

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

2. On April 17, 2023, RMP filed an Application requesting authority to revise rates pursuant to two different rate schedules. The Company proposes to increase its Tariff Schedule 95 Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM) rates by approximately \$50.3 million to recover deferred NPC. The Company also proposes to decrease its Tariff Schedule 93 REC and SO2 Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RRA) rates by approximately \$1.5 million to account for sales of RECs and SO2 emission allowances. The Company requests interim approval of the proposed rates effective for usage on and after July 1, 2022, subject to further review.

3. The following table summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. The combined effect of the 2023 RRA and ECAM in this Application represents an overall proposed rate increase of approximately \$48.8 million or approximately 7.4 percent.

<b>Residential</b>	
Schedules 2, 19	4.9%
<b>General Service</b>	
Schedule 25	5.4%
Scheduled 28, 29	6.7%
<b>Large General Service</b>	
Schedule 33	7.8%
Schedule 46	8.1%
Schedule 48T	8.9%
<b>Irrigation</b>	
Schedule 40	6.3%
Schedule 210	6.2%
<b>Lighting Schedules</b>	
Schedule 15	4.6%
Schedule 51	2.9%
Schedule 54	9.5%
Schedule 58	11.3%
<b>Overall</b>	7.4%

4. 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 offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or on line at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17279) or RMP's website at [www.pacificorp.com](http://www.pacificorp.com).

5. 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 May 19, 2023. Petitions 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.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter 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. 20000-642-EM-23 in your communications.

Dated: April 18, 2023

Pub. April 27 & May 4, 2023 No. 1328

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to Establish Intermediate Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules.

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 March 31, 2023, RMP filed this Application, requesting authority to establish Intermediate Low-Carbon Portfolio Standards. The Application is responsive to the requirements of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules. Further, it is in-compliance with the Commission's decision in Docket No. 20000-616-EA-22 (Record No. 17032). It addresses Dave Johnston Unit 4 and Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4. These units are utility owned, coal-fired generation facilities.

3. RMP continues to rely upon the Kiewit CCUS Feasibility Study report dated March

2022, which it commissioned to evaluate potential carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) options for its generation facilities subject to CCUS evaluation requirements. Based upon the Kiewit report and the results of the Company's recently concluded Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the Company states that Dave Johnston Unit 4 and Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4 remain potentially suitable for the installation of CCUS technology. The Company further states that it continues to analyze options through its RFP process.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. The Application is available for inspection at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is also available on the Commission's website at <https://psc.wyo.gov> (Hot Topics), <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17277) or RMP's website at [www.pacificorp.com](http://www.pacificorp.com).

5. Anyone wishing to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before May 12, 2023. Public comments should be submitted to [wpsc\\_comments@wyo.gov](mailto:wpsc_comments@wyo.gov). 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. 20000-640-EA-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend 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. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

Dated: April 11, 2023.

Pub. April 20 & 27, 2023 No. 1321

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

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

PROBATE NO. P23-10

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
JOHN ALLEN WELLS, )  
)  
) Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Margaret Wells, as Trustee of the John Allen Wells Revocable Living Trust dated February 3, 2011, being the claiming distributee of John Allen Wells, deceased, has filed with the District Court of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, Probate No. P23-10, an application for a decree setting over to her the following described real property:

See description contained in Amended Quitclaim Deed and Royalty Deed recorded February 9, 2009 as Record #1553957, Book 1137, Page 1016, records of Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

If no objections are filed with the Court on or before thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this notice, upon the 23rd day of May, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the Courtroom of the District Court in Hot Springs County in Thermopolis, Wyoming, the Court will consider the application and may enter a decree establishing the right and title to the property.

DATED this 6th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Bobbie Dean Overfield  
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Pub. April 20 & 27, 2023 No. 1323

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding the Application of High Plains Power, Inc. (High Plains or the Cooperative) for authority to revise its tariff to update its net metering rate and policies. Other tariff changes were requested in the Cooperative's Application, but will be addressed in a separate proceeding. The public hearing is set to commence on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

2. High Plains is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

3. On August 30, 2022 the Cooperative filed an Application requesting to revise its tariff to add a residential prepaid option, update payment terms, add demand and power cost adjustment language, rename and update the wholesale generation facilities rate, discontinue the seasonal rate, and

update the net metering rate.

4. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. All persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

Attend Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82151736364>

Attend by telephone and actively participate by dialing:  
1 719 359 4580 US  
Meeting ID: 821 5173 6364

5. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 10020-68-CT-22 in your correspondence.

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**HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
415 SPRINGVIEW STREET  
THERMOPOLIS, WY 82443**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that Hot Springs County School District #1, 415 Springview Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443, will receive sealed bids for the following up to the date and time as stated.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ADA TOILET RENOVATION**

**BID OPENING  
May 9, 2023 @ 10:30 AM  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
415 SPRINGVIEW STREET  
THERMOPOLIS, WY 82443**

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING  
WALK-THRU**

**April 25, 2023 @ 10:30 AM  
At THERMOPOLIS MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
1450 Valleyview Drive,  
Thermopolis, WY 82443**

Electronic Drawings, Specifications, and Bid Forms are available after April 13, 2023, at Wyoming School Facilities Division Website (<https://stateconstruction.wyo.gov/school-facilities/projects>) and also on QuestCDN at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com), eBid-Doc Number 8464524.

Wyoming preference will be given, according to the School Board Policy.

The Hot Springs County School District #1 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in biddings.

Jared Jeffs  
Maintenance Manager

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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2. On April 12, 2023, RMP submitted its Application requesting the Commission's approval of its proposal to extend the 2020 Protocol through December 31, 2025, effective January 1, 2024.

3. PacifiCorp serves customers in all six of its jurisdictions as a single system, and can access resources across the West and multiple trading hubs to minimize off-system wheeling costs to provide value to our customers. RMP states PacifiCorp uses single agreement to govern the allocation of the costs and benefits of shared generation and transmission resources among the states to realize the benefits of planning and operating as one system. An inter-jurisdictional cost allocation methodology is used to allocate these system costs and benefits. This methodology is negotiated among a diverse array of stakeholders representing interests in PacifiCorp's service territory. The currently approved methodology is the 2020 Protocol.

4. The 2020 Protocol was designed as a temporary cost allocation methodology that would expire on December 31, 2023. After the execution of the 2020 Protocol, the Framework Issues Workgroup began investigating and working through issues to develop the successor to the 2020 Protocol. New federal legislation and environmental rule changes are expected to impact the costs and benefits of PacifiCorp's generation fleet. Potential al-

ternative resource allocation methodologies have been identified and the Parties would like to continue to explore these options. As a result, the Parties are requesting a two-year extension to the 2020 Protocol.

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. 17280).

6. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before May 17, 2023. Petitions 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 mention Docket No. 20000-641-EA-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

7. If you wish to participate in this matter 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.

Dated: April 17, 2023

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
FOR THE  
THERMOPOLIS-HOT SPRINGS  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce has four (4) open positions on the Board of Directors. The term limits for these positions will be from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2026. According to the Chamber of Commerce Bylaws, the vote for the new Board Members will go to the membership. We have received interested from the individuals listed below:

Scott Alwin: Hot Springs Health  
Stephanie Mohr: High Country Behavioral Health

Jana Oliver: Thermopolis Eyecare, LLC  
Howard Samelson: Discover Thermopolis Print Zone

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Directors, a petition bearing the genuine signature of ten (10) voting members of the Chamber of Commerce is required. Such petition shall be filed with the nominating committee on or before 5:00pm, Thursday, May 11, 2023.

Thermopolis-Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 768  
Thermopolis, WY 82443

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Washakie County School District #1, Worland, Wyoming will receive sealed proposals from General Contractors for the furnishing of labor, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for the construction of the following project:

**WORLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
RESTROOM REMODEL  
Washakie County School District #1  
Worland, Wyoming**

Bids will be received for a single General Contract for the remodel of the restrooms in the High School including, but not limited to: selective demolition, concrete, casework, miscellaneous metals, rough carpentry, architectural woodwork, insulation, gypsum board, acoustical panel ceiling, VCT, resilient sheet flooring, paint, HM doors & frames, wood doors, door hardware, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and lighting. Sealed bids will be received at **10:00 AM** (local time), **Wednesday, May 10th, 2023** by the Board of Trustees for Washakie County School District #1, in the Administration Office, 1900 Howell Ave., Worland, Wyoming 82401, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids shall be submitted on the form provided with the Contract Documents. Digital Contract Documents may be secured at Nelson Architects, LLC at 214 N. Broadway, Riverton, Wyoming. Phone: (307) 856-6155, [nelsonarchitects@wyoming.com](mailto:nelsonarchitects@wyoming.com). Digital contract documents available 3/17/2023.

Bids shall be accompanied by bid security in accordance with Instructions to Bidders in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish to Engineering Design Associates, within ten (10) days of the bid's acceptance, Performance, Labor and Material Bonds, each in an amount not less than 100% of the contract sum, and as authorized by Wyoming Statutes Section 16-6-112 (as amended)

Contractors shall comply with all fair labor practices and must meet the requirements of the Wyoming State Statutes.

Preference is hereby given to materials,

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supplies, equipment, and machinery and provisions produced, manufactured, supplied or grown in Wyoming, quality being equal to articles offered by the competitors outside of the State, all as more fully outlined in W.S. SS16-6-106 and 107.

A five percent (5%) preference will be given to resident Wyoming Contractors in accordance with the applicable State Statutes. Resident contractors shall be certified as such by the Wyoming Department of Employment at the time of the bid opening.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids, except as noted in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities, to evaluate the bids submitted and to accept the proposal which best serves the interest of the Owner.

A mandatory pre-bid walk through for all Prime Contractors of the entire project, will be held at **1:00 PM** (local time), **April 25th, 2023** at the Worland High School, 801 South 17th Street, Worland, WY 82401. Attendance is required for all Prime Contractors & strongly encouraged for all Subcontractors who are interested in bidding on this project.

Pub. April 27 & May 4, 2023 No. 1327

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) application for a non-situs Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct its Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line (Application). The public hearing is set to commence on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

2. 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).

3. On February 6, 2023, the Company filed an Application, together with supporting testimony and exhibits, requesting the Commission grant a non-situs CPCN to construct the Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line (segment H of the Energy Gateway Project) (B2H).

4. On February 14, 2023, the Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) submitted a Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing, which the Commission then granted via Order issued on February 17, 2023.

5. On April 17, 2023, RMP and WIEC (the Parties) filed a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (Agreement), resolving all outstanding issues raised in this proceeding. The Parties requested the Commission issue an Order approving the terms of the Agreement following a hearing during which testimony will be offered in support of its terms.

6. The Company's proposed Boardman-to-Hemingway is an approximately 300-mile-long, 500-kV transmission line that will extend from a proposed switching station near Boardman, Oregon to the existing Hemingway Substation located in Owyhee County, Idaho. Approximately 274 miles of the transmission line is located in five Oregon counties: Malheur, Baker, Union, Umatilla, and Morrow Counties. A 24-mile segment of the Project will be in Owyhee County in Idaho. The project also consists of a newly constructed switching station near Boardman, Oregon, ten communication stations within the right-of-way of the transmission line, and construction of the Midline Series Capacitor substation.

7. The Company has partnered with Idaho Power Company (IPC) and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to develop the Project. IPC is the overall project manager, responsible for permitting, design, procurement, and construction. IPC will fund and own 45.45 percent and the Company will fund and own 54.55 percent.

8. The Company states the proposed project is necessary for the following reasons: 1) it increases the ability to move resources across and between both of the Company's balancing authority areas and will allow the Company to export 818 megawatts (MW) of additional generation capacity from Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho generators to Oregon, Washington, and California customers; 2) it enables the Company to avoid higher cost transmission and generation investments to serve the system, including Wyoming, that would be required absent B2H; and 3) it reduces the cost of third-party transmission service included in the net power costs allocated to Wyoming retail customers. The Company states that construction of B2H is expected to produce total-system cost savings of \$1.7 billion. The Company states that IPC must begin construction in July 2023 to have the project come into service by 2026.

9. The Company expects its share of the estimated total cost of the project to be between \$800 and \$900 million, which is estimated to increase Wyoming customer rates by an estimated 1.95 percent once the Company proposes to include the costs of the project in a future general rate case. The Company intends to finance the project through its normal internal and external sources of capital.

10. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

Attend Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82271019157>

Or by dialing: 1 719 359 4580 Meeting ID: 822 7101 9157

11. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-631-EN-23 in all correspondence with the Commission.

Dated: April 19, 2023

Pub. April 27 & May 4, 2023 No. 1329

STATE OF ) OFFICE OF THE  
WYOMING ) BOARD OF  
OF ) COUNTY  
COUNTY OF ) COMMISSIONERS  
HOT SPRINGS ) March 21, 2023

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, County Clerk Becky Kersten, and Administrative Assistant Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert's Rules of Order were suspended so that business might be conducted in the pre-planned absence of Vice Chairman Phillip Scheel.

**Approval of Agenda** – The Commissioners approved the Agenda minus Regular Agenda Item 2 – Presentation from Jared Jeffs for the Property for Building Teacherages.

**Approval of Minutes** – The Commissioners approved the minutes from March 7, 2023 meeting.

**Hot Springs Forward Presentation** – A plan for the Grass Creek area. Mr. Lindamood is interested in putting in a USDA approved processing plant and is concerned about housing for the workers. Mr. Lindamood spoke to the Wyoming Business Council, and found there may be funds for housing if the housing was owned by a non-profit, and has the support of the County. Ideas presented by Mr. Lindamood included a portion of the land from his Ranch being donated to the non-profit or purchasing land under the non-profit for housing development. Mr. Lindamood asked the Commissioner's thoughts on the project. Chairman Ryan thinks the idea is worth exploring, and mentioned the upcoming Economic Development Taskforce stakeholders meeting. Mr. Lindamood wants to be transparent regarding his plans for the Grass Creek Area. Mr. Lindamood is not seeking funds from the County. Chairman Ryan and Commissioner Galovich expressed support for the project. Mr. Lindamood will send ideas to the Commissioners for review and discussion as the plans proceed.

**Public Hearing Budget Amendment – 22-23 Budget** – Chairman Ryan opened the public hearing on FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment No. 1 at 3:40 p.m. After three calls for public comment, hearing none, the public hearing was closed at 3:43 p.m. Hubert McAlister had a question about what the budget amendment was in reference to. Chairman Ryan explained the greatest change to the budget was the County received funds from the LATCF (COVID Money) in the amount of \$910,991.29, which was not in the original budget. The Commissioners approved Resolution and Order #2023-02 – FY 2022-2023 Budget Amendment No. 1 as follows:

**RESOLUTION & ORDER 2023-02  
OF THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FY 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**WHEREAS**, Hot Springs County adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget in accordance with the Wyoming Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Hot Springs County Commissioners wishes to amend the FY 2022-2023 adopted budget in accordance with the same Act; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING RESOLVES that the following budget amendments are made:**

Acct No.	Description	FY 2022-23 Budget	Amendment No. 1	Amended FY 2022-23 Budget
<b>Fund 10 - General Fund</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>				
10-3-127-724-000	GRANTS - LATCF Funds	\$0.00	\$910,991.29	\$910,991.29
10-4-122-321-000	EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES	\$95,881.97	\$18,856.33	\$114,738.30
10-4-107-475-000	JAIL - Board of Prisoners	\$45,000.00	\$1,007.46	\$46,007.46
10-4-105-237-000	SHERIFF - Gas, Oil, Repairs	\$15,000.00	\$4,235.94	\$19,235.94
10-4-105-401-000	SHERIFF - K9 Dog Program	\$5,000.00	\$1,579.01	\$6,579.01
10-4-105-330-000	SHERIFF - Search & Rescue	\$400.00	\$137.99	\$537.99
			<b>\$936,808.02</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
10-3-222-000-000	FED AID: LATCF Funds	\$0.00	\$910,991.29	\$910,991.29
10-3-481-100-000	CHARGES & MISC REV. - Unanticipated Revenue	\$0.00	\$22,744.67	\$22,744.67
10-3-446-000-000	CHARGES & MISC REV. - Sheriff Misc Revenue	\$0.00	\$1,007.46	\$1,007.46
10-3-418-000-000	CHARGES & MISC REV. - WARM Insurance Payments	\$0.00	\$2,064.60	\$2,064.60
			<b>\$936,808.02</b>	

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21st Day of March, 2023**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING**

/s/Thomas J. Ryan, Commission Chairman  
Phillip Scheel, Vice Chairman  
/s/Paul Galovich, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
/s/Becky Kersten, County Clerk

**WYDOT TAP Grant Discussion** – Chairman Ryan lead the discussion regarding the WYDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant, the Mayor of Thermopolis, Adam Estenson, was also present; WYDOT Representatives David Herdt and Sara Janes Ellis joined by phone. Chairman Ryan explained the County is sponsoring a TAP grant with the Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center (BHBND) in regards to their Children's Discovery Area, a project almost complete in the planning phase. Chairman Ryan stated the discussion came up if the BHBND applies for a construction phase TAP grant and the County applies for a planning phase TAP grant will one affect the other. The BHBND is a Joint Powers Board appointed by both the County and the Town; Chairman Ryan hoped the Town could assume sponsorship of the BHBND construction TAP grant allowing the County to apply for a planning phase TAP grant. Chairman Ryan called WYDOT to join the conversation. Chairman Ryan asked WYDOT the best way to move forward if the County applies for a planning TAP grant and BHBND applies for the construction TAP grant. Mr. Herdt stated the best approach would be the Town providing the sponsorship for BHBND mitigating the risk the TAP funding committee would choose one project over the other, providing a better chance for both to be funded. Chairman Ryan stated the BHBND concerns of the County applying as there are limited funds; Mr. Herdt stated the planning grants are a smaller amount and usually rise to the top when evaluating applications, and there are usually a lot of those awarded. In years past, the funding committee reduced the amount entities requested for the construction application; it is dependent on the funds available for that year and how many applications are received. Mayor Estenson stated, in his correspondence with BHBND, the construction will be a multiphase project and asked WYDOT if the Town sponsors the first phase, and a couple of years down the line the Town wants to apply for a TAP grant, is the Town locked in at that point? Mr. Herdt explained there is no commitment to the Town or County; each entity can go back and forth as sponsor, but it must be one of the two entities sponsoring the BHBND. A Statement of Intent is needed for both the planning and the construction grants. The window to submit the Statement of Intent is open until April 17th. Mayor Estenson stated this item will be brought before the Town Council tonight. Chairman Ryan felt the TAP grant will help the County with their WBC grant for the old airport. Commissioner Galovich stated he agrees the County applying for both grants would not be wise, and does not see a problem with the County and the Town both applying. The Commissioners approved the submission of the Statement of Intent for the TAP grant at the old airport.

**Approval of Proposal for Web-Based Building Automation System** – Proposal for the Web-Based Building Automation system ("BAS") that runs the HVAC system. LONG submitted a proposal for a new BAS. Chairman Ryan agreed a new system is needed; however, since it involves having another company remotely log into the County system, IT Specialist Dean Peranteaux needs to review the proposal before Commissioners would feel comfortable approving. County Clerk Becky Kersten asked about the budget for the purchase. Maintenance Supervisor confirmed there may not be enough in the Maintenance budget to cover the purchase. Chairman Ryan suggested taking the funds out of the Maintenance budget and there may need to be another budget hearing amending the budget by the end of the year. County Attorney Jill Logan had reviewed the proposal and suggested Mr. Peranteaux look at it before approval. The Commissioners approved the proposal/agreement depending upon Mr. Peranteaux's approval.

**Approval of County Officer Bonds** – Bonds issued for the County officials. County Attorney Jill Logan provided a Memo outlining County Elected Official's compliance with State Statutes for bonding. No action is needed for this item, the Memorandum presented is for the Commissioners information. Legislation has changed the Clerk's bonding from one surety instead of two. County Clerk Becky Kersten stated according to old statute and new statute the County is in compliance.

**Approval of Approach Agreement for County Road** – An Approach Agreement for Nailed It LLC, for the subdivision on Rim Rock Rd. All fees have been paid and the Commissioners approved the Approach Agreement.

**Other Business** – 1) **Approval of 2023 Wyoming Airports Coalition Membership Registration** – The Commissioners approved the renewal of the Wyoming Airports Coalition membership for 2023 for \$100. 2) **Approval of Facility Use Agreement for Annex Meeting Room** – The Commissioners approved the Facility Use Agreement for Harriet Hageman remote office hours. 3) **Ratification of the Cooperating Agency Response Letter to BLM** – The Commissioners ratified the Cooperating Agency Response Letter. 4) **Discussion and Possible Action of Accepting or Declining Funding for Problematic Gambling Behavior** – Wyoming Public Health has funding for Hot Springs County to support Problematic Gambling Behavior Programs, \$4,859.10 over two years (\$2,429.55 a year). With Public Health Manager Tricia McPhie not present during the meeting Chairman Ryan stated he spoke to Mrs. McPhie before the meeting; it appeared the County would spend the \$2,429.55 a year to figure out how to spend it, as it does not fall under the current Prevention Program. Mrs. McPhie had recommended the Commissioners deny the funds since it would not be enough to get a program/campaign started. The Commissioners agreed to deny funding for the Problematic Gambling Behavior in the amount of \$4,859.10. 5) **Approval of Support Letter for Wyoming Discovery Days** – The Commissioners approved the support letter. 6) **Approval of Support Letter for Petroglyph Wall and Waterway** – The Commissioners approved the support letter.

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**Correspondence** – 1) **Natural Resource Planning Committee Minutes** – February 2023; 2) **HSC Museum Board Minutes** – January 2023; 3) **Letter from Carol Pickett**; 4) **Letter from Kit Wendtland Regarding BIA Notice of Decisions**; 5) **Prevention Coalition Minutes** – March 2023; 6) **Bureau of Reclamation Snow Melt Report** – March 2023; 7) **Bureau of Reclamation Fluctuation of Wind River Flow Downstream to Boysen Dam Report**; 8) **Invitation from BLM Big Horn Basin District for the Oil and Gas Operator Outreach Meeting**; 9) **Hot Springs County Rural Water Joint Powers Board Minutes** – February 2023

The Commissioners reviewed the forgoing correspondence. No further action was required.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on May 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the 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 Records form from the County Clerk's office.

Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman  
Becky Kersten, County Clerk  
Pub. April 27, 2023 No. 1330

STATE OF WYOMING ) OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY OF ) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ) April 4, 2023

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex Building. Present were Commissioners Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Vice Chairman Scheel led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert's Rules of Order were suspended so that business might be conducted in the pre-planned absence of Chairman Ryan.

**Approval of Agenda** – The Commissioners approved the Agenda.

**GIS Update** – For the month of March Ardurra finished the septic documents (scanning and inputting the data into the GIS system), 7,500 pages of septic permits were scanned and are available online; and offered tech support for Road and Bridge. Ardurra will work with Planner Bo Bowman to obtain the 2022 septic permits; and will have a tutorial for the Commissioners and a draft of the new scope of work for the coming Fiscal Year for the meeting on April 18th.

**FBO Monthly Update** – FBO report included 194 total recorded operations. The fuel sales included 1,061.99 gallons of Avgas, and 2,204.88 gallons of Jet Fuel. Steve's Plumbing installed the new water pump and estimated cost is \$850.00 plus labor. FBO Nate Messenger presented the Commissioners a copy of John Jones' proposal for a hangar and hopes to have a lease agreement signed at the April 18th meeting.

**Road and Bridge Monthly Report** – Road and Bridge reported the crew has been trying to blade the roads, but this year is hard due to snow; snow removal and equipment maintenance continued. Once Spring comes the Road and Bridge crew will start maintenance projects on the snow plows. The WYDOT grant for communications was awarded, the grant Agreement has not been received yet. The tablets for the Road and Bridge crew were received, set up, and the employees have been working with them on certain projects. Mr. Rankin reported on the Black Mountain Road Project, most of the work has been done in office due to the weather.

**Maintenance Monthly Report** – Maintenance report included the lights in front of the courthouse had been replaced. The HVAC computer system, approved at the last meeting, is anticipated to be installed in 10 days. Mr. Davis reported lights for the Annex parking lot will be installed soon. Mr. Davis presented a bid from TWE for approval, in the amount of \$2,123.70, for the generator for the Annex. At the detention center a new washing machine was installed, and the variable frequency drive is going out. Mr. Davis presented the Commissioners with a repair proposal from LONG in the amount of \$3,963.00. At the Library isolation valves were installed by the pumps. In the parking lot at the Courthouse water builds up after the snow melts; Mr. Davis had been working with Mr. Rankin on a plan to fix it once the snow stops. The Commissioners approved the TW Enterprises quote in the amount of \$2,123.70. The Commissioners approved the repair proposal from LONG in the amount of \$3,963.00.

**Planner Monthly Report** – Planner reported the Natural Resource Planning Committee (NRPC) will meet on April 12th. The Planning Commission will not hold a meeting this month. Mr. Bowman presented the Commissioners with the annual DEQ Gravel

Pit cover letter that summarizes the report. Mr. Bowman presented the Commissioners with the final plat for the Shaffer subdivision (Shaffer Acres) for signature, reporting all 16 conditions have been addressed. The Commissioners approved the Shaffer Acres final plat.

**Emergency Management Monthly Report** – Emergency Management reported the Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet tomorrow (April 5th) at 1:30 pm at the Fire Hall. Mr. Gordon focuses on 4 specific SNOTELs that come into Fremont County and feed into the lake. Mr. Gordon stated he reports on the SNOTELs and water to be informative to everyone that has an interest along the water. There is a very good chance a lot of water will be released from the Boysen before the end of the season, nothing dangerous, but more than people are used to seeing this time of year. Mr. Gordon continued to report Owl Creek may have an increase of water, he does not think it will affect the homes, but may affect any sheds, out-buildings, or livestock along the water. Commissioner Galovich asked if the County has a machine to fill sand bags, Mr. Gordon stated the County does not have one, but has access to many if needed. Commissioner Galovich wondered if bags should be pre-filled and ready if needed, before a crisis. Mr. Gordon stated the bags and sand are free to the community, but to fill sand bags early and not use them can be a problem because the bags do not keep if full.

**Public Health / Prevention Update** – Public Health Manager Tricia McPhie reported on the events for the month of April. This week is National Public Health Week, and the month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month with the theme of Building Together: Prevention in Partnership, to create conditions for safe, stable, nurturing spaces and to use partnerships in the community. The Commissioners approved the Proclamation as follows:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S PROCLAMATION**  
*Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month*

**Whereas**, Children are our future. No child should suffer abuse and neglect; and

**Whereas**, victims of child abuse and neglect are known to be at higher risk for experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, low academic achievement, drug use, juvenile delinquency, teenage pregnancy, and adult criminality, every child is precious and deserves to grow up in a healthy, safe, nurturing environment free from harmful effects of abuse and neglect; and

**Whereas**, an estimated 1,000 children in Wyoming are victims of abuse and neglect each year; and

**Whereas**, effective child abuse intervention and community prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among community members, social services and law enforcement agencies, schools, churches, businesses, and civic organizations; and

**Whereas**, each April, Child Advocacy Centers of Wyoming, The Children's Trust Fund Board, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming, Wyoming Citizen Review Panel, The Wyoming Department of Family Services, The Wyoming Office of Attorney General- Division of Victim Services, the Wyoming GAL program, the County of Hot Springs, Wyoming and other partners join together in an effort to prevent abuse and neglect through outreach, education, and intervention.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phillip Scheel**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for County of Hot Springs, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2023 as

**CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the County of Hot Springs to be affixed this 4th day of April, two thousand twenty-three.

/s/ Phillip Scheel, Vice Chairman  
Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners  
Attest /s/ Becky Kersten, County Clerk

Commissioner Galovich asked Mrs. McPhie about the Opioid Settlement Agreements that are to be approved in Other Business, is there a plan to utilize the resources from the settlement? Mrs. McPhie reported some of the opioid funds might go to treatment services, and funding for Narcan (helps reverse opioid overdose) has been discussed as well. County Attorney Logan stated there are a lot of requirements for the funds the County needs to be aware of. The amount of the allocation has not been released yet, making it difficult to determine how funds will be utilized.

**Youth Alternative Monthly Report** – Youth Alternative Director Barb Rice reported there are 16 youths with citations, 11 males, 5 females and 20 students in the class (16 in the HiSet program and 4 adult students). High Country Behavioral Health provided prevention education classes on Wednesdays at the school, an Art Class was offered last month and Jen Cheney provided a tobacco prevention session. Ms. Rice met with representatives from the Central Wyoming College about funding options, testing guidelines, and other information for the students. Ms. Rice explained how her program assists minors who have been issued citations through the circuit and municipal court. She further explained there had been talk from the Town about contributing funds to the program. Acting Chairman Scheel stated funding for the program between the County and the Town should be discussed. The County and Town should get together

in a work session to provide more resources for the program.

**Second Mil for HSC Weed and Pest** – Weed and Pest supervisor Shawna Farrell approached the Commissioners with the annual request for the second Mill for the Weed & Pest special mill for mosquito abatement. The Commissioners approved the request for the second Mill for the Weed and Pest Board. Acting Chairman Scheel specified the second Mill is not an additional tax, but funds that had already been collected.

**Follow Up to TAP Grant Discussion** – Acting Chairman Scheel reported the background for the follow-up TAP grant discussion going over the March 21st meeting, although he was not present at the meeting. Acting Chairman Scheel stated the Hot Springs County Commissioners sponsored the TAP grant project with the Big Horn Basin Children's Outdoor Discovery Center and he does not want the group to feel they are being pushed aside. Commissioner Galovich stated he personally does not want to abandon the work done by the Discovery Center; it is his understanding that if the Town took over sponsorship for the construction TAP grant and County did the planning TAP grant there shouldn't be any competition especially for the resources. Brad Becerra spoke about the construction phase for Children's Outdoor Discovery Center, requesting the County to incorporate a path on the other side of the culvert leading to T Hill to connect to their path that is ADA compliant. Acting Chairman Scheel stated if the Town does not approve the sponsorship of the TAP grant (which will not cost the Town any money to be the sponsor, and County will assist with the transition), he personally will not abandon the Children's Outdoor Discovery Center project.

**Old Airport Runway Use** – Megan Olson and Travis Winger presented to the Commissioners a Facility Use Agreement for the old Airport Runway for a wedding ceremony on September 24, 2023. Acting Chairman Scheel stated use will require insurance and a deposit. County Clerk Kersten stated the cleaning deposit is \$500, and could be refunded. Commissioners approved the Facility Use Agreement contingent on proof of insurance and \$500 refundable cleaning deposit.

**Other Business** – 1) **Approval of RFR #8 – BHB Children's Outdoor Discovery Center** – The Commissioners approved RFR #8 in the amount of \$3,656.10 (\$2,924.88 reimbursed by WYDOT; \$731.22 reimbursed by BHB Nature Discovery Center). 2) **Approval of RFR #9 Black Mountain Road Project** – The Commissioners approved RFR #9 in the amount of \$27,176.02 (\$4,076.40 paid by County; \$23,099.62 paid by WYDOT). 3) **Approval of Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement** – The Commissioners approved the Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement. 4) **Approval of OneWyo II Opioid Settlement MOA** – The Commissioners approved the OneWyo II Opioid MOA.

**Correspondence** – 1) **Wyoming Digital Government Summit Invitation**; 2) **Leavitt Group Insurance Programs**; 3) **Bureau of Reclamation News Release** – Rescheduled Fluctuation of Wind River Flow; 4) **Bureau of Reclamation News Release** – Scheduled Flushing Flow Below Buffalo Bill Reservoir; 5) **Bureau of Reclamation News Release** – Announcement of Public Meeting Buffalo Bill Reservoir; 6) **Press Release from SonRise Ranch Inc.**; 7) **Wyoming Game and Fish Meeting Agenda** – April 17, 2023; 8) **Forestry Suppliers Magazine**

The Commissioners reviewed the forgoing correspondence. No further action was required.

**Approve Bills** – The following bills were submitted for approval. Payroll for March - \$194,346.28.

**BILLS** – March 2023  
HANSON'S FIRE EQUIPMENT 642.30 / HSC PREDATORY ANIMAL CONTROL 15,000.00 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 251.54 / TRI STATE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. 156.15 / WYOMING PLANNING ASSOCIATION 55.00 / UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 6,663.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 16,250.00 / VERNON W. MILLER, M.D., P.C. 1,300.00 / OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER 15,406.28 / ENTERPRISES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 16.79 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 69,077.22 / ANITA WEISBECK 15.07 / ASSET MANAGEMENT & REPAIR, LLC 747.50 / ATLAS OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC. 601.90 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 139.98 / AUSTIN D. WEAVER 1,861.88 / BASIN MECHANICAL, INC. 5,484.00 / BIG HORN WATER 146.00 / LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 4,434.53 / BLOEDORN LUMBER-WORLAD 92.95 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP, 362.80 / BUDD-FALEN LAW OFFICES, LLC 10,651.21 / CANYON CONCRETE SAND & GRAVEL 2,940.00 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 4,190.33 / CHARM-TEX, INC. 1,523.84 / CHENEY LAW OFFICE LLC 165.00 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 40,869.91 / RED ROCK FAMILY PRACTICE, PC 267.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 543.26 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 49.81 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 122.33 / VERIZON WIRELESS 81.24 / TERESA K. CORNELLA 86.36 / CR LOCK AND SAFE 1,875.00 / CUSTOM GRAPHIX. 990.00 / DAWNLETTE M. PEIL 158.51 / DOOLEY ENTERPRISES, INC. 1,888.12 / FASTENAL COMPANY 110.08 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 41,504.29 / US. FOODS 3,861.44 / FREMONT MOTOR COMPANY 43,323.76 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 1,090.00 / GOTTSCHKE THERAPY REHAB WELL-

NESS 130.00 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 514.80 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 5,176.01 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY MUSEUM 22,500.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 400.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 180.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY TREASURER 1,118.11 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 57,691.87 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 8,760.03 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 4,088.85 / FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER WY 194.80 / JADECO, INC. 2,024.51 / JENNIFER CHENEY 30.00 / JILL LOGAN 255.00 / JOHN DORMAN, SR 130.55 / KELLER LAW FIRM, PC 50.00 / KENNEDY ACE HARDWARE 53.98 / KENT A. RICHINS 1,300.00 / KRISTEN J. SCHLATTMANN 300.00 / LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK 504.00 / LEGEND ROCK MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, LLC 752.50 / WYOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LIAB. POOL 1,439.00 / LUCERNE PUMPING PLANT CANAL CO 366.00 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 296.31 / MODERNIMAGING SOLUTIONS 284.70 / MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. 300.20 / NAPA MOTOR SUPPLY, INC. 88.61 / NIELSEN OIL CO., INC. 42.70 / OWL CREEK VETERINARY SERVICE 572.18 / ONE STOP REPAIR & SERVICE CENTER 113.95 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 323.34 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 190.20 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 7,524.24 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 816.72 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 3,956.99 / PACIFIC STEEL AND RECYCLING 2,737.57 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 615.66 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 501.23 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 3,029.44 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 3,843.10 / QUADIANT LEASING USA, INC. 220.74 / CENTURY LINK 671.24 / WYOMING DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 10.00 / RANGE 3,210.68 / SADY MOUNTS 50.00 / SHAYNA COX 10.00 / SERLKAY 627.25 / SKAGGS COMPANIES, INC. 2,342.92 / HOT SPRINGS CO SENIOR CITIZENS INC 17,618.63 / STATE OF MONTANA 1,800.00 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 1,648.01 / STAR PLUNGE 221.50 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 500.00 / STEVE'S PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 666.35 / WYOMING GUARDIANS AD LITEM PROGRAM 3,956.25 / TUMBLEWEED PROPANE 750.00 / TANYA JOHNSON 126.33 / TEEPE POOLS 216.00 / T-O ENGINEERS, INC. 2,376.15 / T-O ENGINEERS 3,656.10 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,422.75 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 28,886.78 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 630.93 / TRICIA MCPHIE 46.55 / TW ENTERPRISES, INC. 4,855.82 / THOMAS Y PICKETT 2,000.00 / NORCO, INC. 377.35 / VERIZON 30.34 / VERIZON WIRELESS 50.52 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE) 329.84 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 123.61 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FIVE) 1,238.37 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 629.63 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 1,238.94 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 1,062.20 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD NINE) 4,737.70 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 19.07 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 983.69 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 3,438.93 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 4-SHERIFF) 947.72 / WILLIAM F. GORDON 29.98 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 6,898.13 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 4,245.00 / WYOMING GAS 2,787.00 / WYONET INC. 312.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 34,232.46 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 304.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 262.50 / WYOMING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER 95.00 / YOUTH ALTERNATIVES 200.00 /

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman  
Becky Kersten, County Clerk  
Pub. April 27, 2023 No. 1331

**Public Notice**

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, at 8:15 a.m. at Town Hall to review the Home Occupation of Theresa Gergen, to operate a Art Studio Business at 141 Cedar Ridge., in the LDR. for further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-9285

Pub. April 27, 2023 No. 1332

**Public Notice**

The Thermopolis town council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, to consider the variance request of John Duesing, to Town Code Sec 15-1104, corner lot fence height, to allow construction of a fence at 306 N. 5th Street, in the MDR. For further information please contact Codes Admin. 864-9285.

Pub. April 27, 2023 No. 1334

# Commissioners

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a couple of gazebos and a picnic table area and it will be ADA compliant. The cost is about \$1.3 million and is funded by the Great American Outdoor Act. This project is a recreation site, not a rest area.

Marsh and Phillips also discussed the Blue Way Trail, which is a recreation project that starts at the Wedding of the Waters on the north end of the Wind River Canyon and continues along the Bighorn River to the Yellow-tail Dam. Marsh and Phillips are soliciting ideas to add new recreation locations along the corridor. The project is also helmed by the National Park Service and it will take a couple of years and is multi-phased.

The commissioners and Marsh and Phillips also held a brief discussion about the islands in the river and all noted it is a hot button subject. There are a variety of existing

or potential lawsuits and or surveys involved regarding the islands. Marsh and Phillips do not have a "good answer" about who the islands belong to and that is a "gray area".

Chairman Tom Ryan discussed with Marsh and Phillips the Black Mountain Road Project and said they are three miles short on it. Ryan asked them if there was any money that could complete those three miles that could be added to the construction. Marsh said, "We can look into that."

Commissioner Phil Scheel also brought up the old airport property and its possible use for outdoor activities such as mountain biking. Marsh said their new outdoor recreation planner, Cullen Harvy would be the person to talk to about it.

Tricia McPhie presented the TANF grant application for review and sought the com-

missioners' approval. McPhie explained that the application would extend the contract term instead of creating a new one and that is it the same amount as previously awarded. There are no rollovers and the money must be used within the fiscal year and is federally funded. The grant has been used with High Country Behavioral Health for families within the community. The amount is \$20,000. The commissioner voted and passed the approval of the grant application.

Les Culliton presented a building locks quote for review and sought the commissioners' approval. There are 10 doors in the Public Health building, with six additional proposed doors that are not in the Public Health building. The other locks would be in the courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center. The doors and locks would all be

controlled by the same system and Culliton recommended that the work be done at the same time. The work completion date would be June 1 and costs \$6,184.22. Culliton added that the technology for these locks would last about eight to 10 years. The commissioners voted and passed the approval of the building locks project.

The commissioners voted and passed the approval of Merrill Ready to serve again on the Land Use Planning Board, the 2023 Wyoming Health Fair for one day in May, and for the CATEX grant application for the Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center.

The commissioners also voted and passed the approval of a lease agreement with John and Charlene Jones for a new hangar at the airport. The commissioners also reviewed the scholarship applications they received.

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tentially could be contracted by Sage Brushes out of Lander. The total cost for the project is \$25,300. Dorman asked the town for \$5,150 as a portion of the possible contract. Main Street Thermopolis

would provide a match as well for \$5,150 and they would apply for a grant from Wyoming Main Street for the remainder of the total cost. The work would take two to three months to complete and would

start this summer. The copyright of the image in the mural would belong to both Main Street Thermopolis and the Town of Thermopolis. The specific design would be decided within the next month

and Sage Brushes would provide a proof-of-concept proposal for review. The council voted and passed the approval of the \$5,150 contingent that Main Street Thermopolis approves their match when they

meet next and the grant application to Wyoming Main Street is approved.

See below for the full legal descriptions of the three newly adopted town ordinances.

## Public notices

### ORDINANCE 868

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 4-102 TO DECLARING AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS KEPT IN VIOLATION OF TOWN ORDINANCE A NUISANCE.

WHEREAS, Sec. 4-101 is being amended to allow certain number and class of agricultural livestock within Town limits, and

WHEREAS, the governing body having reviewed and investigated other town ordinances within the State of Wyoming find the code declaring livestock a nuisance within Town limits needs to be updated in the best interest of the citizens of Thermopolis to provide for penalties to enforce the new limited livestock ordinance 867.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS:**

**Sec. 1** The keeping, harboring, stabling, penning or maintaining of said livestock and poultry in violation of Town Code Section 4-101 amended on April 27, 2023 within the corporate limits of the Town shall pay a fine double that of the permit fee for the first offense.

**Sec. 2** The second offense of violation Section 4-101 within five (5) years shall result in a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine.

**Sec. 3** For the third offense of violating Section 4-101 the offender shall pay a \$750.00 fine, be prohibited from getting another animal permit for five (5) years, and their property shall be declared a nuisance and the Town may abate in the manner provided by law for the abatement of a nuisance.

PASSED ON FIRST READING March 21, 2023.

PASSED ON SECOND READING April 4, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED READING AND ADOPTED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING April 18, 2023.

TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING  
A Municipal Corporation

By:

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk

Pub. April 27, 2023

No. 1334

### ORDINANCE 869

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 4-201 STOCK RUNNING AT LARGE DECLARED A NUISANCE.

WHEREAS, Sec. 4-101 and 4-102 have been amended to allow limited livestock class and numbers within Town limits,

WHEREAS, Sec. 4-201 also needs to be updated to reflect changes made in the livestock exceptions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS:**

**Sec. 1** All animals not permitted in Section 4-101 and dogs or cats, running at large within the corporate limits of the Town are hereby declared to be a nuisance and any person or persons being the owners or harborers of any such animals or fowl and who shall allow the same to run at large or be found at large within such corporate limits shall be deemed the author of a nuisance for each of said animals or fowl.

**Sec. 2** Animals permitted in Sec. 4-101 shall be required to pay the fines and penalties in 4-102 for being at large.

**Sec. 3** Upon the third violation of animals permitted in 4-101 being at large, they are deemed a nuisance and subject to nuisance abatement codes and law.

PASSED ON FIRST READING March 21, 2023.

PASSED ON SECOND READING April

4, 2023.

PASSED, APPROVED READING AND ADOPTED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING April 18, 2023.

TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING  
A Municipal Corporation

By:

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk

Pub. April 27, 2023

No. 1336

### ORDINANCE 867

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 4-101 TO ALLOW A LIMITED NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS WITHIN THERMOPOLIS TOWN LIMITS.

WHEREAS, Sec. 4-101 prohibited all agricultural livestock within the limits of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, citizens of Thermopolis, Wyoming requested the code be amended to allow for a limited agricultural use within the town limits; and

WHEREAS, Review and investigation of other Wyoming incorporated town ordinances allowing agricultural animals within town limits the Council deems it appropriate and within the best interest of the citizens in the town to allow a limited agricultural allowance for some animals within town limits with restrictions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS:**

**Sec. 1** No person, firm, partnership, corporation or association shall keep, harbor, stable, pen or maintain horses, mules, asses, cattle, neat or otherwise, swine, pigs, geese, turkeys, or other livestock except those listed within the exceptions and nothing herein shall be construed to mean or include dogs, cats, or household pets, on any premises within the corporate limits of the Town.

**Sec. 2** Exception for keeping of chickens within Town limits:

(a) A total of up to ten (10) chickens are allowed.

(b) All chickens must be kept behind a six foot (6ft) fenced perimeter.

(c) A covered pen, run, housing or coops with no structure rising higher than the fence line is required to provide shelter from the elements and predators. This ordinance shall not preclude any structures authorized by another section of the Town code.

(d) All pen, run, housing or coops must be offset from the property line by five feet (5') minimum from the property boundary.

(e) A minimum of 4 square feet of space per bird is required to keep chickens.

(f) No roosters over the age of four (4) months is allowed within Town limits.

**Sec. 3** Exception for keeping of ducks within Town limits:

(a) The minimum requirements for keeping chickens shall also apply to ducks.

(b) If ducks are to be allowed to roam outside of the pen, run, housing or coops they shall have their wings clipped.

(c) Only the duck breeds of Indian Runner, Muscovy, Roven, Anconas, Pekin, and Khaki Campbell's are allowed.

**Sec. 4** Exceptions for keeping of miniature or dwarf goats within Town limits:

(a) Miniature and dwarf goats for the purpose of this ordinance are defined as any goat smaller than twenty-six inches (26") at the withers.

(b) No more and no less than two adult goats over the age of four (4) months old shall be allowed.

(c) No intact males shall be allowed to be kept within Town limits.

(d) A six (6) foot fence perimeter fence shall be required with an interior pen for the goats having a height of forty-eight inches

(48") to fifty-two inches (52").

(e) Housing of at least thirty square feet (30 sq ft) is required to provide shelter from the elements.

(f) The pen area for the goats must be a minimum of one hundred thirty square feet (130 sq ft) and offset from the perimeter fence by at least five feet (5').

(g) Pens and housing for the goats are not allowed to be kept in front yards.

(h) Loud or screaming goats must be quieted or removed from the Town limits within the same twenty four (24) hours of the owner being notified.

**Sec. 5** Exceptions for keeping rabbits within Town limits:

(a) A maximum of ten (10) rabbits are allowed.

(b) Rabbit cages or housing shall be a minimum of five square feet (5 sq ft) with a roof height minimum of sixteen inches (16").

**Sec. 6** Adequate water, food and shelter must be maintained for the livestock. Failure to provide adequate water, food, and shelter for the livestock is violation of animal cruelty codes within Section 4 -401 to 4-402 of the Town Codes of Thermopolis.

**Sec. 7** Animal waste must be disposed of or treated in manner in which foul odors and run off are prevented from entering adjoining properties or public right of ways.

**Sec. 8** The limited agricultural exceptions shall only be allowed on single family dwelling properties. If the property is a rented property written permission from the landowner with contact information and lease must be provided when applying for a permit.

**Sec. 9** Permits are required for the limited agricultural exceptions within Town limits. Permits are \$50 dollars per species and shall receive a \$25.00 discount for demonstrating a certificate of having completed an approved course for caring of urban livestock. Each permittee shall have their facilities inspected and approved before the issuance of a permit.

**Sec. 10** Only a total of fourteen (14) animals described in the above livestock exceptions are allowed on one property within the town limits. Of the fourteen (14) animals allowed, only ten (10) total can be any combination chickens or ducks.

**Sec. 11** Violations of this ordinance will be subject to the penalties of code Section 4-102.

PASSED ON THE FIRST READING March 21, 2023

PASSED ON THE SECOND READING April 4, 2023

PASSED, APPROVED READING AND ADOPTED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING April 18, 2023.

TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING  
A Municipal Corporation

By:

Adam R. Estenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk

Pub. April 27, 2023

No. 1335

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session April 18, 2023, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., and Rachel Hughes. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett. Council member Dusty Lewis was absent.

**AGENDA:** Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes 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 March 2023.

**RESOLUTION 573: BUDGET ADJUST-**

**MENT:** Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 573, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERIANN DORMAN: OLD FIRE HOUSE WALL MURAL:** Meri Ann Dorman noted Mainstreet Thermopolis would like a mural on the east wall of the old fire house. She received a quote from Sage brushes to paint a mural for \$22,000 and with grant fees, the project is expected to cost \$25,300. She will apply for a \$15,000 Mainstreet Wyoming grant. Mainstreet Thermopolis would fund \$5,150 and she asked for \$5,150 from the Town. The project will not proceed without grant funding. A decision on the artwork is expected in the next 30 days. The mural will encompass a portion of the wall near the street and the remainder of the building will be painted to coordinate. Malloy made a motion, Dorman Sr., seconded to fund \$5,150 for the mural. Motion carried.

**THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A LIMITED NUMBER OF AG ANIMALS IN TOWN:** Following the reading of the title of the ordinance, discussion ensued. Items discussed included requiring neighbor approval before allowing ag animals, property rights, flies and smell, enforcement, and chickens in other communities. Malloy made a motion to approve the ordinance on third reading, Hughes seconded. Voting aye were Malloy, Estenson and Hughes. Dorman Sr. voted no. Motion carried.

### ORDINANCE 867

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 4-101 TO ALLOW A LIMITED NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS WITHIN THERMOPOLIS TOWN LIMITS.

Passed on first reading March 21, 2023.

Passed on second reading April 4, 2023.

Passed, approved and adopted on third and final reading April 18, 2023.

**THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF AG ANIMALS IN TOWN:** Following the reading of the title of the ordinance, Malloy made a motion to approve the ordinance on third reading, Hughes seconded. Voting aye were Malloy, Estenson and Hughes. Dorman Sr. voted no. Motion carried.

### ORDINANCE 868

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 4-102 TO DECLARE AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS KEPT IN VIOLATION OF TOWN ORDINANCE A NUISANCE.

Passed on first reading March 21, 2023.

Passed on second reading April 4, 2023.

Passed, approved and adopted on third and final reading April 18, 2023.

**THIRD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE STOCK RUNNING AT LARGE A NUISANCE:** Following the reading of the title of the ordinance, Hughes made a motion to approve the ordinance on third reading, Malloy seconded. Voting aye were Malloy, Estenson and Hughes. Dorman Sr. voted no. Motion carried.

### ORDINANCE 869

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 4-201 STOCK RUNNING AT LARGE A NUISANCE.

Passed on first reading March 21, 2023.

Passed on second reading April 4, 2023.

Passed, approved and adopted on third and final reading April 18, 2023.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Estenson noted plans are being made to live stream the meetings.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER:** Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The next Council meeting is May 2, 2023, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule,  
Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson,  
Mayor

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