

STATE OF WYOMING ) OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY OF ) BOARD OF  
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HOT SPRINGS ) COMMISSIONERS  
November 17, 2020

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Philip 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 addition of John Gerrells at 3:10 p.m. for a discussion about the Fair Grounds Multi-Purpose Building roof.

**Executive Session – Personnel** – The Commissioners entered into Executive Session for Personnel reasons at 3:03 p.m. The Commissioners entered back into regular session at 3:10 p.m. The Public Health Nurse Manager was then granted permission to continue the Maternal Child Health Nurse position as a full-time position, with 32 hours/week funded by the MCH State grant and 8 hours/week to come from Prevention funds.

**Public Health Contact Tracer Contract** – The Commissioners approved a contract between HSC Public Health Department and Lonnie Gerharter for assistance with contract tracing of SARS-CoV2 within Hot Springs County. Mr. Gerharter will be considered an Independent Contractor under the terms of this agreement and will be paid from the Public Health COVID grant funds.

**Fair Grounds Multi-Purpose Building Roof Discussion** – Fair Grounds manager John Gerrells appeared before the Commissioners to discuss cracks that have appeared in the spray foam insulation in the Multi-Purpose building roof due to expansion / contraction of the metal roof. Several options for repairs were discussed. Mr. Gerrells will investigate those options and inform the Commissioners when repairs have been made.

**COVID-19 Update** – County Health Officer Vern Miller and members of the Incident Command appeared before the Commissioners to give an update on the pandemic situation in Hot Springs County. As of today, there are 27 active cases of the virus in the County. Four pallets of PPE supplies were delivered to the Pioneer Home, TRCC and the hospital today. The Superintendent of Schools has moved all Hot Springs County Schools to distance learning due to the number of teachers either ill or under quarantine. School is expected to resume in person on Wednesday, December 2nd, subject to a review of the situation at that time. Dr. Miller informed the Commissioners that a group of County Health Officers have sent a letter

to Governor Gordon requesting a statewide mask mandate. A response to this request is expected early this week. The Commissioners did not endorse a mask mandate for Hot Springs County at this time.

**Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant Application – Roundtop Trails Project** – MeriAnn Rush, representing the Hot City Outdoor Alliance, appeared before the Commissioners requesting sponsorship for a grant application to the Land & Water Conservation Fund for a \$25,000 grant to partially fund the group's Roundtop Trails project. The Commissioners expressed a willingness to consider sponsoring the grant, but asked Ms. Rush to clarify what grant assurances would be required and return to the December 1st meeting for further consideration of County sponsorship for the grant.

**Other Business – FY2020 SF-425 – FAA Annual Financial Report** – The Commissioners approved the chairman's signature on the Annual Federal Financial Report # FY-2020 SF-425 to be submitted to the FAA by T-O Engineers. **WARM Hail Claims Update** – WARM has released a partial payment for hail damage repairs completed to date. The claim will remain open for further submissions until all the roof repairs are completed.

**Correspondence – Fair Board Minutes** – October, 2020.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was declared adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

	Attest
Phillip Scheel, Chairman	Rose DeSeyn, County Clerk
Pub. Dec. 4, 2020	No. 8871

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, Rules and Regulations, Chapter 12, Section 2.c., the Administrator of the Land Quality, Division hereby gives notice that on November 20, 2020, the Annual Report for the Spring Gulch Coal Company, Grass Creek Mine, Wyoming Permit No. PT0211-T7, located approximately 2 miles west-south-west from Grass Creek, WY, was filed with the Division. All interested person(s) may review the annual report at the following locations. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality  
Land Quality Division  
200 W. 17th St.  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality  
Land Quality Division  
2100 West 5th St.  
Sheridan, WY 82801

The renewal bond for area and incremental calculations will be determined for the coming year. Interested persons may submit information relating to the bond amounts within thirty (30) days of this notice. This information may be submitted to Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division, 200 W. 17th St., Cheyenne, WY 82002. This information, together with information submitted by the operator and developed by the Division, shall be considered by the Administrator and Director in setting bond amounts.

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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session November 17, 2020 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members John Dorman Sr. and Bill Malloy. Councilmen Tony Larson and Dusty Lewis were present via Zoom. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle, Police Chief Julie Mathews, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller.

**AGENDA:** Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda as written.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the financial statement for October 2020.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MICHAEL WRIGHT: TOWN AUDIT RESULTS:** Wright was not in attendance due to COVID concerns. Van Heule noted the audit is like prior years, with the only comment being the lack of segregation of duties and emphasized the importance of oversight by the Mayor and Council. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to accept the 2020 audit.

**ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT:** Barnett noted the firm is working on the state engineers water report.

**TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSENGER: FIRST READING – CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES:** Messenger read the ordinance which adds new ordinances and repeals some prior code. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading of the ordinance.

**ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: DISCOVERY CENTER JPB APPOINTMENT:** Crosby noted he is still waiting on paperwork from Joe Moon, whom the County

appointed to one of the joint positions. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to appoint Jeb Schenck to the Discovery Center Joint Powers Board. The appointment will expire at the end of 2023.

**ADMINISTRATION: POLICE VEHICLE BID AWARD:** Crosby noted the following five bids were received: Performance Automotive-2021 Explorer, \$33,375; Bob Re-wart Motors-2021 Dodge Pursuit, \$31,000; Ken Graff-2021 Dodge Pursuit, \$30,820; Greiner Ford-2021 Ford Explorer, \$33,222 and Fremont-Riverton-2021 Chevy Tahoe, \$37,473. Messenger noted vehicles are not included in the 10% residency. Larson made a motion and Dorman seconded to accept the low bid from Ken Graff, if delivery was included in the bid price. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION: DEQ PERMIT:** Crosby noted a permit with 7 conditions was received for a transfer station. Additional discussion ensued on revising hours and days at the Landfill, to allow for two employees on duty.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER:** Chimenti noted the Golf Board minutes were available. He also summarized a meeting with Dr. Miller and the increasing COVID cases. Mayor Chimenti asked for people to wear masks and noted Town Hall would be open by appointment. Staff will be available as normal. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 and the next Council meeting is December 1, 2020 at 7pm.

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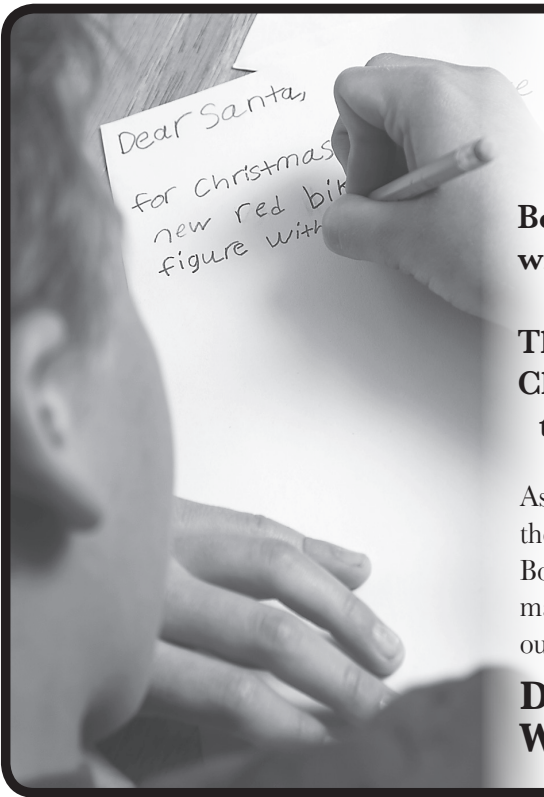
Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer	Mike Chimenti, Mayor
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sharon Love proposes to change the land use category of a one-acre parcel from the Industrial category to the Residential category. The subject property is a one-acre portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 43 North, Range 95 West. It was formerly known as the site of Rollins Construction and Logging.

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 16, 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 hseplanner@hscounty.com.

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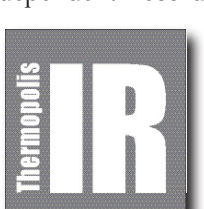


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Ask your parents or teacher to help you mail them to Santa Claus, c/o Independent Record, Box 31 or drop them in the mailbox located outside our office at 431 Broadway.

**Deadline: 5 p.m. Wed., Dec. 16**



**HOT SPRINGS COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDED BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a public hearing will be held at the Thermopolis Fire Department, 400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming on December 8th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., on the amended budget for the Hot Springs County Rural Fire District, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, when and where anyone may appear and be heard on said budget summary.

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*For questions please contact Bank of Thermopolis directly at 864-3787*

**Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays**