

Baby buffalo arrives unexpectedly

by Cindy Glasson
The crews in Hot Springs State Park were a bit surprised to find a new baby buffalocal in the T-Hill pasture on Thanksgiving.

Normally, buffalo calves and other young critters are born in the spring, some as late as June, but this little fellow was way behind the others. According to Park Superintendent Kevin Skates, this particular buffalo typically has a late cycle and has given birth later than the others, one on 9-11 and even one in October, but never this late. Skates says mama and baby are both doing well, after all, he has a coat made for this weather, so there is no plan to bring them down into the main pasture or into the barns in the park. Four or five buffalo calves were recently brought here from Bear River State Park in preparation for the annual calf sale. Skates said those calves, along with five from our herd, will be up for sale this year. Bid packets for the animals should be available sometime in mid-December and will need to be returned the first part of January.



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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE STATE BATH HOUSE HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK AT HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0277483 between the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources and Rawhide Mechanical, Inc., whose address is P.O. Box 806, Cody, Wyoming 82414 for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the State Bath House HVAC Unit Replacement Project, Bid 0367-C, Hot Springs State Park, Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on December 26, 2018. The date of the first publication is November 15, 2018.

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**HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
415 Springview Street
Thermopolis, WY 82443**

INVITATION TO BID

HSCSD1 - THERMOPOLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Hot Springs County School District No. 1, 415 Springview Street, Thermopolis, WY, will receive sealed bids for this project to the date and time as stated below:

BID OPENING
DECEMBER 13, 2018 @ 1:30 PM
BOARD ROOM of the ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
415 SPRINGVIEW STREET, THERMOPOLIS, WY 82443

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING
Attendance Is Mandatory for All Prime Bidders
NOVEMBER 29, 2018 @ 1:00 PM
MEETING LOCATION:
CONFERENCE ROOM
THERMOPOLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
1450 VALLEYVIEW DRIVE
THERMOPOLIS, WY 82443

Drawings, Specifications, and Bid Forms are available after November 21, 2018 at: Wyoming School Facilities Division (<http://sfd.wyo.gov/projects-2/project-bid-information>).
The QuestCDN Project Number is 5974400.

Wyoming resident contractor preference will be given, according to Wyoming State Statute.

The Hot Springs County School District No. 1 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in biddings.

Dustin Hunt
HSCSD #1 Superintendent
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting authority to

modify the avoided cost methodology and reduce the contract term of its Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with Qualifying Facilities (QFs), as more fully described below:

RMP is a public utility, as defined by Wyo. Stat. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-2-112.

On November 2, 2018, the Company submitted an Application together with testimony and exhibits requesting authority to modify the avoided cost methodology and reduce the contract term of its PURPA PPAs with QFs. Specifically, RMP requests the Commission issue an order: (i) approving a reduction of the maximum contract term of prospective PPAs with QFs under the PURPA of 1978 to seven years; (ii) modifying the Partial Displacement Differential Revenue Requirement methodology the Company uses to set avoided costs under Wyoming Schedule 38; (iii) to use the PD-DRR to set rates under Schedule 37; (iv) revising the on-peak and off-peak definitions in Schedule 37; and, (v) modifying both Schedules 37 and 38 to improve the pricing and PPA negotiation process.

According to RMP, the change to QF PPA term length and the avoided cost changes proposed by the Company in this Application are not mutually exclusive. Instead, they operate as a package that, if approved, will help ensure that the Company's ratepayers do not pay more than the Company's avoided costs, while still giving QFs a fair opportunity to finance their projects and sell power to the Company. The Commission's ability to adjust the avoided cost methodology, and contract terms are the key tools FERC provided Wyoming to ensure that PURPA is implemented in a manner that remains just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. Interested persons may inspect the entire Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before December 27, 2018. 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.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or you wish to file a public comment, statement, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact 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 also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-545-ET-18 in your communications.

Dated: November 29, 2018.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SPECTRUM TV LINEUP

Communities Served: County of Hot Springs; Towns of East Thermopolis and Thermopolis WY. Effective on or after January 4, 2019, Star India will cease providing programming to Spectrum for the following channels: Star Plus on South Asian View channel 291 and Star Plus HD on South Asian View channel 760. For a current channel lineup, visit www.Spectrum.com/channels. To view this notice online, visit www.Spectrum.net/programmingnotices.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mountain Construction Co., on behalf of landowners Howard and Belenda Willson, has requested a Land Use Change to reclassify approximately 15.0 acres from **Agricultural to Industrial** to allow the following

- A gravel pit;
- Gravel crushing;
- A hot mix plant.

The subject property consists of Gov't Lots 2 and 3, Section 6, Township 44 North, Range 94 West. Fronting on the north side of Sprowl Road, 2,500 feet west of Hwy. 20 N, approximately eight miles north of Thermopolis, it is addressed as 810 Sprowl Rd.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Annex Building. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864-2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: County Planning, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at hscplanner@hscounty.com.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Hot Springs County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., local time, 1/4/19 at the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for **MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF WYDOT-HRRR 0.0 CN17504 GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION PROJECT**. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from \$90,000 to \$110,000. All bids publicly opened and read aloud 10:05 A.M., local time 1/4/19 at the Commissioners meeting room in Hot Springs County Annex, 117 N. 4th Street. Mail or deliver to Hot Springs County. Hot Springs County will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com and at eaengineers.com under **PROJECTS OUT TO BID**. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for \$20 by imputing Quest project #6035462 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Hot Springs County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Pre-bid meeting held at 10:00 A.M. local time, on 12/21/18 at Hot Springs County Annex, 117 N. 4th Street.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2018

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY
/s/ owner

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 20, 2018 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Dusty Lewis, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr. and Bill Malloy. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Steven Shay, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Town Attorney Mike Messenger and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett. Mayor Mike Mortimore was absent. **AGENDA:** Following the pledge of allegiance,

Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda with the following additions under Citizen Participation: Michael Wright – Town Audit presentation and Bengel Brown – Wild Turkeys.

RESOLUTION 546: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 546, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for October 2018.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MICHAEL WRIGHT: 2018 AUDIT RESULTS: Wright presented a brief synopsis of the audit. The opinion letter notes the June 30, 2018 financial statement presents fairly the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities and aggregate remaining fund information for the Town. Wright noted the Internal Control report lists the lack of segregation of duties as a significant deficiency. The report notes that it is impractical for the Town to employ sufficient staff to achieve adequate segregation of duties at all times. Wright emphasized the importance of oversight by the Mayor and Council. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to accept the 2018 audit.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: BENGE BROWN: WILD TURKEYS: Brown provided background information on the turkeys and noted the game and fish department does not pay for damage to personal property. He offered several suggestions to disrupt the turkeys as they roost. Discussion ensued with Kevin Simpson on options to disrupt the roosting turkeys. Simpson was granted permission by the police department to use pop bottle rockets to scare the roosting turkeys.

ENGINEER: LANDFILL SURVEY UPDATE: Barnett noted the landfill settlement survey was completed. The current cell (nine) has 34 feet at the back of the cell before it is at capacity.

ENGINEER: TREATED WATER PROJECT: Barnett noted Wilson Brothers requested substantial completion on the water project.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: Nothing at this time.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Crosby noted due to a bad year, the town received a 26% increase on the renewal. He noted the employees deductible will be raised. Larson made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to raise the deductible from \$500 to \$1,500 for a single and \$1,000 to \$3,000 on family coverage. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: IT CONTRACT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a two-year IT contract with Mike Mortimore for \$300/month.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Lewis noted he would like to re-visit the snow removal policy. At 7:45pm the Mayor and Council entered into executive session for litigation as allowed under Wyoming statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). At 8:31 pm the council meeting resumed. Larson made a motion seconded by Lewis and carried to send a letter to the County to being negotiations on the JLE contract (expiring December 31, 2018). The meeting then adjourned. The next Council meeting is December 4, 2018 at 7pm.

ATTEST:
Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Mortimore, Mayor
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SPECTRUM TV SERVICE

Effective on or after January 8, 2019, EPIX will be available for subscription only as an a la carte service. For more information, or to add EPIX as an a la carte service, call 1-855-70-Spectrum. To view a current Spectrum channel lineup visit www.spectrum.com/channels. To view this notice online visit www.spectrum.net/programmingnotices.

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