

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AERIAL MERE HAILEY, )  
)  
Petitioner, )  
) Civil No.  
vs. ) DR 23-29  
)  
JAIME TY RUCHUPANAI, )  
)  
Respondent. )

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: JAIME TY RUCHUPANAI  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1634 Roadrunner Place, Billings, MT 59102

You are notified that a *Verified Petition to Establish Custody, Visitation and Child Support*, and a *Motion to Establish Temporary Custody, Visitation and Child Support*, have been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Fifth Judicial District, whose address is Hot Springs County Courthouse, 415 Arapaho Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443, seeking to establish child custody, visitation, and support.

Unless you file a Response or otherwise respond to the *Verified Petition to Establish Custody, Visitation and Child Support*, and a *Motion to Establish Temporary Custody, Visitation and Child Support*, referenced above within thirty (30) days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgement will be taken against you. Your Answer must be filed with the Clerk of District Court at the address provided above.

DATED this 20th day of February 2024.

BY CLERK OF COURT:

Kristina McNeff  
Clerk of District Court

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WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND  
FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
HIGHWAY WORK

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Transportation has accepted as completed according to plans, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and **McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co.**, The Contractor, on Highway Project Number **2200019 in Washakie County**, consisting of **overlay and chip seal**, and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Director of the Department of Transportation will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on **April 17, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is **March 7, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick  
Senior Budget Analyst  
Budget Program  
Wyoming Department of Transportation

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Legal Notice  
Sealed Bid Request

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 is seeking sealed bids for furnishing unleaded gasoline and dyed diesel fuels for the Joint Fuel Facility in Thermopolis per listed items and specifications. The specifications and other pertinent information may be obtained from the Business Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443, by contacting Levi Benboe, Transportation Director, 307-864-6600, or on the Business Office page of the district website: [www.hotsprings1.org](http://www.hotsprings1.org)

Please return one copy of the completed quote by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024, to:

Hot Springs County School District No. 1  
Attn: Business Office  
415 Springview  
Thermopolis, WY 82443

Returned bids must be sealed and marked “Fuel Bid” on the outside of the envelope.

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive any irregularities in the bids or bidding procedures. Awarding of the bids will take place at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. A letter awarding the bid will be mailed to successful bidders.

/s/ Sherman Skelton  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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STATE OF ) IN THE

WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
LOIS VIRGINIA DEWEY, )  
a/k/a LOIS V. DEWEY )  
)  
Deceased. )

AMENDED NOTICE OF PROBATE OF ESTATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THIS ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 3rd day of November, 2023, the Will of the Decedent and the First Codicil thereto were admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that Matthew Aaron Cook was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed with the court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at Lonabaugh and Riggs, LLP, 50 E. Loucks Street, Suite 110, P. O. Drawer 5059, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the Estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Hot Springs County Clerk of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2024.

Matthew Aaron Cook,  
Personal Representative

LONABAUGH AND RIGGS, LLP  
By: /s/ David C. Smith  
David C. Smith - Atty #6-3354  
P.O. Drawer 5059  
Sheridan, WY 82801  
307-672-7444  
307-672-2230 (Facsimile)  
*Attorneys for Petitioner*

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STATE OF ) IN THE  
WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
) ss.

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

Probate No. 2024-5

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
VICKI JEAN PERSON, )  
)  
Deceased. )

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE

TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Decree of Ownership of Real Property pursuant to W.S. §2-1-201 & 2-1-205, for the real property described below has been filed in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, where Andria McQuiston and Connie Page claim to be the sole heirs of Vicki Jean Person who died in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on December 19, 2023. In said application Andria McQuiston and Connie Page claim they are entitled to the real property further described as follows:

Lots 9 and 10, Block 1, Artois Subdivision, Hot Springs County, Wyoming;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to W.S. §2-1-205(f) an objection to the Application shall be filed with the Court before the expiration of the later of twenty (20) days after the mailing if the Notice is mailed to a recipient, or thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this Notice, and if such objection is not filed, it will be forever barred.

Direct Inquiries To: Jerry D. Williams  
Williams Law Office  
339 Arapahoe  
Thermopolis, WY 82443  
307-864-2517

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

The South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District shall hold its Biennial Election on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the Wyoming Department of Transportation conference room, 173 Hwy 20 South. The polls will be open between **1:00 pm and 6:00 pm**. Residents of the District may vote absentee.

Two members of the Board will be elected for (4-year) terms. Candidates are:

- Mark Blakesley

- Nate Miller  
- Richard “Ted” Brown  
For more information contact Hannah Van Heule at 307-921-8407.

Board of Directors  
South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District  
/s/ Hannah Van Heule, Secretary  
307-921-8407

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OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOT  
SOUTH THERMOPOLIS WATER & SEWER DISTRICT  
MARCH 19, 2024

To vote for the person whose name is printed on the Ballot, mark a cross (X) on the line immediately to the right of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the Ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for that purpose and mark a cross (X) on the line immediately to the right of the name of the person.

Vote for no more than two (2)

Nate Miller

Mark Blakesley

Richard “Ted” Brown

Optional write-in candidate(s)

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NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 1988 Bayliner Boat (HIN #BL1A39CXG788) and Escort Boat Trailer (No VIN) that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on March 26th, 2024 at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against an unknown registered owner on the above listed vehicle by Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$256.56. Bidder must have proof of funds before bidding.

March 14 & 21, 2024 No. 1568

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice of High Plains Power Inc.'s (High Plains or Cooperative) Application to revise its rules and regulations to realign and reduce the number of director districts; eliminate the Seasonal Single Phase Service rate classification; update charges for equipment, materials, line extension and employees; add language defining “Demand;” reflect address, contact, and name changes; and add sheet numeration for clarity, as more fully described below.

1. HPP is a cooperative utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112. The Cooperative provides electric service to members in Natrona, Fremont, Hot Springs, Washakie, Big Horn, Johnson, Park, Teton, and Carbon counties.

2. On February 8, 2024, the Cooperative filed an Application requesting to realign and reduce the number of director districts from twelve to nine to better reflect member distribution and reduce board expenses. The Cooperative also proposes to eliminate the Seasonal Single Phase Service classification and include the rate under the Single Phase Service tariff, and to update the equipment, materials, and other schedules to better reflect actual costs. Other clerical changes and language updates such as contract information, definitions, and page numbers are being requested for clarity.

3. This is not a complete description of High Plain's Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17508).

4. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or to request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, on or before April 5, 2024. An intervention request must set forth its grounds, as well as the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 10020-71-CT-24 in your communication.

5. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: March 5, 2024.

Pub. March 14 & 21, 2024 No. 1569

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for approval to adjust Category 1, 2, and 3 Demand Side Management (DSM) Surcharge Rates in electric service Schedule 191, the Customer Efficiency Service Charge, effective April 1, 2024.

1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On February 2, 2024, RMP filed an Application requesting the Commission approve its proposed adjustment to Category 1, 2, and 3 DSM surcharge rates in tariff Schedule 191. The Company stated, in the Application, the adjustment is to align with the 2024-2026 DSM plan approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-632-ET-23, and to comply with the 2023 Order issued with that docket in which the Company is to file updated rates intended to recover costs associated with the approved offerings.

3. RMP submitted exhibits reflecting over and under collected balancing account amounts, actual balancing account results through November 2023, and forecasted results through December 2026 using current Category 1 and 2 rates in tariff Schedule 191. Category 1 is estimated to be over collected by \$872,943 and Category 2 is estimated to be under collected by \$270,247.

4. To address the over and under collected balances, the Company proposed revisions to Schedule 191 decreasing Category 1 and increasing Category 2 rates to 2.33 percent and 2.27 percent, respectively, effective April 1, 2024. RMP also proposed to decrease rates for Category 3 customers to 1.03 percent, 1.12 percent, and 1.21 percent in compliance with the 2023 Order. The revised rates for Category 3 customers will be effective April 1, 2024, and then January 1st of each following year of the 3-year DSM plan.

5. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17501).

6. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before March 22, 2024. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-658-ET-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

7. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: March 4, 2024.

Pub. March 14 & 21, 2024 No. 1570

STATE OF ) OFFICE OF THE  
WYOMING ) BOARD OF  
OF ) COUNTY  
COUNTY OF ) COMMISSIONERS  
HOT SPRINGS ) February 20, 2024

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, County Clerk Becky Kersten, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda** – The Commissioners adopted the agenda as presented.  
**Approval of the Minutes** – The Commissioners approved the minutes from January 16, 2024 and February 6, 2024 meetings. Commissioner Scheel will sign the minutes from February 6, 2024 meeting as the Acting Chairman.

**Audit Report** – Jason Lund from Carver, Florek & James CPA, presented the audit report to the Commissioners. There were two audits conducted this year. The Financial Statement Audit, which is conducted to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The second audit performed was the Single Audit for federal grant compliance, which is required if the County expends more than \$750,000 of federal funds in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The Commissioners



# Speech

opments to look forward to in the future. I feel so lucky that I have the opportunity to work with these students.” Although the Bobcat’s formal competitive season now concludes with this tourna-

ment, the team has a lot of growth opportunities and fundraising in their future. The team hopes to host an asynchronous online tourna- ment for high school and mid- dle school competitors this

Spring and also compete in the NSDA Last Chance Qual- ifier. Finally, the Bobcats will be represented by qualifiers at the National Speech and Tournament this June in Des Moines, Iowa.

# Concessionaire

ment agreement for the Star Plunge, as well as all preceding agreements spanning over 50 years for the Star Plunge, the operator is obligated to return the premises to State Parks upon the agreements’ expiration or termination,” explains Jordan. “Additionally, it’s worth noting that in 2021, Star Plunge owner- ship had the chance to enter into a long-term lease agreement with us, but terms could not be agreed upon,” he added.

No long-term agreement has been reached between the state and the Start Plunge own- ers.

The Hot Springs Hotel and Spa has a man- agement agreement that expires on October 31, 2026. A comparable clause regarding the mandate of a request for proposal (RFP) process for concession contracts exceeding five years in duration is also present within the Hot Springs Hotel and Spa management agreement so they were included in the re- cent RFP process. Messages left with hotel management seeking comment had not been replied to at press time.

Luehne can be contacted by email at Star- plunge@gmail.com.



Bobcat Speech and Debate includes. l to r, assistant Coach Alyssa Brown, vol- unteer coach Charlie Patterson, Rosalie Willson, Riley Crowder, Chris Bapst, Luci Andreen, Annalyn Sharp, Brison Steere, Brendan Butler, Hayden Frank- lin, Zoey Larson, Ki Kraushaar, Ivey Goff, Aubriana Layman, head coach Lyle Wiley, Jackson Coates and volunteer coach Riley Jeffs.

# Public notices

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accepted the Audit Report for year-end 2023. Chairman Ryan thanked County Clerk Ker- sten for the great job she has done. A copy of the Audit Report is available for review in the Clerk’s office and online on the County website, Clerk’s page.

**Powell Minor Subdivision** – The Pub- lic Hearing was opened at 3:25 pm, after three call for public comment and receiv- ing none, the Public Hearing was closed at 3:27 pm. County Planner Les Culliton stated the Powell Minor Subdivision and Land Use Change includes the flowing: a preliminary subdivision plat, dividing 37.64 acres into five lots of various sizes, and a land use change from agricultural land use category to residential land use for all five lots. The property is described as a vacant portion of the NW ¼ of section 23, Town- ship 42 North, Range 95 West. It fronts the Southside of Rimrock Dr. CR (15-35). The Land Use Planning Board unanimously rec- ommended approval of the preliminary plat with 7 conditions as follows:

- 1) A Weed Management Plan shall be submitted for review and approval of staff. (submitted to Planner on February 16)
- 2) A fencing plan shall be submitted to County Planning Office. (submitted to Plan- ner on February 16)
- 3) This Preliminary Plat approval shall expire on year after the date of its approval. The Final Plat for this subdivision shall be submitted for the County’s review and ap- proval prior to that expiration date
- 4) Notation shall be placed on the Final Subdivision Plat stating “No Proposed Cen- tral Sewer System.”
- 5) A notation shall be placed on the Fi- nal Subdivision Plat stating that any future septic system on the residential lots must be permitted through Hot Springs County Planning Office and/or Department of En- vironmental Quality
- 6) Final plat will need to provide utility easements to each lot.
- 7) Prior to submitting the Final Plat for signature, the applicant shall contact the South Thermopolis Water and Sewer Dis- trict to provide domestic water service to the lots.

After review of the checklists the Com- missioners declared all Absolute Policies were met, and Relative Policies received the following scores: Commissioner Ryan scored a 3, Commissioner Scheel scored a 5, and Commissioner Galovich scored a 3. The Commissioners approved the Powell Minor Subdivision and Land Use Change, File 2023-08 with 7 conditions to be met.

**Porath Land Use Change** – The Public Hearing was opened at 3:40 pm, after three calls for public comment and receiving none, the Public Hearing was closed at 3:43 pm. County Planner Les Culliton stated the Po- rath Land Use Change includes 12.3 acre lot changed from Agricultural to Commer- cial for the use of short term rentals of dry cabins, with a single building housing show- ers and wash area. The subject property is described as the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 6 East. Fronting on the east side of Highway 20 South, approximately 2.8 miles North of the Fremont County line, it is addressed as 1263 Hwy 20 S. The Land Use Planning Board unanimously rec- ommended approval of this proposed Land Use Change with 7 conditions as follows:

- 1) A Weed Management Plan shall be submitted for review and approval of staff. (submitted to Planner on January 20, 2024)
- 2) The applicant shall provide for regular solid waste removal, in a covered vehicle or trailer, to an approved landfill. Containers shall be screened, covered, or protected to prevent blowing trash. (submitted to Plan- ner January 20, 2024)
- 3) Any exterior lighting shall be shielded and downcast. An exterior lighting plan shall be submitted for the review and approval of staff. This lighting plan shall provide for illumination and safety while minimizing the number, direction, and intensity of light fixtures when viewed from off site.
- 4) The applicant shall contact Thermop- olis Chamber of Commerce, to make arrange- ment to pay lodging taxes for the short-term rental of these units.
- 5) Campfires shall be allowed in United States Forest Service or similar designated fire pits, shall be used in accordance with local fire restrictions, and shall be extin-

guished by 11:00 pm.

6) Prior to renting the units, the applicant must get approval from the Wyoming De- partment of Transportation to reclassify the highway entrance as a commercial access. This is currently in the appeal process with Wyoming Department of Transportation. (submitted to Planner on January 24, 2024)

7) Prior to marketing the cabins for rent, the applicant must amend the State Engi- neer’s office permit for the existing well to reflect the change from single-family resi- dential use to a commercial activity. If no well permit exists, one must be applied for. (no well on property, surface water rights)

A letter was provided from a State ap- proved engineer regarding the septic system stating it is designated and in functional condition. Commissioner Scheel confirmed the singular bath house on the property and inquired about the electrical Fire Marshal inspection, stating it may need to be looked into. After review of the checklists the Com- missioners declared all Absolute Policies were met, and Relative Policies received the following scores: Commissioner Ryan scored a 5, Commissioner Scheel scored a 5 and Commissioner Galovich scored a 2. The Commissioners approved the Porath Land Use Change, File 2023-09, with 7 con- ditions to be met.

**Budget Amendment Fiscal Year 2023-24** – The Public Hearing for the Bud- get Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 was opened at 3:55 pm, Chairman Ryan requested County Clerk Kersten to explain the Budget Amendments. Clerk Kersten ex- plained approximately \$47,000 was trans- ferred out of the special projects manage- ment line item and into the following line items: \$7,000 into the Clerk’s line item for a new copier, \$26,501 was transferred into the Planner’s line item to cover payroll, \$11,850 was moved to Arcasearch line item for unexpected recordings, \$2,486 went into Emergency Expenditures line item. Clerk Kersten went on to state unanticipated revenues received included: \$2,504 of K9 donations will go to the Sheriff’s line item, \$1,129 was a State reimbursement for the community breakfast, and \$3,248 for State funding election training. The Vaccine fund will be increased by \$49,000 and is funded by vaccine billing. After three calls for pub- lic comment and receiving none, the Public Hearing was closed at 4:00 pm. The Com- missioners approved for all three Commis- sioners to sign **Resolution & Order 2024-04, of the Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment No. 1.**

**Wyoming County Commissioners As- sociation Legislative Meeting Update** – The Commissioners went to Cheyenne last week (February 13-16) for the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) Legislative meeting. The conference started with a bill review committee, to look over proposed legislative bills. This year property tax was a hot topic. Chairman Ryan spec- ified, property taxes are not paid to the State, all funds go to the local governments. On February 15, a dinner was put on by Park County for the Bighorn Basin County rep- resentatives and legislators. The last day of the conference consisted of educational presentations from 211, coalition building and Human Resources programs from dif- ferent counties.

**Emergency Management Report** – Re- port included working with Aimee Kay for the school district evacuation plans at all three sites. In January Mrs. Conrad went to Carbon County for a training on how to set up an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Mrs. Conrad would like to have the EOC building set up and ready to go in case of an emergency. Mrs. Conrad will be partici- pating in trainings in the next few months.

**Resolution #2024-05 Statement of Investment Policy Per Wyoming State Statute 9-4-831(h)** – County Treasurer Mortimore presented Resolution No. 2024-05, Statement of Investment Policy, which needs to be presented every year. The poli- cy explains financial accounting procedures for the County Commissioners, Clerk and Treasurer. The Commissioners approved all three Commissioners signature on **Resolu- tion No. 2024-05 A Resolution Autho- rizing Hot Springs County to Adopt a Statement of Investment Policy for Calendar Year 2024.** Commissioner Scheel appreciates the resolution and the invest-

ment policy.

**Other Business** – 1) Appointment of Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center (BHBNDCC) Board Member – The Com- missioners appointed Joe Moon to the BHBNDCC Joint Powers Board. 2) Request for Appro- val of State-Wide Shooting Complex Letter of Interest – No motion is needed from the Commissioners, a special thanks was given to Shurie Scheel and Meri Ann Dorman for the work they put into this Letter of Inter- est. 3) Request for Ratification of WYDOT Aeronautics, Wyoming Airport Improvement Program Certificate of State Grant-in-Aid in the Amount of \$5,943 (\$4,754.40 paid by WYDOT; \$1,188.60 paid by County) – The Commissioners ratified the Agreement for the 2024 NAVAID Maintenance, that was signed by Chairman Ryan in the Black Cat system.

**Correspondence** – 1) **Western Inter- state Region Conference** – May 8-10, 2024; 2) **Thrive Thermopolis Meeting** – February 29th at 6:00 pm; 3) **Hot Springs County Fairboard Agenda and Minutes** – February and January 2024; 4) **The Sa- fari Club Announcement** – New Hours; 5) **Bureau of Reclamation Announce- ment** – Snowmelt Forecast for Bighorn River Basin; 6) **Bureau of Reclamation Announcement** – Snowmelt Forecast for North Platter River Basin; 7) **Natural Re- sources Planning Committee Minutes** – January 2024; 8) **Land Use Planning Commission Agenda** – February 2024

The Commissioners reviewed the forgo- ing correspondence. No further action was required.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on March 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person or stream online. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners at connie. guntly@hscounty.com. Per Wyoming Statute section 18-3-516 (f), County information can be obtained at the County website https:// hscounty.com/ or by requesting a Public Re- cords form from the County Clerk’s office.

Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman	Becky Kersten, County Clerk
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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on March 5, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Ad- ministrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Officer Dood Jaussaud and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

**AGENDA:** Following the pledge of alle- giance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions: the executive session minutes from February 20, 2024, and a fence right-of-way permit.

**MINUTES:** Malloy made a motion, sec- onded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from February 6, and 20, 2024 and the executive session min- utes from February 20, 2024.

**BILLS:** Malloy made a motion, second- ed by Dorman and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for February 2024. Hughes abstained from the approval of her mileage reimbursement.

**MAYOR ESTENSON STATEMENT:** Es- tenson read a statement that it was his deci- sion to release portions of Sargent Mascor- ro’s body cam footage from April 28, 2023, the intent was to include pertinent footage and to cut down on viewing time. The DCI report and media coverage had previously covered the day. The remaining footage will be released after all the other public records requests have been fulfilled. He also offered that if any member of the public wanted to view all the April 28, 2023 footage, to make a request at Town Hall and a time will be

scheduled.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** The follow- ing individuals spoke: Amanda Coxbill asked about planting trees in Family Park and was directed to place her request on the agenda. John Waid noted he was in total support of Mike Mascorro and asked why he wasn’t back on the force. Jason Kruger noted he was a sober meth user and stood with Mike. Kimberly Little stated she supported Mike in law enforcement. Caleb Howe suggested if people don’t like the laws, then work with the legislature to change the law, he is also in favor of Mike. Darren Butcher noted there were 4-5 meth houses in his neighborhood, 8 years ago. His area has been transformed and he urged peace on both sides. Tony Ne- whouse thanked the mayor and council for continued work on the issue and noted he supports Mike. Estenson noted no decision has been made about returning Mascorro to the field, as the process is ongoing, and the town is waiting on other parties.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** The Po- lice report, the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill re- ports and Engineering reports were avail- able for review.

**CODES: FENCE RIGHT-OF-WAY PER- MIT 504 FREMONT:** Jeunehomme pre- sented a fence right-of-way permit request for four-foot chain link and a four-foot wood fence for 504 Fremont. He noted the fence met all the requirements and does not im- pede visibility. Dorman made a motion, sec- onded by Malloy and carried to approve the fence right-of-way permit.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL:** Additional discus- sion ensued on streaming meetings, the text- my-gov app, work sessions and the district WAM meetings. Malloy made a motion, sec- onded by Hughes and carried to adjourn at 7:39 pm. The next Council meeting is March 19, 2024, at 7pm.

**BILLS:** AFLAC, Insurance, \$113.12; American Welding & Gas, Rental & Gas, \$219.87; BCN, Phone, \$104.09; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$58.25; Big Horn Htg, Fur- nace, \$6,138.00; Canyon Concrete, 57 rock, \$1,800.00; Carquest, Supplies, \$1,943.23; Caselle, Support, \$773.00; Discover Ther- mopolis, Postage, \$127.06; Energy Labs, Service, \$2,566.00; Engineering Assoc., Ser- vice, \$8,289.46; Fastenal, Parts, \$195.39; Fed Ex, Shipping, \$358.98; Ferguson Wa- terworks, Meter, \$1,071.60; Galls, Belt, \$25.97; Grainger, Grinder, \$92.92; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$890.00; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$365.87; HSC, Phone, \$46.42; HSC Fire District, Snow Removal, \$990.00; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$4,814.94; HSC Treasurer, Fees, \$132.08; HTO Chemical, Service, \$253.00; Rachel Hughes, Mileage, \$412.86; IR, Legal Ads, \$979.20; Inland Truck, Part, \$18.80; In- surance Trust, Premiums, \$35,464.00; Jadeco, Service, \$3,266.14; Jake Bigelow Photography, Web-cams, \$1,200.00; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law, Ser- vice, \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Limb Walkers, Service, \$50.00; Motorola, ½ Console Service, \$6,771.62; Murdoch, Diesel, \$6,223.12; Napa – River- ton, Parts, \$1,760.04; Napa-Worland, Parts, \$344.13; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$208.00; Nor- mont, Asphalt, \$4,709.00; One Call, Fees, \$28.00; O’Reilly, Parts, \$83.03; Peterbilt, Air Dryer, \$2,240.76; Postmaster, Postage, \$618.47; Range, Service, \$556.94; Riverton Tire, Recaps, \$2,218.59; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$16,232.90; Russell Industries, Re- pairs, \$6,651.30; Staples, Supplies, \$322.52; Thermopolis Hardware, Parts, \$58.98; TOT General, Labor, \$3,490.00; TOT Office, Pet- ty Cash, \$37.00; TOT, Depreciation & Utili- ties, \$71,385.75; Tractor & Equip. Parts, \$788.98; Tumbleweed, Propane, \$89.50; Verizon, Phone, \$470.60; Visa, Supplies, \$1,554.14; VSP, Insurance, \$275.93; Wil- liams Law Office, Service, \$570.00; Work- force Services, Workers Comp., \$2,422.75; WY First Aid, Supplies, \$21.06; WY Gas, Ser- vice, \$4,009.74; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$23,230.54; WY.Com, Service, \$205.00; Pay- roll, \$94,471.81; Payroll Taxes, \$30,327.80.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer	Adam R. Estenson, Mayor
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