

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026 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 Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the February 17<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: PAYROLL GROSS, 367,320.66 HSA ACCOUNT, 1,202.04 PC TAX ACCOUNT, 27,145.45 WY DEPT OF WORKFORCE SVCS, 7,540.66 WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM, 66,717.93 307 PROPERTY, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 1,800.00 AIM HIGH EQUIPMENT, Facilities Building Maintenance, 512.05 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund, 99.54 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund, 286.28 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Election Repair & Maint., 56.88 BARNES LAW LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 690.33 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 266.13 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Facilities Utilities, 3,258.11 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, PH Supplies, 41.23 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, R & B Utilities, 361.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Library Utilities, 637.74 BLUE RAVEN REALTY, Family Resource Center (FRC), 550.00 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 108.95 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 1,163.06 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Facilities Building Maintenance, 151.97 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Supplies, 33.23 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 51.12 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Leased Equipment, 2,325.89 CASPER MFG INC DBA CMI-TECO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 116.74 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 233.73 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 570.69 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, PH Supplies, 68.40 CINDY DORMAN, Family Resource Center (FRC), 500.00 CONVERGEONE INC, 911 Repair & Maint., 15,797.16 FARMER BROTHERS CO, Detention Board of Prisoners, 32.50 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair Dues & Continuing Ed., 495.00 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair Supplies, 150.00 GORMAN FUNERAL HOME, Coroner Facility Rent, 1,500.00 HEINTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING LLC, Geographic Information System (GIS), 1,136.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 87.64 LEO RILEY & CO, Audit, 16,000.00 MIDWEST CONNECT, Printing, 409.00 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Assessor Supplies, 75.36 PALEN LAW OFFICES LLP, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 2,172.00 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Postage, 113.65 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Mgt. Facility Rent, 700.00 PLATTE COUNTY EXTENSION, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 230.00 PLATTE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY, Family Resource Center (FRC), 956.00 PRIMO BRANDS, Detention Supplies, 87.44 PRIMO BRANDS, Dispatch Supplies, 87.44 PRIMO BRANDS, Sheriff Supplies, 87.44 QUADIENT LEASING USA INC, Leased Equipment, 1,404.00 RECORD TIMES, Election Printing, 98.37 RECORD TIMES, Printing & Publishing, 415.34 RECORD TIMES, Publishing, 65.58 ROCK SOLID SST, Sheriff New Equipment, 774.52 STATE OF WYOMING, Clerk Supplies, 15.61 STATE OF WYOMING, Treasurer Supplies, 72.52 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, County Health Officer Grant, 800.00 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, PH Health Officer, 365.00 TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 316.27 WESTERN STATES FIRE PROTECTION CO, Facilities Building Maintenance, 727.50 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,006.48 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Capital Construction, 263.98 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Jail Maintenance, 136.02 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Materials, 142.13 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Supplies, 122.01 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 238.52 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Repair & Maint., 545.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 15,846.00 WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS, Fair Dues & Continuing Ed., 150.00. TOTAL: \$547,431.29.

Collections Before the Board: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from February 13 through February 27, 2026, which totaled \$1,164,622.77.

Depositories of Public Funds: The Board examined an application submitted by Banner Capital Bank to be designated as a depository of public funds. The applications were submitted, and examined by the Board, pursuant to W.S. § 9-4-818(a). Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Banner Capital Bank as depository of public funds. 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 reported they were finally able to plow snow. Road & Bridge was also able to complete tree trimming duties due to mild winter weather. Over the next 30 days, Superintendent Bookout said his department will continue training on the new iWorQ software. Superintendent Bookout requested to purchase a 16-horsepower mini excavator. Superintendent Bookout said the equipment costs approximately \$5,700. To purchase the equipment, Superintendent Bookout would utilize the remaining \$2,700 in their new equipment budget and \$3,000 in the material budget. The Board expressed concerns that the equipment would not be sufficiently sized and encouraged him to look for a mini excavator with at least 30-horsepower.

T-Y Basin Road: Superintendent Bookout spoke about T-Y Basin Road, which experiences significant drifting on a north-south section. Superintendent Bookout is proposing that the County re-route the road to reduce drifting issues. The Board agreed and advised Superintendent Bookout speak with the Office of State Lands & Investments, and Dean Anderson, to begin surveying the new proposed road alignment.

Encroachment Licenses: The Board reviewed, and approved, encroachment licenses for Wheatland Rural Electric Association.

North Buckskin Road: Mason McDonald, Wyoming Land & Ranches LLC, informed the Board he is intending to divide approximately 300 acres into a large acreage subdivision, which means each parcel created would be at least 40 acres in size. Mr. McDonald said the subdivision would be adjacent to N. Buckskin Road. The road is currently not maintained by the County. Mr. McDonald requested to improve N. Buckskin Road to a standard established by the County. The Board expressed concerns about future maintenance of the road and said they would expect some sort of agreement that outlined ongoing maintenance. The Board directed Superintendent Bookout to discuss road standards with Mr. McDonald and begin the discussion of a road improvement agreement. Mr. McDonald will determine whether the road is not cost effective to improve and discuss further.

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Coleman Building: The Board reviewed a proposal to rebuild the heating and cooling system (HVAC) in the Coleman Building. That proposal was submitted by Mister B's in the sum of \$195,547.46 – the proposal could be reduced by \$5,000 if the building could be vacated for a period of about one month. The Board said they could not close the building and as such would need to complete the project in stages. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an HVAC proposal from Mister B's Heating and Cooling. The motion carried.

Maintenance Department: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, presented a proposal to complete an elevator repair, which would improve a security concern at the Courthouse. The proposal, submitted by TKE, was in the sum of \$12,036.58. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve a repair work order from TKE. The motion carried.

Health Insurance Renewal: Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk, presented renewal information for the County's health insurance plan. The County is required to provide health insurance to employees according to the Affordable Care Act. Furthermore, Clerk Ervin said health insurance is also an important key in recruiting and retaining employees. The County's health insurance plan would increase 6% if approved by the Board. Currently, the plan requires employees to pay 10% of the health insurance premium while the County pays 90%. Clerk Ervin intends to speak with his fellow elected officials on whether employees should pay 15% of the premium in exchange for increased wages. Clerk Ervin will make a formal recommendation to the Board at their next meeting.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 AM. This proceeding was recorded by Clerk Ervin pursuant to Wyoming statute §18-3-402(a)(i)(C).

APPROVED:

  
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STEVE SHOCKLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

  
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MALCOLM ERVIN, COUNTY CLERK  
& CLERK OF THE BOARD

