

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 17th 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 Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the March 3rd 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: 5TAR LLC, Jail Maintenance, 360.00 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Inmate Trust Fund, 56.97 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Clerk Supplies, 87.46 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Detention Supplies, 45.64 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Election Repair & Maint., 111.44 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Supplies, 131.96 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Clerk Supplies, 37.47 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, IT Peripherals, 151.23 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, R & B Vehicle Repair, 147.79 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Special Investigations, 196.98 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Workforce Development, 62.46 ASBESTOS & TECHNICAL SERVICES INC, Courthouse Phase II, 1,615.00 AT & T, 911 Phones, 62.99 BENCHMARK, Contract Services, 2,022.25 BENZEL PEST CONTROL, Jail Maintenance, 305.00 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 71.12 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Capital Construction, 224.22 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Jail Maintenance, 42.99 BMO, Ag. Ext. Supplies, 40.03 BMO, American Heart Assn., 13.96 BMO, Clerk Travel Expenses, 24.00 BMO, Commissioners Travel Expenses, 406.88 BMO, Detention Inmate Trust Fund, 1,757.13 BMO, Detention Supplies, 282.79 BMO, Dispatch Supplies, 91.21 BMO, Election Training, 110.22 BMO, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 56.20 BMO, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,385.18 BMO, IT Software, 115.00 BMO, PH Supplies, 12.85 BMO, Prevention Grant, 285.93 BMO, Sheriff Extradition, 495.12 BMO, Sheriff New Equipment, 1,440.42 BMO, Sheriff Supplies, 604.95 BMO, Sheriff Training, 2,428.00 BMO, State Grants Election Training, 17.99 BMO, Commissioners Travel Expenses, 220.00 BMO, Sheriff Extradition, 34.34 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 247.88 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 6,692.57 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 526.25 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 17,967.78 CASPER MFG INC DBA CMI-TECO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 91.74 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.56 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 98.42 CHEYENNE KUBOTA, R & B Vehicle Repair, 11.49 CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 12,831.35 CONVERGEONE INC, 911 Repair & Maint., 14,153.09 CONVERSE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, PH Vaccinations, 1,300.00 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 2,283.60 DEMCO INC, Library Printing, 102.51 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Prevention Grant, 125.00 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Problem Gambling Prevention, 125.00 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Treasurer Supplies, 65.00 ECONO SIGNS, R & B Materials, 454.10 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Jail Maintenance, 845.00 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 971.29 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 144.51 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 994.25 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 585.79 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,672.57 GRAINGER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 134.72 HEINTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING LLC, Geographic Information System (GIS), 2,272.00 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Building Maintenance, 292.93 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Board of Prisoners, 82.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 187.50 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 748.76 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Printing, 3,440.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 82.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 576.77 INDOFF INCORPORATED, Clerk of Court Supplies, 295.00 JULIE WORTHINGTON, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 169.50 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 103.75 KYCN-AM/KZEW-FM, PH Printing, 275.00 LARAMIE PEAK MOTORS, Planner Travel, 94.39 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 487.70 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 166.16 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 97.50 NORCO INC, R & B Fuel, 392.95 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 38.48 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Clerk Supplies, 36.89 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Election Supplies, 17.28 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Clerk Supplies, 11.59 PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS, Recruiting, 450.00 RECORD TIMES, Prevention Grant, 822.00 REX E JOHNSON, Commissioner Litigation, 3,256.00 RMAF, Fair Dues & Continuing Ed., 100.00 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE SYSTEMS INC, Jail Maintenance, 401.98 SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 2,091.00 SIMPLY CLEAN, Facilities Building Maintenance, 238.01 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, Detention Medical Care, 354.77 SOUTHWEST PLUMBING & MECHANICAL LLC, Jail Maintenance, 680.00 T-MOBILE, Phone, 339.32 T-MOBILE, R & B Supplies, 128.04 TDS COLLECTION SERVICE INC, R & B Utilities, 35.00 THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, Sheriff Special Investigations, 208.64 THORPE LAW OFFICE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 168.00 TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION, Courthouse Renovation, 6,018.29 TOTAL RESPONSE, IT Software, 3,085.70 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 293.67 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 8,253.50 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 806.05 TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 4.74 VERIZON WIRELESS, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 117.58 VERIZON WIRELESS, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 77.54 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 77.54 VERIZON WIRELESS, Phones, 189.10 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Grant, 77.54 VERIZON WIRELESS, Workforce Development, 20.02 VISA-, Library Child Programs, 127.47 VISA-, Library Postage, 419.56 VISA-, Library Software, 38.00 VISA-, Library Supplies, 570.72 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 125,386.93 WEX, Library Travel Expenses, 48.11 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 48.71 WEX, Clerk Travel Expenses, 75.16 WEX, Election Training, 52.03 WEX, Election Travel Expenses, 11.08 WEX, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 39.61 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 112.65 WEX, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 30.24 WEX, PH Travel Expenses, 21.98 WEX, Planner Travel, 34.84 WEX, R & B Fuel, 1,246.77 WEX, Fire Protection, 54.34 WEX, Detention Fuel, 906.39 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 3,976.58 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 417.85 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Materials, 37.79 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 54.51 WHEATLAND AUTOMOTIVE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 2,469.63 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 249.40 WOODHOUSE RODEN AMES & BRENNAN LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 75.74 WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE, Involuntary Commitments (Title 25), 8,287.00 WYOMING DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, Fair Expenses, 40.00 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 780.99 WYOMING STATE LIBRARY, Library Software, 3,610.04 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19. TOTAL: \$267,039.56.

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County Treasurer: Kristi Rietz, County Treasurer, presented the fiscal position of the county as of February 28, 2026. The Board also reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Rietz from March 2 through March 11, 2026, which totaled \$1,094,958.39 – of that, \$500,000 was moved into investment accounts for Opioid abatement funds and State-County Road Fund.

Maintenance Department: Dan Young, Maintainer, presented three options to renovate Jail Pod D in the detention center. The renovation would include stripping paint from the pod and repainting it; updating all electrical fixtures; replacing showers and its valves and controls; and updating flooring by removing existing sealant and any loose paint and installing an epoxy seal concrete solution; and retrofit with batter powered controllers, repainting. “Option A” was to contract all of those tasks, which would be approximately \$45,000. “Option B” would be to have county maintenance staff paint and clean floors and retrofit shower controls but not replace shower fixtures. That option was estimated to be approximately \$8,500. Sheriff Tony Krotz favored “Option A” due to getting more work completed and more quickly than if county maintenance staff completed the renovations. Clerk Ervin spoke about the County’s budget discussions, which anticipated more collections from federal inmate holds and an expectation to amend the maintenance budget to facilitate “Option A”. The Board agreed and directed Mr. Young to proceed with “Option A” as soon as possible.

Public Hearing – Liquor Licenses: Chairman Shockley called a public hearing to order at 9:40 AM for the purpose of accepting public comment on liquor license applications. Clerk Ervin presented renewal applications for Retail Liquor Licenses from El Rancho Village, Glendo Lakeside RV Parks, B&A Marina, Quality Discount Liquors, Shamrock Saloon and Top Five Club. Clerk Ervin also presented renewal applications for County Malt Beverage License from Guernsey Mercantile, Arena BBQ and Wyoming Bell. Clerk Ervin mentioned that the licenses would be issued from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 – with the exception of Guernsey Mercantile, which would have a term of April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026. Clerk Ervin explained the Guernsey Mercantile lease agreement was only valid through September 30, 2026 and the Wyoming Military Department would not renew the lease until September. As such, Guernsey Mercantile would apply for a license from October 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 once they received the new lease agreement. Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comment but none was received. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve six retail liquor licenses for renewal as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve three county malt beverage license for renewal as presented. The motion carried.

Chugwater Energy Project: Tom McDonnell joined the meeting via phone to discuss a letter he submitted to the Board regarding suggestions he has to mitigate law enforcement and road concerns related to the Chugwater Energy Project. Mr. McDonnell requested the Board hire three additional Sheriff’s deputies to be specifically stationed in Chugwater during the construction period. He also requested that a series of signs be erected to manage construction-related truck traffic and that truck traffic be permitted due to their heavier loads. Mr. McDonnell said the signage and permitting would mitigate damage to County roads. Additionally, Mr. McDonnell suggests County roads be closed during spring thaw or heavy moisture events.

Public Hearing – Planning & Zoning: Chairman Shockley called a public hearing to order at 10:00 AM for the purpose of accepting public comment on a Special Use Permit request made by Mitchell Weight on behalf of Kinder Morgan for Hiland Crude, LLC. The request is to operate a new natural gas lateral, flow measurement meter and delivery point to Phillips 66. The parcel in question is described as part of the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 18, Township 28 North, Range 68 West, Platte County, Wyoming. Laura Bookout, County Planner, informed the Board that the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on March 10, 2026 and recommended the request be approved with one condition. The conditions recommended was that all applicable Wyoming DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) permits remain active and copies provided to the Planning Office. Planner Bookout said those permits had already been provided to the Planning Office and were in good standing. Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comment, but none was received. Commissioner Jolovich asked Mr. Weight for clarification of what the purpose of the site is. Mr. Weight said the site works in conjunction with the Phillips 66 site to deliver liquid natural gas. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the special use permit request made by Highland Crude LLC with one condition as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion carried.

Planning & Zoning: Planner Bookout presented a simple subdivision request made by Daren Hershey on behalf of Sybille Creek Gravel, LLC to divide approximately 58.79 acres into four tracts – Tract 1 being 7.5 acres, Tract 2 being 5.5 acres, Tract 3 being 5.5 acres and Tract 4 being 40.29 acres. The parcel is described as part of Section 30, Township 24 North, Range 68 West, Platte County, Wyoming. Planner Bookout informed the Board that Sybille Creek Road does not follow the described right-of-way. As such, Tract 2 would not have legal access. To fix that, the surveyor proposed widening the right-of-way to 80 feet. The Board expressed desire to vacate the existing right-of-way and establish a right-of-way where the road physically sits. The Board will review the simple subdivision once a right-of-way for Sybille Creek Road is established to follow the road’s physical location.

Platte County Veterans: Chuck Brown spoke about efforts of Platte County Veterans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Brown said VFW posts nationwide will be reading the Declaration of Independence at 4:00 PM on July 8th and Mr. Brown asked that the Board allow the Courthouse steps to be the venue for that celebration. Chairman Shockley said the Courthouse steps may not be available due to the Phase II renovation, but the VFW would be welcome to use any available portion of the Courthouse property that is available. Chairman Shockley said they would communicate with Mr. Brown as the Phase II schedule becomes more available.

Health Insurance Renewal: Clerk Ervin spoke about the County’s health insurance renewal, which he first presented to the Board on March 3rd. Since then, Clerk Ervin met with the other elected officials and agreed to recommend the County continue to pay 90% of the monthly premium and employees pay 10% of that premium. Furthermore, Clerk Ervin recommended that employees who have a High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) be given 50% of the difference in the County’s premium savings into a Health Savings Account (HSA). Currently, employees who have HDHPs are given 40% of savings into an HSA. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to accept the health insurance renewal proposal made by WEBT with a 90/10 premium split and 50% of savings given to employees who have HDHPs per Clerk Ervin’s recommendations. The motion carried.

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Problem Gambling Prevention: Clerk Ervin presented a letter from the Wyoming Department of Health informing the Board they were entitled to \$5,601.62 in funding generated from gambling to be used for problem gambling prevention. If the Board did not request the funding it would revert to the State of Wyoming. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to request funding for problem gambling prevention pursuant to W.S. 9-24-104. The motion carried.

Easement: The Board reviewed an easement delivered by the Wheatland Rural Electric Association. The Board first reviewed the easement on March 3rd and asked that the County Attorney’s Office review the easement prior to taking action. Since then, County Attorney Doug Weaver worked to correct some language in the easement and recommended approval. The easement in question is in part of the NW ½ of Section 2, Township 24 North, Range 68 West, and part of the SW ¼ of Section 35, Township 25 North, Range 68 West, Platte County, Wyoming. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an electric line right-of-way easement for Wheatland Rural Electric Association. The motion carried.

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

Election Districts & Precincts: Clerk Ervin presented Resolution #2026-04, which would divide the County into election districts pursuant to W.S. § 22-7-101. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Resolution #2026-04 establishing election districts and precincts. The motion carried.

PLATTE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-04
A RESOLUTION DIVIDING THE COUNTY INTO ELECTION DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wyoming State Statute (W.S.) §22-7-101, the Board of County Commissioners, with the advice or recommendation of the county clerk, shall divide the county into no more than thirty (30) election districts no later than its first meeting in May in every general election year; and,

WHEREAS, the following election districts are currently in place:

- District #1 “Wheatland Area”
 - Precincts 1-1, 1-2, 1-3 and 1-6
- District #2 “Guernsey Area”
 - Precincts 2-1 and 2-2
- District #3 “Glendo Area”
 - Precinct 3-1
- District #4 “Chugwater Area”
 - Precinct 4-1

WHEREAS, the duly elected County Clerk of Platte County provided the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation that district and precinct boundaries remain unchanged as they were set in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Platte County, Wyoming, that the election districts and precincts shall remain unchanged.

Given our hand and seal this 17th day of March 2026.


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 11:00 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



The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "County Clerk, Platte County" at the top and "State of Wyoming" at the bottom. In the center of the seal, the word "SEAL" is printed in large, bold, capital letters.