

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 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. Commissioner Baker added an executive session, for litigation purposes, at the end of agenda. The motion carried with Commissioner Baker’s addition. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the May 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: ACE K9, Sheriff K9 Operations, 336.00 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Facilities Building Maintenance, 130.48 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 52.32 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 37.56 AT & T, 911 Phones, 145.99 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Capital Construction, 281.92 BMO, Clerk of Court Supplies, 41.13 BMO, Coroner Training, 825.00 BMO, Detention Inmate Trust Fund, 169.39 BMO, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 16.38 BMO, Facilities Jail Maintenance, 818.92 BMO, IT Software, 115.00 BMO, PH Vaccinations, 23.36 BMO, Planner Printing, (32.34)BMO, Sheriff Extradition, 208.42 BMO, Sheriff Uniforms, 355.29 BMO, Sheriff. Supplies, 9.31 BMO, State Grants Intertie Grant, 25.39 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 381.90 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff New Equipment, 559.90 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 1,573.73 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 134.50 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 16,248.80 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.30 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 120.27 CHARM-TEX, Detention Supplies, 508.30 CONNOR E MADSEN, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 250.00 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 3,155.00 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Prevention Grant, 125.00 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Problem Gambling Prevention, 125.00 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Courthouse Phase II, 3,135.00 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Courthouse Phase II, 1,275.00 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 590.00 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 20,397.00 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 2,066.68 GALLS LLC, Sheriff Supplies, 442.66 GALLS LLC, Sheriff Uniforms, 59.74 GALLS LLC, Sheriff Uniforms, (166.01) GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,670.89 HANDCUFF WAREHOUSE, Detention New Equipment, 344.82 HEINTZ SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING LLC, Geographic Information System (GIS), 1,917.00 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Custodial, 218.43 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Custodial, 303.11 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 492.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 761.71 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Jail Maintenance, 198.98 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 852.45 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 82.00 JG CUSTOM FABRICATION & WELDING, Facilities Building Maintenance, 181.50 JOHNSON LAW GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,188.00 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 118.50 LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 876.00 MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER, R & B Vehicle Repair, 508.56 MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER, R & B Vehicle Repair, 401.49 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 2,153.79 MIGHTY HOUSE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 1,020.00 MIKE MULVANEY, Election Salary, 227.50 MIKE MULVANEY, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 OFFICE OF STATE LANDS AND INVESTMENTS, 911 Facility Rent, 1,100.00 ONE WAY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), 1,051.61 PENNY SIMONTON, PH Vaccinations, 110.93 PLATTE COUNTY, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 350.00 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 1,977.25 POWERDMS INC, Sheriff New Equipment, 11,709.33 PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS, Recruiting, 950.00 RECORD TIMES, Emergency Mgt. LEPC, 1,000.00 REGENCY HOTEL MANAGEMENT, Detention Training, 294.00 REGENCY HOTEL MANAGEMENT, Sheriff Training, 294.00 REX E JOHNSON, Commissioner Litigation, 9,472.50 SAMPSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC, Courthouse Phase II, 77,658.00 SAMPSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC, Courthouse Phase II, 128,829.00 SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 673.50 SMITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, Recruiting, 2,950.00 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, Detention Medical Care, 584.45 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), 48.73 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, PH Supplies, 9.99 STEINER, FOURNIER, ZOOK & CASE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 999.00 STEPHEN AND MICHELE MCGUIRE, WCF - FRC Services, 1,100.00 STERICYCLE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 538.66 THE MASTER'S TOUCH LLC, Printing, 1,288.63 THE TIRE SHOP, Facilities Vehicle Repair, - THORPE LAW OFFICE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 252.00 THRIFTY FOODS INC, WCF - FRC Services, 200.00 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, WCF - FRC Services, 198.53 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 881.33 US POSTAL SERVICE-NEOPOST POSTAGE, Treasurer Postage, 3,000.00 VALERIE PORTER, Election Salary, 227.50 VALERIE PORTER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 VERIZON WIRELESS, Phones, 149.03 VERIZON WIRELESS, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 117.56 VERIZON WIRELESS, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 77.52 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 77.52 VERIZON WIRELESS, Phones, 196.52 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Grant, 77.52 VERIZON WIRELESS, Workforce Development, 20.02 VISA-, Maker Space, 3,193.96 VISA-, Library Child Programs, 523.77 VISA-, Library Postage, 427.58 VISA-, Library Software, 187.90 VISA-, Library Supplies, 4,290.74 VISA-, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 891.25 VISA-, Assessor Postage, 33.25 VISA-, Clerk Supplies, 79.60 VISA-, Detention Supplies, 3,659.82 VISA-, Election Supplies, 44.51 VISA-, Election Training, 346.17 VISA-, Jail Maintenance, 9.84 VISA-, PH Supplies, 123.89 VISA-, Planner Supplies, 84.75 VISA-, Planner Training, 55.00 VISA-, Prevention Grant, 111.58 VISA-, R & B Supplies, 423.93 VISA-, R & B Vehicle Repair, 799.00 VISA-, Sheriff Extradition, 297.04 VISA-, Sheriff Postage, 155.00 VISA-, Sheriff Supplies, 120.00 VISA-, Sheriff Training, 994.73 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 126,473.19 WESTERN BUILDING SUPPLY, Jail Maintenance, - WEX, Detention Fuel, 898.98 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 6,140.62 WEX, Fire Protection, 175.43 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 46.00 WEX, Assessor Travel Expenses, 98.51 WEX, Election Training, 244.92 WEX, Election Travel Expenses, 26.54 WEX, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 45.78 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 424.76 WEX, Fair Travel Expenses, 155.51 WEX, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 37.87 WEX, PH Travel Expenses, 82.41 WEX, Planner Travel, 43.82 WEX, Prevention Grant, 33.35 WEX, R & B Fuel, 1,106.30 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 226.56 WYDOT MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, Sheriff New Equipment, 4.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Software, 1,750.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT New Equipment, 6,687.50 WYOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY POOL, Sheriff Litigation, 5,000.00 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 609.88 WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, PH Supplies, 158.00. Total: \$485,208.89.

Collections Before the Board: The Board reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Kristi Rietz from May 1 through May 13, 2026, which totaled \$818,314.81.

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Semiquincentennial Activities: Cindy Witt informed the Board she was organizing a mural painting to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Ms. Witt said numerous groups would be coming to paint on the mural, and on June 27<sup>th</sup> the mural will be available for the public to paint. Clerk Ervin and the Board pledged \$100 each to be paid from their personal funds to help cover costs of the mural.

Maintenance Department: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, provided updates to the Board, which included a progress report on the Coleman Building HVAC replacement. Mr. DeWitt showed a picture of carpet that was stained during the HVAC replacement project. He said he was in contact with a carpet cleaner but was concerned the carpet would need to be replaced. Mr. DeWitt and Dan Young, Maintainer, also provided an update on the flooring damage at the Agriplex. Mr. Young theorized water damage caused the self-leveling compound to separate thereby causing the floor in the Agriplex to heave. Mr. DeWitt also reported that the jail pod renovation was nearing completion, but that shower fixtures would be delivered later. He also reported that the Library Maker Space was completed. Finally, Mr. DeWitt asked if he was authorized to move forward with the Coleman Building roof repairs. He presented a quote from Fischer Roofing in the sum of \$42,619. The Board requested that Mr. DeWitt verify warranty and insulation information prior to proceeding.

Platte County Economic Development (PCED): Levi Mickelsen, Chairman of the PCED Board, and Josephine Young, Executive Director, presented a request to receive \$10,000 in the Fiscal Year 2026- 2027 budget. Chairman Mickelsen and Director Young said the goal of PCED is to work with the County to develop a checklist of requirements for potential developers. Chairman Mickelsen said PCED is requesting funding, which he believes will be returned to the County through services.

County Road #50: Laura Bookout, County Planner, presented information regarding Palmer Canyon Road (County Road #50), which she said was to be 66' wide in 1889. For years, the County and surveyors believed Palmer Canyon Road was a Wheatland Flats County Road, all of which were declared to be 40' wide. Previously, Dan Melcher informed the Board that the Johnston Farms subdivision was required to dedicate a 60' right-of-way and requested that the plat for the Johnston Farms subdivision be amended to reflect a 40' wide right-of-way. Planner Bookout reported that the right-of-way is actually 66' wide and statute requires a minimum right-of-way width to be 60'. As such, Planner Bookout recommended that the entirety of County Road #50 be declared to be 60' wide and remove condition #2 from the Johnston Farms subdivision, which required additional right-of-way to be dedicated as a condition of approval.

Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to accept the Planner's recommendation regarding County Road #50. The motion carried. Through their action, condition #2 of the Johnston Farms subdivision was removed as a condition of approval. Furthermore, their action provided direction to the Planning Office to begin the process of vacating County Road #50 west of the interstate. Prior to vacating, the Planning Office will need to obtain three surveys: Palmer Canyon Road from Ferguson to Sybille Creek Road; Sybille Creek Road from Palmer Canyon Road extending south; and Ayers Road between Hightower and Palmer Canyon roads. Once those surveys are obtained, the roads will be dedicated and County Road #50 west of the interstate will be vacated.

Stellpflug Simple Subdivision: Planner Bookout informed the Board that the Stellpflug Simple Subdivision had been approved on June 18, 2024 and the last signature affixed September 17, 2024. Unfortunately, the final plat was never recorded in the Clerk's Office, which is a requirement of the subdivision approval. Planner Bookout theorized final recordation fell through the cracks during the Planner vacancy. As such, Planner Bookout requested that the Board grant an extension through May 20, 2026 so the plat could be filed. Otherwise, the subdivider would need to re-start the simple subdivision process. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to extend the filing deadline for the final plat through May 20, 2026. The motion carried.

Tax Cancellations: Danette Eppel, County Assessor, presented tax cancellations to the Board. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the tax cancellations and refund as presented. The motion carried. Those modifications to the tax rolls were:

- **Account # P0010808:** Norman & Brett Reese and Cheryl Zimmermann – A cancellation for tax year 2024 in the amount of \$530.62 and tax year 2025 in the amount of \$465.89. The personal property on the account was being taxed under a different entity's name.
- **Account # M0006335:** Huff Holdings LLC – A cancellation for tax year 2024 in the amount of \$32.70 and tax year 2025 in the amount of \$24.38. The mobile home was destroyed and was not removed from the tax account. Assessor Eppel said a refund would be issued for the first installment of tax year 2024 in the amount of \$16.35.
- **Account # M0002085:** Huff Holdings LLC – A cancellation for tax year 2024 in the amount of \$73.58 and tax year 2025 in the amount of \$54.46. The mobile home was destroyed and was not removed from the tax account.

Assessor Eppel later presented another tax cancellation to the Board. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the tax cancellations and refund as presented. The motion carried. The tax cancellation was for: **Account # R0005291:** John P. Sutton – A cancellation for tax year 2025 in the amount of \$374.02.

State Board of Equalization: Assessor Eppel informed the Board that the State Board of Equalization has indicated they may not certify residential values. The State Board contends the 4% cap on increased values year-to-year is unconstitutional. Assessor Eppel reported that she met with the governor's office providing them information of what a failure to certify residential values could mean for Counties.

Annual Operating Plan: Jamie Rietz, County Fire Warden, presented the Wildland Fire Management Plan, which is also known as the Annual Operating Plan. Fire Warden Rietz said the plan needed to be approved, and signed, by the Board. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the 2026 Wildland Fire Management Plan, also known as the Annual Operating Plan, and authorize the Chairman to sign. The motion carried.

Sick Leave Donation: Clerk Ervin presented a sick leave donation for up to 100 hours of sick leave to be transferred from one employee to another. Clerk Ervin said the transfer is in accordance with Platte County Personnel Policy Section 10.7. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the donation of up to 100 hours of sick leave from one employee to another. The motion carried.

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Fire Ban Discussion: Robert Hilty spoke to the Board regarding an incinerator at the Western Building Supply property. Mr. Hilty said the incinerator is used to dispose of wood waste from their truss building operation. He is requesting an exemption from the County fire ban for his incinerator. Jamie Rietz, County Fire Warden, said the incinerator is in a good position, has spark arresters and is at least 10' from all vegetation. In fact, the incinerator follows all requirements of exemption (ii) of the fire ban, but Mr. Hilty is requesting they be permitted to burn prior to 6:00 PM. Exemption (ii) allows refuse burning between 6 PM and 8 AM, which Mr. Hilty said is not feasible for his business operation. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve an exemption for Western Building Supply to burn their refuse outside of the timeframe required in exemption (ii) of Resolutions #2026-07 and #2025-08, provided that Western Building Supply still be required to follow the other requirements established in exemption (ii) of those resolutions. The motion carried.

Fairgrounds Software: Jordan Ham, WyoLogic Inc., reported that the Fair office switched its software, but there was an issue with Ag. Extension and the Fair office accessing the software simultaneously. That will cause significant issues when Fair entries open on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Jolovich asked how the software switch was initiated and whether the Fair Board contemplated the additional costs that may be associated. Jenny Davis, Fair Manager, said their understanding of the system changed after the decision to purchase it. However, she reported long-term savings and ease of use. Mr. Ham proposed that the fairgrounds be brought onto the County's network. Mr. Ham estimates that onboarding would cost \$15,000. Jenny Davis, Fair Manager, and Hannah Cesar, 4-H Educator, said the access issues must be resolved by June 1<sup>st</sup> but Mr. Ham expressed doubt he would be able to onboard the fairgrounds by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Davis said there was a solution that would require the use of USB sticks. Due to the time constraints, Fair and Ag. Extension will utilize USBs while Fair entries are open while Mr. Ham works to determine a course of action to allow for live-use on multiple laptops prior to the sale night on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Library Onboarding: Mr. Ham reported that the Library has been brought onto the County's IT network. However, only four computers have been replaced, and joined the County network. Those four computers are downstairs, and apparently not used very frequently. Mr. Ham intends to replace two more computers upstairs at the Library, which will also be joined to the network once they are deployed. The two computers currently located upstairs have not been joined because they were scheduled for replacement in the coming year. However, due to those computers not being joined the Library Board was under the impression that Mr. Ham had not completed onboarding the Library to the County network.

Commissioner Scholarship: The Board reviewed renewal applications for the Commissioner scholarship. The scholarship is administered through the University of Wyoming. Students attending a Wyoming post-secondary school are eligible to apply for the scholarship. They award one recipient of the renewal scholarship and one alternate. The Board also awards three recipients of the initial scholarship and three alternates. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to award Lilliana Hogan, Eleni McKee, & Cooper Meyer initial scholarship awards and further name Mikayla Durland, Tatum Struble, and Enrique Rafael as alternate award recipients; Commissioner Jolovich further moved to award Ryland Petroski a renewal scholarship and Dylan Nelson as the alternate. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session: At 2:20 PM, Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to call for an executive session for legal advice pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The motion carried. At 3:00 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

Bridger Pipeline Expansion: The Board considered an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Board was presented with a question as to whether the County desired to be party to the Environmental Impact Statement for the Bridger Pipeline Expansion Project. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) transmitted a Memorandum of Understanding to Chairman Shockley for the Board's consideration. That communication provided three options for the Board: 1) become a Cooperator with BLM; 2) not become a cooperator, but continue to be informed and receive copies of drafts and final EISs; 3) receive no further correspondence regarding the EIS. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to not become a cooperator in the EIS but remain informed throughout the process, which was presented as option number two. The motion carried.

Courthouse Phase II: Clerk Ervin presented an amendment to the Design-Build agreement. The amendment outlines a scope of duties and budget for the project, which came in just over three million dollars. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the design-build agreement with Sampson Construction. The motion carried.

Grant Agreements: The Board considered two grant agreements. The first was for the 2025 EMPG, for a term of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. That grant is in the sum of \$36,097.00 Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the 2025 EMGP grant agreement. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the MCH grant agreement for fiscal year 2027. The motion carried.

Laramie Range Wind Project: Clerk Ervin informed the Board the Industrial Siting Division of the Department of Environmental Quality identified Platte County as a potential to be impacted by construction of Laramie Range Wind Project. Clerk Ervin asked if the Board would like to apply for impact assistance funds. The Board will discuss with the Sheriff's Office and Road & Bridge to determine what impacts may exist as a result of the construction.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 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

SEAL

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Platte County  
State of Wyoming