

Candidates

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munity to survive.”

Michael Byrd knows our state is currently seeing revenue shortfalls and Hot Springs County is facing this, too. He believes the people deserve a transparent government that works for the people. He added, “If I personally benefit, or any of my businesses, I shouldn’t be standing here running. We need to bring businesses back to our community.”

Phil Scheel says he is passionate about Hot Springs County, passionate about Wyoming and he definitely sees us facing some economic, medical and other tragedies. He said, “It is our job to implement the rules. We are an extension of the state and we have the best opportunity to take the ideas to the state legislature.”

Question: What is your goal for the next four years?

Scheel – Its extremely broad. I think we deal with more issues than any other entity. We cover county roads, we take care of indigent burials, manage the airport, which is one of the best small airports in the state, and have a relationship with the town, solid waste programs, the DEQ and a pile of other things to take care of.

Byrd – The biggest thing is the budget shortfalls. We need to take a couple of steps ahead, check costs like what is it costing us down the road and stay away from wasteful spending.

Fruciano – I want to try to bring the community together. We’re the second smallest county in the state, we all know each other and hate seeing differences of opinions pulling us apart. We need better communication and more information for the people and I want to be an advocate for the people. Together we have a lot more power.

School Board

Will Farrell says his in-

terest in being on the school board stems from his passion for kids. He has volunteered in many youth activities and sees the kids struggles and successes. He has been witness to some of the controversies and wants to help with improving things. He said he feels the board does a good job and doesn’t want to change what they’re doing, he just wants to help. He has taught in private school so he understands the dynamics with teachers, students and parents and would like to help improve some of those interactions.

Joe Martinez is currently on the board and believes our kids are the most important part of our community. He said we need to give them the keys to success and every person is important for the community to thrive. “We need to give them every opportunity to do what they want to do, be who they want to be,” he added. He admits its not always an easy decision process and it takes a lot of time and effort on the board, but “we don’t get paid for it other than the joy of watching them walk across the stage at graduation.”

Sherman Skelton has been on the curriculum coordinating council, which he says has given him a better idea of the strategies the teachers use. He’s trying to be a good student himself, learning how the district runs on a daily basis. He understands not all their decisions are popular, but he leans to the analytical and fact based side of things while keeping it good for the students. He said, “There will seldom be seven people approaching the problem with the same strategy and we need to use that as a strength to give our students the best education possible.”

Nichole Weyer said she truly enjoys working with the students as well as our state, local and national level. The

education her children have received in this community is wonderful and she is proud of that. Looking at the budget shortfalls, she said we need to have good representation on our boards to ensure we’re funded, and funded well, that we should have an equitable education for our students like those in bigger cities like Casper or Cheyenne. “It is important for us to continue to provide music and trades,” she said, knowing the financial downfalls in the state are going to be a big issue for education.

Question: How are you going to address budget cuts?

Weyer - I think that the perception is that schools are overfunded and encourage you to talk to me any time about what we have faced. We’re trying to keep things going without the children being affected. Our budget is going to take a huge hit and the coming years. We were asked to cut 10-percent, which we have already done, and now we need to cut more. It will eventually affect our students. Our teachers are very underpaid in Wyoming. They work their tails off and I can say we have the best staff in the state and they deserve all we can give them.

Skelton – I have two students in the district now. When COVID hit my students didn’t like their teacher, but I learned the value of teachers and all they go through. Through adversity comes opportunity and last year we did our best. The most meaningful thing we can have is talks with our legislators. We can’t come to a solution without reaching out and asking. We’ve been looking at projections for years, so we’ve been making adjustments as we could to try to stay ahead of the game.

Martinez – We have made cuts year after year. It may not seem like it, but where

we’ve benefited is student numbers. What we get is based on a three-year average of the number of students, so we have to make those cuts very carefully. I will advocate working with the legislators, calling and emailing. We’re all working together to do what’s best for our kids, but if they don’t know our community, they can’t see where we’re using those funds to the best of our ability. For us, its always kids first.

Farrell – I don’t have the history of understanding what they’ve dealt with in the past, but do know things are going to get even more pinched the way our economy is. The tax revenue isn’t going to be there and it has a trickle down effect. You can’t squeeze blood from a turnip, so its going to take some good thought, good leadership and maybe other ways of looking to raise some funds to continue to keep things going.

Town Council

Bradyn Harvey is running for Thermopolis Town Council. He is running because he cares deeply about the wellbeing of Thermopolis. He wants to help it and its small businesses in any way he can. Harvey said, “I am hardworking and worked in the oil fields for 10 years, which forged my work ethic. And I hold myself to the highest integrity. I do whatever I say I’m going to do.”

Harvey said that he is for small government and believes that the local government needs to be efficient, transparent and fiscally responsible. He said he understands finances and has managed large budgets.

Harvey held two small protests in the downtown this summer to gain the attention of the governor to reopen the economy. Also, Harvey and his brother put on the demolition derby in order to help the community and its businesses, many of whom spon-

sored the event. Harvey said that they weren’t expecting a profit but did and gave it back to locals and the schools.

Bill Malloy is up for reelection as a town council member. He is a Wyoming native who has been in Thermopolis for 55 years. He was born and raised in Laramie and graduated from the University of Wyoming. He taught music in Thermopolis for 42 years and was a substitute teacher for 14 years. He was the mayor for eight years. Malloy said, “I have a great knowledge of working with six million dollar budgets with the town. We have gone through many cutbacks. We went through six years of cutting 10 percent a year every year, and we managed to never lay anybody off and keep things moving.”

Malloy said, “I am a Christian, a constitutional conservative Republican, and proud of that. I’m running on experience. I have more experience right now than anyone on the council. Knowledge, quality leadership, dedication to the Town of Thermopolis. We need to keep continuity, especially in these tough times on budget cuts.”

Dusty Lewis is also up for reelection as a town council member and was not present for the event.

United States Senator

Merav Ben-David is running for U.S. Senator for Wyoming and she sees our young people getting the best education we can give them. As a professor and researcher for the University of Wyoming for 21 years though, she said those students are facing a cliff – no opportunities, a narrow economy and no job prospects. She said we are at a crossroads and can continue in the same rut and run off the cliff or we can take a different direction. She wants to improve infrastructure, healthcare, access to healthcare, education and

a real equality state. “My vision is based on facts that are science based and will bring a new future to Wyoming,” she said.

Cynthia Lummis was not in attendance, however she did send a letter, read by Mike Baker, saying its time to get our economy back on track. She would like to see expanding energy production and truly understands the tremendous challenges our farmers and ranchers have been facing. Getting policy in place so they may sell their products directly to the consumer is something she plans on working toward as well as working tirelessly, fighting for Wyoming’s people.

United States Representative

Richard Brubaker talked about several of the things he’s running on including being anti-war. He believes we need to stop wasting money on wars and bring our soldiers home. He would like to see a budget-based free healthcare system, as well. As a taxi driver in Riverton he said he sees a lot of drugs and alcohol everywhere and this “is not working for us. We have more people living off welfare. We need jobs. I look at the mountains every morning and wonder what collateral we have to pay off our massive national debt and all I can think of is our massive public lands.”

Jeff Haggitt grew up in Michigan and has been on several councils over the years. He says our rights have been chipped away at, little by little and its horrendous how many we’ve given up in the interest of security. He believes our debt is outrageous, is against mandated vaccines and believes we should make our own decisions what goes into our bodies.

Liz Cheney and Lynnette Grey Bull were not in attendance but will also appear on the ballot.

Public notices

Notice of application: Retail Liquor License – Transfer

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of September 2020, Big Spring Spa Inc. filed an application to transfer a Retail Liquor License in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Thermopolis for the following building 115 E. Park Street and protests, if there be any, against the transfer of such license will be heard at the hour of 7:00pm on the 6th day of October, 2020, in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY.

Tracey Van Heule,
Clerk/Treasurer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 1 of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, the Town of Thermopolis has submitted a low hazard and low volume permit application for the Thermopolis LHLV Transfer Station.

This facility provides for the transfer, treatment, and storage of municipal solid waste which have been generated within the Town of Thermopolis, the Town of East Thermopolis, the Town of Kirby, and within the unincorporated areas of Hot Springs County. The 10-acre facility is located 3-miles north of Thermopolis. More specifically, this facility is located in the S 1/2NW1/4 of Section 25, T43N, R95W, in Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The volumetric capacity of this facility is estimated to be 50 cubic yards per day of municipal solid waste. The life of the facility is indefinite.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division (DEQ) has determined that the permit application is generally complete and technically adequate. DEQ’s solid waste rules require that the applicant must provide public notice that a proposed permit has been issued, and inform the public that there is an opportunity to comment on the proposed permit before it is issued in final form. The notice is also required to indicate that the public may file formal written objections to issuance of a final permit. This publication provides notice of those opportunities.

Copies of the permit application, the DEQ’s review of the application, and the proposed permit can be viewed at DEQ’s Casper office 152 North Durbin Street, Suite

100, Casper, WY.

Any interested person has the right to either: provide comments on the proposed permit, which DEQ will consider prior to taking final action on the permit application, or file formal written objections to the proposed permit. The period for providing comments, or filing formal written objections to the proposed permit, shall begin on **September 24, 2020** and end on **October 30, 2020**. Any comments or formal written objections must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments or formal objections must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Todd Parfitt, Director, 200 West 17th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Formal written objections must be accompanied by a statement of the facts upon which the objection is based. If substantial written objections are filed, a contested case hearing may be held by the Environmental Quality Council.

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CORRECTION. QUESTION NUMBER 2 PARI-MUTAL WAGERING: THE STATUTE NUMBERS SHOULD BE W.S.11-25-101 THROUGH W.S. 11-25-113.

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Airport Master Plan Meeting
Public Notice

The Hot Springs County Airport (HSG) is beginning the process to update their Airport Master Plan. The first of five public meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hot Springs County Annex Meeting Room, 117 N. 4th Street in Thermopolis. More information about the Airport Master Plan is available by contacting Traci Hodgins at T-O Engineers at 307.587.3411 or thodgins@to-engineers.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Dale & Sue Jackson propose to vacate the 2012 “Amended Plat of the Sable Run

Subdivision,” which changed the configuration of Tracts 12 and 13 of Sable Run. This proposal would return these two tracts to their original configuration. The subject property consists of Tracts 12A and 13A of the Amended Plat of Sable Run Subdivision. Tract 13 contains a residence addressed as 376 Rimrock Dr.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 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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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
OF) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) September 15, 2020

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Phillip Scheel, Tom Ryan and Jack Baird. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, County Clerk Rose DeSeyn, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Scheel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with the following changes: ADD: Other Business 3. Library Roof Project Update; 4. Real Estate Voucher.

Youth Alternatives Monthly Report – There are seventeen participants this month – ten males and seven females. Four juveniles are transitioning to Juvenile court, and two adults are entering the jail system. The Alive at 25 class was held on September 11th. There were fifteen participants, including four from out of county. Consideration is being given to adding a mandatory class regarding the legal process for all participants. Community service projects over the last month include serving 125 meals at the Fly-In, wrapping up the Community Garden project, and mowing. The Community Food Basket program for the holidays is beginning to gear up

Resolution 2020-07 Concerning County Health Orders – After discussion with the County Health Officer, the Incident Com-

mand and Mary Gordon, the Commissioners elected to table this resolution until and if further action is required.

Hot City Outdoor Alliance – The Commissioners agreed to provide a letter of support for the Hot City Outdoor Alliance’s grant application for funding to construct Roundtop Trail. Wade Lippincott indicated that the HCOA is the point of contact for any issues that might arise in regard to the park and the trails.

Arcasearch Proposal – Phase 1 – The Commissioners approved Proposal #042020P1V3a from Arcasearch for the digital preservation of historical county documents in the amount of \$29,985.00, and also a \$600.00 increase in the annual maintenance fee.

Natural Resource Plan Third Party Consultant Discussion – The Planner indicated he did not feel there was a need to involve a third-party consultant in the Natural Resource Plan review at this time.

Other Business – Appoint Board Members – Dick Hall was appointed to the Museum Board and Dave Voorhees was appointed to the Natural Resource Planning Board.

Ratify Payroll Check – The Chief Deputy Clerk presented a payroll check for ratification by the Commissioners. The check recipient had neglected to notify the payroll office of a change in his banking information, so the check was returned and had to be reissued. The Commissioners ratified the issuance of the payroll check outside of the regular payroll. **Library Roof Project Update** – The Commissioners approved a proposal from Jadeco for outdoor building lighting and installation of 5 GFCI exterior outlets in the soffits on the library. **Real Estate Voucher** – The Commissioners approved a voucher for the purchase of the Axtell property upon presentation with final cost figures.

Correspondence – Fair Board Minutes – August, 2020

Executive Session – Real Estate – The Commissioners entered into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate matters at 4:22 p.m. The Commissioners left Executive Session and entered back into Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest

Phillip Scheel, Chairman
Rose DeSeyn, County Clerk
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