

# Clerks

registration; however, this assumption is not supported by the Election Code,” according to the clerks. “Being the target of these concerns and accusations has heightened our sensitivity to the vague definition of ‘bona fide resident,’ which is present in Wyoming and many other states’ election codes.”

They believed bringing it to the attention of the committee would initiate a lengthy study of the questions: Should proof of residency or proof of residence address be compulsory at the time of registering to vote? If yes, then how would prospective voters prove their residency?

But the clerks told the Secretary of State’s Office they didn’t believe a sufficient study had occurred to answer those questions and the proposed rules didn’t address them.

“If these rules were to be enacted as written, it is the county clerks who would be left to defend themselves in court should a voter file suit claiming Wyoming law does not require compulsory proof of residency at the time of registration, as it does for identity,” they said. “Similarly, we have concern that an election official who unilaterally decided not to require proof of the residency at the time of registration would not be prosecutable without a statutory requirement to require proof of residence at the time of registration.”

Current statute only requires proving residency in the case of a challenge, not at the time of registration. The clerks said they want direction from the Legislature on whether proof of residency should be required at the time of registration.

The clerks also flagged the timeline as rushed.

They worried there would only be a few weeks before May municipal elections to deal with the rules’ administrative impacts and just a few months before the August primary.

“Primarily, we believe this short timeline would not allow us to provide adequate notice to the public of the additional requirements to register,” the clerks wrote. “As a result of record low turnout in the 2022 general election, nearly 29% of Wyoming voters [more than 86,000] were purged from the voter registration rolls.”

Having them re-register with additional documentation would create lengthy delays on Election Day, and it may increase the number of provisional ballots.

The memo also outlined concerns that residents entitled to vote would decide not to register if they were told their Wyoming driver’s

license or ID card was not sufficient proof because many Wyoming credentials only bear the mailing address of residents and not their residential address. For voters in Teton County, it would create a challenge for many with post office boxes on their licenses.

Clerks said the proposed rules also would likely deny those who are “indigent or in transitory living situations.”

“In closing, we cannot be clear enough: we, too, agree that only Wyoming citizens should be participating in Wyoming elections,” they wrote. “To date, we have no indication that this has not been the case. If it were determined that our registration process was flawed and thereby provided the opportunity for significant voter fraud, we would be the first in line to study a solution.

“However, increasing the requirements to register to vote requires significant contemplation and careful consideration because the question of residence address extends beyond whether one is a resident.”

The lengthy comment pointed to specific issues with language in the rules, not just the overall concept of requiring proof of residency at the time of registration.

The County Clerks’ Association urged Gray to work with the Legislature during the interim session to develop a solution. But if that doesn’t happen, then to allow potential voters to provide proof they are a bona fide resident of the state, rather than proving their residence address with extra identification or documentation.

Gray responded to the clerks’ statement, saying it conflicted with previous public testimony and an August memo from county clerks.

“Many of these issues were not raised in the many meetings we had with them before the rule was adopted,” Gray said Wednesday. “It also conflicts with clerks who have told me privately that they support the rule.”

Gray noted the clerks’ comments about post office boxes on licenses were key. He said if drivers’ licenses contain a post office box then that’s a mistake that will be fixed.

“As we review comments, we will give due consideration to the clerks’ suggestion of requiring the credential to prove Wyoming residency until credentials issued by WYDOT contain principal residence address, which is already required by law,” he said. “Our understanding is that WYDOT will be in compliance with state statute in placing on the license the licensee’s principal residence address once they convert to their new system.”

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courtesy photo

## Jamboree winners

The Bobcat 6th grade boys traveling basketball team competed in the Powell Jamboree over the weekend and went 4-0 to win their division at the tournament for the second year in a row. Pictured are Hoyt Peil, Soren Webber, Jackson Skelton, Will Garrison, Coach Matt McPhie, Braxton Egger, Oliver Strenger, Lincoln McPhie, Logan Stewart and Cameron Martinez.

## Fishing derby, wall of guns events planned in Meeteetse

The Meeteetse Friends of the NRA will be hosting an NRA Wall of Guns event on February 3, in partnership with Discover Meeteetse, and their 16th Annual Meeteetse Ice Fishing Derby on February 3-4.

The Wall of Guns event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Elk Horn Bar & Grill. Funds from this event, which averages \$10,000, will be sent to the National Friends of the NRA and be distributed back to Park County.

The Wall of Guns game consists of 100 numbers, each number will sell for \$10. After all 100 numbers are sold, a winner will be drawn and have their choice

from over 35 various firearms including pistols, rifles, shotguns and more. Numbers will be for purchase for games before the event at The Elk Horn Bar & Grill, Oasis Motel and Wea Market of Meeteetse and will continue to be sold throughout the event.

A free meal at the Elk Horn the night of the event will be available to anyone who purchases at least 2 numbers.

For more information on the event, call Shannon 307-921-2129.

The Meeteetse 16th Annual Ice Fishing Derby will be held at the Upper Sunshine Reservoir on Feb. 3 and the Lower Sunshine Reservoir

on Feb. 4 from 8 a.m.-2 pm.

The Ice Derby will again include a tagged fish contest.

A Youth Ice Derby will be available for kids 14 years of age and under, registration is free, but youth also need to register online.

Teams for the Ice Derby will need to register and pay online at [www.meeteetsewy.com](http://www.meeteetsewy.com).

The Director of Discover Meeteetse has secured many nice prizes from sponsors for this year’s derby.

Call Discover Meeteetse at 307-868-2454 for further information on donating items for the raffle or sponsorship for the tagged fish contest.

### FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a Promissory Note (the “Note”) dated November 7, 2002, executed and delivered by Deloris K. O’Brien and Larry J. O’Brien (“Mortgagors”) to Pinnacle Bank Corp., and a real estate Mortgage (the “Mortgage”) of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by said Mortgagors, to said Mortgagee, and which Mortgage was recorded on November 14, 2002, at Reception No. 446835, in Book 97, at Page 982 in the public records in the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was assigned for value as follows:  
Assignee: Bank of America, N.A.  
Assignment dated: February 1, 2023  
Assignment recorded: February 28, 2023  
Assignment recording information: at Reception No. 0552501, in Book 204, at Page 457

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage as of December 20, 2023 being the total sum of \$45,081.53, plus interest, costs expended, late charges, and attorneys’ fees accruing thereafter through the date of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

WHEREAS, if the foreclosure sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of his/her/its money paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Mortgagor, Servicer or their attorneys;

NOW, THEREFORE Bank of America, N.A., as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to

be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o’clock in the forenoon on January 23, 2024 on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443, for application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in Block 2, of the Town of Kirby, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

With an address of 215 West Main Street, Kirby, WY 82430 (the undersigned disclaims liability for any error in the address).

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Mortgagee shall have the exclusive right to rescind the foreclosure sale during the redemption period. In the event that the sale is rescinded or vacated for any reason, the successful purchaser shall only be entitled to a refund of their purchase price and/or statutory interest rate.

Dated: December 12, 2023 Bank of America, N.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF: )  
 ) Probate No.  
Lola M. Davis, ) CV 2024-1  
 )  
Deceased. )

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION  
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to W.S. § 2-1-205, Ronald P. Jurovich has filed a sworn Application for Decree of Distribution with the Clerk of the above-entitled court wherein he prays that the following-described property will be set over and distributed pursuant to the Laws of Intestate Succession to the following:

Ronald P. Jurovich, 25% interest, Calvin R. Schilt, 25% interest, and Dorsey Shaw-

Hensley, 50% interest, as tenants in common, the following described mineral interest located in Niobrara County, Wyoming, more fully described as follows, to-wit:

Township 39 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. Section 13:E1/2NW1/4  
13.333334 net acres/80.00 gross acres  
16.66667% mineral interest

If no objection to this application has been filed with thirty (30) days of the first publication, to-wit January 18, 2024, the Court shall enter such a decree.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2024  
  
/s/ Ronald P. Jurovich  
Ronald P. Jurovich WSB # 5-1405  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for a Deferred Accounting Order to record a regulatory asset associated with incremental costs related to third-party liability in excess of \$10 million dollars, as more fully described below:

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 December 18, 2023, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 37-2-112 and 37-2-115, the Company filed an Application requesting the Commission issue a Deferred Accounting Order to record and defer a regulatory asset associated with incremental costs from increased premiums for third-party liability insurance, specifically wildfires. The deferral is for possible future recovery of costs.

3. RMP states wildfire liability risk, like that associated with the third party claims from the September 2020 Oregon wildfires, are impacting the commercial insurance markets resulting in increased premiums. RMP additionally states that insurance is a required and prudent business expense. The costs identified, accounted for, and tracked are the total-Company insurance coverage costs that exceed the Company’s \$10 million allocated costs included in the approved rate tariff.

4. RMP is not currently seeking recovery of these costs from customers. The requested Deferred Accounting Order, if approved, will enable the Company to seek recovery in the future. If approved, deferred costs will be recorded in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Account 182.3. Concurrent dockets, related to or in support of this filing, are pending review by the Commission.

5. The total amount of the potential deferral is unknown. Current liabilities are estimated at approximately \$122.4 million. Deferred accounting permits the Company to track the expenses resulting from increased excess liability related insurance premiums for potential future recovery.

6. This is not a complete description of RMP’s Application. Interested persons may inspect the entire Application at RMP’s Wyoming offices and at the Commission’s offices during regular business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx>. (enter Record No. 17470). The Application may also be reviewed on line at: <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/rates-regulation/wyoming-regulatory-filings.html>.

7. 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 February 9, 2024. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 20000-654-EA-23 in your communications.

8. If you wish to intervene or request a public hearing that you will attend, or wish to file a public comment, statement, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or in writing at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: January 9, 2024.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 1978 Tioga Motorhome, white in color with VIN#52L47377S7388 that will be sold at Sheriff’s public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on January 23, 2024 at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Rex Compton on the above listed vehicle by Hot Springs County Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$234.00.

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