/Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk

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

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Tax Cancellation: Danette Eppel, County Assessor, presented a tax cancellation for tax years 2020 through, and including, 2024 in the sum of \$296.94; and a refund for tax years 2020 through, and including, 2023 in the sum of \$238.98. The cancellation and refund are requested by Taylor Properties LLC in care of Central Pride Transport LLC. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the tax cancellation and refund as presented. The motion carried.

Mill Levies: Danette Eppel, County Assessor, presented mill levies for the 2025 tax year. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to certify the mill levies as presented. The motion carried.

2025 PLATTE COUNTY TAX LEVIES			
STATE			
	VALUATION	MILLS	AMOUNT OF TAX
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$ 222,807,514	.000000	\$ -
STATE FOUNDATION PROGRAM	\$ 222,807,514	.012000	\$ 2,673,690
		.012000	\$ 2,673,690
COUNTY			
GENERAL COUNTY	\$ 222,807,514	.010410	\$ 2,319,426
COUNTY LIBRARY	\$ 222,807,514	.001590	\$ 354,264
		.012000	\$ 2,673,690
SPECIAL DISTRICTS			
PLATTE COUNTY WEED & PEST	\$ 222,807,514	.001000	\$ 222,808
PLATTE COUNTY WEED & PEST - SPECIAL MANAGEMENT	\$ 222,807,514	.001000	\$ 222,808
PLATTE COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$ 222,807,514	.001000	\$ 222,808
SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 222,807,514	.002000	\$ 445,615
HOSPITAL DISTRICT	\$ 222,807,514	.003000	\$ 668,423
		.008000	\$ 1,782,460
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1			
OPERATING LEVY	\$ 171,727,375	.025000	\$ 4,293,184
RECREATION	\$ 171,727,375	.001000	\$ 171,727
BOCES - HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 171,727,375	.000500	\$ 85,864
BOCES - EARLY CHILDHOOD	\$ 171,727,375	.000500	\$ 85,864
		.027000	\$ 4,636,639
SCHOOL DISTRICT #2			
OPERATING LEVY	\$ 50,221,423	.025000	\$ 1,255,536
RECREATION	\$ 50,221,423	.001000	\$ 50,221
BOCES - HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 50,221,423	.000500	\$ 25,111
		.026500	\$ 1,330,868
PLATTE/GOSHEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #1			
OPERATING LEVY	\$ 858,716	.025000	\$ 21,468
RECREATION	\$ 858,716	.001000	\$ 859
BOCES - HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 858,716	.000500	\$ 429
		.026500	\$ 22,756
COUNTY WIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
MANDATORY COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL LEVY	\$ 222,807,514	.006000	\$ 1,336,845
INCORPORATED TOWNS			
TOWN OF CHUGWATER - 0150	\$ 1,855,108	.005000	\$ 9,276
TOWN OF GLENDO - 0151	\$ 3,743,610	.008000	\$ 29,949
TOWN OF WHEATLAND - 0152	\$ 33,249,696	.008000	\$ 265,998
TOWN OF GUERNSEY - 0250	\$ 8,918,116	.008000	\$ 71,345
TOWN OF HARTVILLE - 0251	\$ 582,358	.008000	\$ 4,659
			\$ 381,226
FIRE/CEMETERY/EMS DISTRICTS			
ANTELOPE GAP FIRE DISTRICT (DISTRICTS 0103, 0107)	\$ 12,467,435	.002000	\$ 24,935
CHUGWATER FIRE PROTECTION (DISTRICTS 0102, 0105, 0106, 0150)	\$ 14,806,969	.003000	\$ 44,421
RURAL FIRE PROTECTION F-1 (DISTRICT 0101)	\$ 77,104,104	.003000	\$ 231,312
RURAL FIRE PROTECTION F-2 (DISTRICTS 0100, 0108)	\$ 31,214,277	.002500	\$ 78,036
RURAL GUERNSEY FIRE PROTECTION (DISTRICT 0200)	\$ 40,720,949	.003000	\$ 122,163
CHUGWATER CEMETERY DISTRICT (DISTRICTS 0102, 0150)	\$ 8,416,836	.002000	\$ 16,834
GLENDO EMS (DISTRICTS 0151, 0108)	\$ 16,987,271	.000000	\$ -
			\$ 517,700
TOTAL COUNTY TAXES			\$ 15,355,874

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Dispatch Software: David Russell, County Sheriff, spoke to the Board regarding Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). Sheriff Russell informed the Board that he is not pursuing CAD software with 911 Systems and as such presented a series of options to the Board: continue with the current Motorola (Spillman) agreement; a 5-year agreement with Motorola with the current capabilities; a 5-year agreement with Motorola with current capabilities plus the addition of e-citation. Representatives from the towns of Wheatland and Guernsey expressed support for a 5-year agreement with Motorola with the addition of e-citation capabilities. Sheriff Russell will forward the agreement to the County Attorney’s Office for review. The Board will consider the agreement at their August 19th meeting.

Personnel Policies: Sheriff Russell spoke to the Board regarding a shortage of Communications (Dispatch) and Detention Officers. In response, Sheriff Russell spoke about potential personnel policy changes, which included travel incentives and an on-call requirement. The Board expressed concerns that the travel incentive policy would discourage those currently employed.

Chugwater Energy Project: The Board heard concerns from Lucinda Houtchens, Jill Kaufman and Marie Hamilton related to the Chugwater Energy Project. Mrs. Kaufman also expressed a desire that the Commissioners, and all County elected officials, withdraw from associations, or at least not use taxpayer funds to pay dues related to those associations. Ms. Hamilton, a writer for the *Platte County Record-Times*, submitted three editions of the *Record-Times* to be considered by the Board – those editions were for July 2, July 23 and July 30 – in those editions, Ms. Hamilton reported extensively on NextEra Energy Resources and the Chugwater Energy Project. Commissioner Baker expressed concerns related to those editions of the *Record-Times* and stated there were statements he believed were misleading or that allowed readers to draw erroneous conclusions. As such, Commissioner Baker provided further context to those editions.

Executive Session: At 12:41 PM, Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to call for an executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The motion carried. At 1:20 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, 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 1:21 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

