

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 5th day of May 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 April 21st 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 358,065.70 HSA ACCOUNT 1,251.00 PC TAX ACCOUNT 26,443.80 WY DEPT OF WORKFORCE SVCS 7,287.52 WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 65,003.96 AED AUTHORITY, Emergency Mgt. Repair & Maint., 619.77 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund, 904.10 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Detention Supplies, 6.99 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Facilities Building Maintenance, 34.14 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, IT Peripherals, 45.10 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Supplies, 7.78 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Detention Supplies, 18.29 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Dispatch Supplies, 17.99 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Jail Maintenance, 193.40 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 139.77 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Supplies, 58.04 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, WCF - FRC Services, 1,002.23 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Workforce Development, 281.48 ANTHONY STOETER, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,188.00 BARNES LAW LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,920.53 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Library Utilities, 149.01 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 66.82 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Facilities Utilities, 1,349.84 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, PH Supplies, 20.74 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, R & B Utilities, 84.72 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff New Equipment, 101,265.00 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Facilities Building Maintenance, 85.95 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Facilities Capital Construction, 96.98 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Materials, 199.43 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 359.31 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, Sheriff New Equipment, 519.97 BULLOCK LAW LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 264.00 CAMPBELL COUNTY, Commissioner Dues & Continuing Ed., 412.00 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Leased Equipment, 2,339.89 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 228.74 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 813.20 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, PH Supplies, 69.22 CONNOR E MADSEN, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 90.00 DANIELLE RAGSDALE, Election Training, 45.94 DOUG TAYLOR, Detention Uniforms, 12.34 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 135.28 FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 41.08 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 586.00 GORMAN FUNERAL HOME, Coroner Facility Rent, 1,500.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Board of Prisoners, 129.90 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 82.00 IWORQ SYSTEMS INC, IT Software, 6,900.00 JENKINS AUTO & BODY SERVICE LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 5,106.32 KENNETH BROWN, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,824.00 LARAMIE COUNTY TREASURER, Workforce Development, 75.00 LARAMIE PEAK VETERINARY ASSOCIATES, Sheriff K9 Operations, 57.39 MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER, R & B Vehicle Repair, 82.27 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 2,817.69 ONE WAY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), 750.00 PALEN LAW OFFICES LLP, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 480.00 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Postage, 131.78 PITNEY BOWES INC, Inmate Trust Fund, 221.46 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Mgt. Facility Rent, 700.00 RECORD TIMES, Printing & Publishing, 415.34 STATE OF WYOMING, Clerk Supplies, 17.79 STATE OF WYOMING, Treasurer Supplies, 110.80 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, County Health Officer Grant, 800.00 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, PH Health Officer, 365.00 SYLVESTRI CUSTOMIZATION, Prevention Grant, 600.00 T-MOBILE, Phone, 2,520.00 T-MOBILE, Phone, 354.16 T-MOBILE, R & B Supplies, 131.04 TDS COLLECTION SERVICE INC, R & B Utilities, 35.00 THE TIRE SHOP, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 941.44 THRIFTY FOODS INC, WCF - FRC Services, 335.92 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 266.48 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 7,607.42 TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC, R & B Vehicle Repair, 166.47 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC, IT Software, 1,688.53 US POSTAL SERVICE-NEOPOST POSTAGE, Clerk of Court Postage, 700.00 WHEATLAND AUTOMOTIVE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,419.39 WHEATLAND COUNTRY STORE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 450.00 WYDOT MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, Election New Equipment, 2.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 15,846.00 WYOMING DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, Fair Dues & Continuing Ed., 100.00 WYOMING DEPT OF HEALTH, PH State Reimbursement, 19,032.08 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19. Total: \$648,600.91.

Collections Before the Board: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from April 16 through April 30, 2026, which totaled \$1,799,548.66.

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 trimmed trees, removed blow dirt and laid millings on the radius at North and Front roads. Over the next 30 days, Road & Bridge will continue to trim trees and will haul gravel to each area of the County. Superintendent Bookout estimated approximately 14 loads of gravel will be hauled to each area.

Road Establishment Discussion: Superintendent Bookout provided a list of 28 roads to the Board that are currently maintained by Road & Bridge but have not been declared as County roads. Superintendent Bookout asked the Board how to proceed. Specifically, Superintendent Bookout asked if they should stop maintaining those roads or work to have them declared. Chairman Shockley instructed Superintendent Bookout to prioritize the list on how much each road is used and how many landowners and residents they serve. The Board will then prioritize which roads to survey and declare. The Board acknowledged they would be unable to pay to survey each of those roads in a single year.

Encroachment License: The Board reviewed, and approved, an encroachment license for Wheatland Rural Electric Association.

Fire Ban: Jamie Rietz, Fire Warden, asked that the Board reaffirm the fire ban, which was first put in place in April 2025. Fire Warden Rietz said he has received inquiries regarding whether the April 2025 fire ban is still in effect. As such, Fire Warden Rietz asked that an updated resolution be approved to show a more current date. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Resolution #2026-07 reaffirming a fire ban in Platte County. The motion carried.

May 5, 2026

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PLATTE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-07
REAFFIRMING A FIRE BAN IN PLATTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Platte County instituted a fire ban on the 15th day of April 2025; and,

WHEREAS, numerous inquiries have been made clarifying whether Resolution #2025-08 was still in place and the most recent resolution passed by the Board regarding a fire ban; and,

WHEREAS, the Platte County Fire Warden has recommended a fire ban remain in place for all private lands within unincorporated areas of Platte County, Wyoming; and,

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statutes § 35-9-301, § 35-9-302, and § 35-9-303, give the Platte County Board of County Commissioners the authority, if certain conditions are met to "...close the area to any form of use by the public or may limit such use.."; and,

WHEREAS, significant drought has created dangerous fire conditions throughout the county and it is uncertain how long those conditions may continue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, that all privately-owned unincorporated areas within the boundaries of Platte County shall continue to be subject to a partial closure and all outdoor fires and discharge of all fireworks are prohibited except as follows:

- (i) Frontier Astronautics LLC is excluded for the purpose of testing rocket engines, flight vehicles, and their associated hardware at their testing facility located at 609 Windmill Road. All fire suppression costs associated with this exemption will be paid by Frontier Astronautics
- (ii) Attended trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., inside containers provided with spark arresters or screens and located within an area cleared of all vegetation ten (10) feet in radius from the container, are permitted on private lands.
- (iii) Attended wood and propane campfires contained within a fire ring lined with rock or similar non-combustible material are permitted on private lands if fire suppression is immediately available, except on lands managed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission where all campfires are prohibited.
- (iv) Attended charcoal and propane fires within an enclosed grill are permitted on private lands, except on lands managed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission where additional restrictions may be imposed.
- (v) Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders in an area cleared of all vegetation within ten (10) feet in radius from any ignition source are permitted on private lands.
- (vi) Propane or open fire branding activities in an area cleared of all vegetation ten (10) feet in radius from any source of ignition are permitted on private lands.
- (vii) Fire departments are excluded from this resolution while conducting fire suppression activities or training.
- (viii) The lands under the Wyoming Military Department including Camp Guernsey are excluded for military-related operations and/or training, including controlled burns, when approved by appropriate Wyoming National Guard Officials.
- (ix) The Town of Wheatland is excluded to burn their wood refuse pile.
- (x) Should weather conditions improve as the result of significant moisture and forecasted reduced wind, lower temperatures, and higher humidity, fire department chiefs, with the concurrence of the county fire warden, may approve limited burning. Any request for limited burning will be denied by the department chief and fire warden if the National Weather Service has forecast a fire weather watch or temperatures exceeding 80°F and below 20% humidity for a 72-hour period following the burn date. The landowner will be responsible for all costs associated with suppression.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the penalties, pursuant to W.S. § 35-9-304, a \$100.00 fine, thirty (30) days in the Platte County Jail, or both, may be imposed for violation of the Resolution. The Platte County Fire Warden shall promptly notify the Board of Platte County Commissioners when the conditions are mitigated, and upon such notice the closing may be modified.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Platte County Commissioners requests the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources continue to adopt the measures outlined in this resolution to reduce the risk of wildland fires on lands they manage in the county. To further reduce the risk of man-made fire starts, the Board of Platte County Commissioners request that the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources continue to prohibit the use of wood-burning campfires on lands they manage in the county for the period of this partial closure.

Given our hand and seal this 5th day of May 2026.

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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Emergency Management: Jamie Rietz, Emergency Management Coordinator, informed the Board that dispatch was in need of replacing a repeater. Coordinator Rietz believes the repeater is causing poor paging to rural fire departments. He also provided a quote of approximately \$12,000 to replace the repeater. The Board agreed the replacement was necessary and instructed Coordinator Rietz to proceed with the replacement.

Courthouse Renovation Phase II: Coordinator Rietz also provided an update following a discussion held at the last meeting of the Board regarding a radio tower outside of Dispatch. Coordinator Rietz has submitted a form to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requesting a 75' tower at the Courthouse site. He also provided a quote from Absolute Solutions to engineer and build a site for a 75' tower, but the bid only had tower segments for a 55' tower. Coordinator Rietz said Absolute Solutions believed a 55' tower could be built without FAA approval, but planning a foundation to facilitate a 75' tower would allow the County to increase the tower to 75' if allowed by the FAA. The Board discussed the location of the tower and preferred that the tower be located in parking spots directly adjacent to the North of Dispatch as opposed to on top of the hill, which is West of Dispatch.

Executive Session: At 10:28 AM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to call for an executive session for personnel matters pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii). The motion carried. At 11:10 AM, 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 11:11 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

