

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

## BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 August 5<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: AIM HIGH EQUIPMENT, Facilities Building Maintenance, 462.15 ALEXANDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, County Road Fund (SCRF), 59,538.78 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 244.22 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 37.14 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, R & B Supplies, 73.02 AMERI-TECH EQUIPMENT COMPANY, R & B New Equipment, 3,324.00 ARTISTIC CUSTOM BADGES & COINS LLC, Inmate Trust Fund, 2,581.80 AT & T, 911 Phones, 143.54 AXON ENTERPRISE INC, Sheriff New Equipment, 4,827.47 BLUE RAVEN REALTY, Fair Expenses, 100.00 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 51.95 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 3,453.46 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 47.81 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 24,453.19 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 227.79 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 234.59 CHEYENNE KUBOTA, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,123.77 CHUGWATER TELEPHONE, Library Utilities, 111.80 CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,208.85 CORO MEDICAL LLC, Detention Medical Care, 2,538.00 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES, Unemployment, 4,547.58 DJ MAGIK, Fair Expenses, 787.50 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Prevention Grant, 125.00 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Problem Gambling Prevention, 125.00 DOWNTOWN LAUNDRY, Sheriff Uniforms, 820.00 EXCLAMATION POINT!, Fair Expenses, 326.00 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 398.58 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 1,528.79 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 510.63 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,655.79 H'S CUSTOM CUTS, Fair Expenses, 25.00 HERC RENTALS INC, Fair Expenses, 655.00 HOWSHAR HARDWARE, Library Printing, 9.19 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 209.33 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 1,324.86 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 372.75 KTGA/KBDY, Fair Printing, 330.00 LARAMIE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 415.50 LARAMIE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Facilities Capital Construction, 1,267.50 LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 25,070.00 LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,935.47 LOU'S GLOVES, Detention Supplies, 594.00 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 120.77 OFFICE OF STATE LANDS AND INVESTMENTS, 911 Facility Rent, 1,007.43 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 1,977.25 PLATTE COUNTY, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 350.00 REX E JOHNSON, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,274.00 REX E JOHNSON, Commissioner Litigation, 1,525.00 SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 528.00 SHAWN RUPERT, Facilities Fuel, 246.65 SIVA VIBE, Fair Expenses, 100.00 SLATER GATORS, Fair Expenses, 250.00 STATE OF WYOMING, Clerk Supplies, 390.14 STATE OF WYOMING, Treasurer Supplies, 731.59 STEINER, FOURNIER, ZOOK & CASE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 336.00 STEPHANIE WILSON, Fair Expenses, 500.00 STERICYCLE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 412.29 SYLVESTRI CUSTOMIZATION, Prevention Grant, 1,200.00 T-MOBILE, R & B Supplies, 53.04 TERRA GIS, Geographic Information System (GIS), 6,292.00 TERRY STEVENSON, Miscellaneous, 633.22 THE MASTER'S TOUCH LLC, Printing & Publishing, 5,582.50 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Supplies, 726.00 THORPE LAW OFFICE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,042.00 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 20.04 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 1,549.59 TW ENTERPRISES INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 3,239.06 US POSTAL SERVICE STAMP FULFILLMENT SVCS, Treasurer Postage, 2,340.00 US POSTAL SERVICE STAMP FULFILLMENT SVCS, Treasurer Supplies, 360.25 VERIZON WIRELESS, Fair Utilities, 142.20 VISA, Sheriff Extradition, 397.03 VISA-, Library Child Programs, 21.92 VISA-, Library Postage, 257.43 VISA-, Library Printing, 122.80 VISA-, Library Software, 38.00 VISA-, Library Supplies, 845.76 WACO, Attorney Dues & Continuing Ed., 275.00 WACO, Clerk Travel Expenses, 275.00 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 130,679.21 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 2,013.15 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Capital Construction, 292.25 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Supplies, 256.71 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Jail Maintenance, 358.52 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Fuel, 59.50 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Materials, 26.98 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 46.35 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 324.77 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, Fair Expenses, 50.00 WOODHOUSE RODEN AMES & BRENNAN LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 445.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Repair & Maint., 1,200.00 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B New Equipment, 57,740.00 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,128.04 WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, PH Supplies, 34.00. Total: \$378,633.24.

Lease Agreement: The Board reviewed a lease agreement with the Town of Chugwater, which would provide the Sheriff's Office with office space to operate a satellite office. The term of the agreement is in effect until December 31, 2026. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the lease agreement with the Town of Chugwater. The motion carried.

County Treasurer: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from July 24 through August 13, 2025, which totaled \$2,081,549.63. Treasurer Rietz also presented the fiscal position of the county as of July 31, 2025.

County Assessor: Danette Eppel, County Assessor, presented a tax cancellation for Bud & Betty Dower for tax years 2018 through 2024 and a tax refund for the same tax years for Terry Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson purchased the property at a tax sale in 2018 but the parcel should not have been sold as it was never divided from a larger property owned by Bud & Betty Dower. The amount of the cancellation was in the sum of \$130.48 and Mr. Stevenson was issued warrant number 179402 in the sum of \$633.22 to cover his expenses associated with purchasing the taxes. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the tax cancellation for Bud & Betty Dower for tax years 2018 – 2024 and issue a refund to Terry Stevenson. The motion carried.

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Maintenance Department: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, provided updates to the Board, which included a Courthouse HVAC issue. The issue caused a water leak on the upper floor and caused portions of the original plaster ceiling to fall through the drop ceiling. Mr. DeWitt is working to ensure a redundant drain system is installed and a faulty sensor is replaced. Mr. DeWitt also reported a lawn sprinkler issue that was resolved by replacing a solenoid.

Encroachment Licenses: The Board reviewed, and approved, four encroachment licenses for Wheatland Rural Electric Association (REA) and one for Todd Chase.

Statements of Qualifications: The Board reviewed Statements of Qualification for a General Contractor for Phase II of the Courthouse Renovation Project. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued May 13, 2025, and was published in the Platte County Record-Times and the Casper Star-Tribune. Five (5) Statements of Qualification were received by the Board. Those contractors submitting Statements of Qualification were: Hydro-Tech Inc.; Groathouse Construction, working with GSGarchitecture; Sampson Construction working with BCH Architecture; VanEwing Construction Inc.; Grimditch Design & Consulting Inc.. The Board will review those statements and determine which companies to interview at their next regular meeting.

IT Updates: Jordan Ham, WyoLogic, Inc., provided updates to the Board, which included the progress of the Library project. The Library Board and Julie Henion, Library Director, expressed concerns regarding the public WiFi. Mr. Ham advocated that a password be required to access the public WiFi network, but members of the Library Board and Director Henion expressed concern that the public would be less able to access the public WiFi. Mr. Ham said he would request a waiver of liability for WyoLogic Inc. if the public WiFi were not password protected. The Board agreed to proceed without password protection and requested that Mr. Ham send them a waiver of liability.

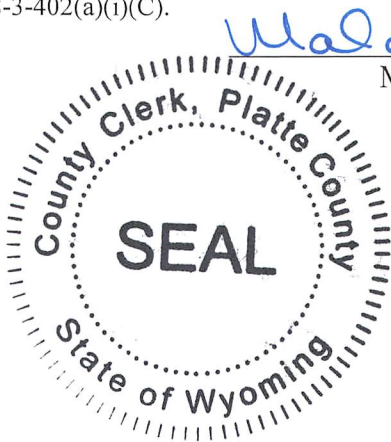
Chugwater Energy Project: The Board heard concerns from Lucinda Houtchens and Jill Kaufman related to the Chugwater Energy Project. Mrs. Houtchens read information to the Board regarding tax credits for wind and solar projects, which she said was from the United States Treasury. Mrs. Kaufman expressed concerns regarding cleanup and reclamation efforts. Both thanked the Commissioners for scheduling a Planning & Zoning workshop, which is scheduled for August 20, 2025.

Executive Session: At 11:48 AM, 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 12:17 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 12:25 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