

STATE OF ) IN THE  
 WYOMING ) DISTRICT COURT  
 ) ss.  
 COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
 HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

Civil Action Case No. DR2024-4

Plaintiff/Petitioner:  
 Jean Anne Hart

vs.

Defendant/Respondent:  
 Christopher Elwin Hart

**Notice of Publication**

NOTICE to Christopher Elwin Hart,  
 DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT's CUR-  
 RENT ADDRESS 4544 7th Ave. NE, Se-  
 attle, WA 98105-4731.

You are notified that a *Complaint for Di-  
 vorce*, Civil Action No. DR2024-4, has been  
 filed in the Wyoming District Court for the  
 Fifth Judicial District, whose address is  
 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443  
 seeking dissolution of your marriage to  
 Jean Anne Hart and a *Decree of Divorce* in  
 his/her favor.

Unless you file an *Answer or Response* or  
 otherwise respond to the *Complaint or Peti-  
 tion* referenced above within 30 days follow-  
 ing the last date of publication of this notice,  
 a default judgement will be taken against  
 you and a *Decree of Divorce* will be granted.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2024

BY CLERK OF COURT

Kristina McNeff  
 Clerk of District Court/Deputy

Pub. April 18, 25, May 2 & 9, 2024  
 No. 1587

**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
 NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
 AND  
 FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
 HIGHWAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming  
 Department of Transportation has accepted as  
 completed according to plans, specifica-  
 tions and rules governing the same work  
 performed under that certain contract be-  
 tween the State of Wyoming and **S & L  
 Industrial**, The Contractor, on Highway  
 Project Number **B235025 in Washakie  
 County**, consisting of **guardrail, grading  
 and miscellaneous work**, and the Con-  
 tractor is entitled to final settlement there-  
 fore; that the Director of the Department of  
 Transportation will cause said Contractor to  
 be paid the full amount due him under  
 said contract on **May 22, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this  
 Notice is **April 11, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick  
 Senior Budget Analyst  
 Budget Program  
 Wyoming Department of Transportation

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**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 CHEYENNE, WYOMING  
 NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
 AND  
 FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR  
 HIGHWAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming  
 Department of Transportation has accepted as  
 completed according to plans, specifica-  
 tions and rules governing the same work  
 performed under that certain contract be-  
 tween the State of Wyoming and **Croell,  
 Inc.**, The Contractor, on Highway Project  
 Number **N361068 in Washakie County**,  
 consisting of **grading, milling, HPM, chip  
 seal, bridge rehabilitation and miscel-  
 laneous work**, and the Contractor is en-  
 titled to final settlement therefore; that the  
 Director of the Department of Transporta-  
 tion will cause said Contractor to be paid  
 the full amount due him under said contract  
 on **May 22, 2024**.

The date of the first publication of this  
 Notice is **April 11, 2024**.

Pam Fredrick  
 Senior Budget Analyst  
 Budget Program  
 Wyoming Department of Transportation

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

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
 HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

No. CV2024-7

IN THE MATTER OF )

THE ESTATE OF )  
 )  
 DENNIS CLYDE WICKENHAUSER, )  
 )  
 Deceased. )

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID  
 ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 14th  
 day of March, 2024, the estate of the above  
 named Decedent was admitted to probate by  
 the above named court, and that Leigh Vigil  
 was appointed Administrator and Rexford  
 Wickenhauser was appointed Co-Adminis-  
 trator thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons in-  
 debted to the decedent or to decedent's estate  
 are requested to make immediate payment to  
 the Estate of Dennis Clyde Wickenhauser,  
*c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe  
 Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.*

Creditors having claims against the dece-  
 dent or the estate are required to file them  
 in duplicate with the necessary vouchers,  
 in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, on  
 or before three months after the date of the  
 first publication of this notice, and if such  
 claims are not so filed, unless otherwise al-  
 lowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 22nd day of March, 2024.

Leigh Vigil  
 Personal Representative

Pub. April 11, 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1585

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH  
 JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING**

Civil Action No. CV-2024-11

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
 JAN CARMEN GIPSON, a/k/a  
 JAN C. GIPSON, a/k/a  
 JAN GIPSON, Deceased.

**NOTICE OF VERIFIED  
 APPLICATION FOR  
 DECREE OF SUMMARY  
 DISTRIBUTION**

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN  
 SAID ESTATE:

You are notified that, under Wyo. Stat.  
 Ann. § 2-1-205, Pamela Sue Goodrich, as a  
 distributee of the above-captioned Estate  
 ("Petitioner"), pursuant to the terms of the  
 Last Will of Jan Carmen Gipson dated June  
 20, 2017 ("Will"), has filed a sworn Verified  
 Application for Summary Decree of Distribu-  
 tion of Real Property ("Application") in the  
 above-entitled court wherein she prays the  
 real property and mineral interests herein  
 described are set over to the distributees  
 under the Will. Petitioner seeks to distrib-  
 ute all rights, titles, and interest held by the  
 above-captioned Estate in and to the follow-  
 ing real property and mineral interests, de-  
 scribed, to-wit as follows:

**a.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon  
 division order #5140247 (Hot Springs),  
 located in Township 44 North, Range 96  
 West, Section 2 - ALL, Hot Springs Coun-  
 ty, Wyoming.

**b.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon  
 division order #5140229 (Big Horn), located  
 in Lot 47-C (NW/4 NW/4 original survey)  
 Section 26, Twp. 56 North, Rg. 97 West, 6th  
 P.M., Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**c.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Phillips  
 division order #812878 (Big Horn), located  
 in the North 17 acres of the SW 1/4 of the  
 NE 1/4, Section 26, Twp. 56 N. Range 97 W,  
 Big Horn County, Wyoming.

**d.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon  
 division order #5100075 (Big Horn), located  
 in the north portion of the Southwest quar-  
 ter (SW/4) of the Northeast quarter NE/4)  
 of Section twenty-six (26), Township fifty-six  
 (56) North, Range ninety-seven (97) West,  
 6th P.M., containing seventeen (17) acres,  
 more or less, situated in Big Horn County,  
 Wyoming.

**e.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon  
 division order #5100517 (Big Horn), located  
 in the Southwest quarter of the Northeast  
 Quarter (SW/4 NE/4) of Section 23 (23), ac-  
 cording to the original survey, also described  
 as a part, or the Southwest quarter of the  
 North Half (SW/4 N/2) of Lot 46, according  
 to the resurvey, which Lot 46 embraces the  
 E/2 of old Sec. 23, Twp. 56 N., R 97 W., Big  
 Horn County, Wyoming.

**f.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Marathon  
 division order #5100272 (Big Horn), located  
 in the north portion of the Southwest quar-  
 ter (SW/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE/4)  
 of Section twenty-six (26), township fifty-six  
 (56) North, Range ninety-seven (97) West,  
 6th P.M., containing seventeen (17) acres,  
 more or less, situated in Big Horn County,  
 Wyoming.

**g.** Oil and Gas Royalty Interest Wind  
 River Exploration, located on Lot 96 G, Sec-  
 tion 32, Township 56 North, Range 96 West  
 (Keele Lease of the south Byron Field) Big  
 Horn County, Wyoming.

**h.** One per cent (1%) of all oil and gas pro-  
 duced and saved from Lot 47-C (NE/4 NW/4  
 original survey) Section 26, Twp. 56 North,  
 Rg. 97 West, 6th P. M., Big Horn County,  
 Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from W.O. Tay-  
 lor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged  
 June 21, 1930, and recorded November 13,  
 1930, in Book 59, Warranty Deeds, on page  
 147, Big Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**i.** One per cent (1%) of all oil and gas lying  
 in and under and which may be produced  
 and saved from the following described land:  
 Southwest quarter of the Northeast quar-  
 ter (SW/4 NE/4) of Section Twenty-three  
 (23), according to the original survey, also  
 described as a part, or the Southwest quar-  
 ter of the North Half (SW/4 N/2) of Lot 46,  
 according to the resurvey, which Lot 46 em-  
 braces the E/2 of old Sec. 23, Twp. 56 N., R.  
 97 W., Big Horn County, State of Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from W.O.  
 Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowl-  
 edged June 7, 1930, and recorded June 9,  
 1930, in Book 57 W. D., on page 568, Big  
 Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**j.** An undivided three-fourths (3/4ths) of  
 one percent (1%) of all oil and/or gas lying  
 in and under or produced and sold from the  
 following described lands:

The north portion of the Southwest quar-  
 ter (SW/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE/4) of  
 Section Twenty-six (26), Township Fifty-six  
 (56) North, Range Ninety-seven (97) West,  
 6th P. M., containing seventeen (17) acres,  
 more or less, situated in Big Horn County,  
 State of Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from John  
 D. Lindsay and Florence Lindsay, his wife,  
 to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged  
 December 30, 1946, and recorded January  
 13, 1947, in Book 72 on page 639, Big Horn  
 County, Wyoming, records.

**k.** Three-fourths of one percent (3/4ths  
 of 1%) of all oil and gas lying in and under  
 and which may be produced and saved from  
 the following described land:

Southeast quarter of the Northeast quar-  
 ter (SE/4 NE/4) and the Northeast quarter  
 of the Southeast quarter (NE/4 SE/4) of Sec-  
 tion Thirty-one (31); Lots 2 and 96 F of Sec-  
 tion Thirty-two (32) Township Fifty-six (56)  
 North of Range Ninety-six (96) West of the  
 6th P. M., containing 177.57 acres, in Big  
 Horn County, Wyoming.

Held under warranty deed from W. O.  
 Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowl-  
 edged May 26, 1930, and recorded June 9,  
 1930, in Book 57 W. Deeds, on page 567, Big  
 Horn County, Wyoming, records.

**l.** One-fourth of one per cent (1/4 of 1%)  
 royalty interest in all oil and gas produced  
 and sold from the following described land:  
 W/2 Lot 96 G (SW/4 SW/4) Section 32,  
 Township 56 North, Range 96 West, 6th P.  
 M., Big Horn County, State of Wyoming.

**m.** One-fourth of one percent (1/4 of 1%)  
 royalty interest in all oil and gas produced  
 and sold from the following described land:  
 E/2 lot 96 G (SW/4 SW/4) Sec. 32, Twp. 56  
 N., Rg. 96 W., 6th P. M., Big Horn County,  
 State of Wyoming.

**n.** Two per cent (2%) of all the oil and gas  
 lying in and under and which may be pro-  
 duced and saved from the following real es-  
 tate and real property in Big Horn Coun-  
 ty, Wyoming: South half of the Southwest  
 quarter of the Northwest quarter (S/2 SW/4  
 NW/4) Section Twenty-seven (27), Town-  
 ship Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-six  
 (96) West, containing twenty acres.

Held under two warranty deeds (each  
 covering a one per cent (1%) Interest from  
 James William Harston and Mary E. Har-  
 ston (grantee blank), dated and acknowl-  
 edged March 7, 1929 (unrecorded).

**o.** Five-eighths of one per cent (5/8ths of  
 1%) of the oil, gas and other hydrocarbon  
 substances produced and marketed out of the  
 two and one-half percent (2-1/2%) overriding  
 royalty reserved by the assignor covering:

Township 54 North, Range 93 West 6th  
 P. M., Big Horn County, Wyoming:  
 Sec. 5, S/2 SW/4, W/2 SE/4; Sec. 6, NW/4  
 SE/4; Sec. 7, NE/4; Sec. 8, W/2 NE/4, NW/4;  
 Sec. 19, NE/4, E/2 NW/4, Lots 1, 2, 3, NE/4  
 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, containing 1079.74 acres  
 more or less.

Held under assignment of oil royalty  
 from Geraldine Louise Esh (holder of oil  
 and gas lease from the United States, be-  
 ing Buffalo, Wyoming, Serial No. 037986  
 covering above-described land) to Louis M.  
 Nelson, dated and acknowledged November  
 29, 1947 (unrecorded).

**p.** One and one-fourth percent (1-1/4%)  
 royalty of all oil and gas produced and saved  
 from the following described lands located in  
 the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming:  
 The South Half of the Northeast Quarter  
 (S/2 NE/4) and the Northwest Quarter of  
 the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) of Sec-  
 tion Thirty-three (33), Township Fifty-sev-  
 en (57) North, Range Ninety-six (96) West  
 of the 6th P. M.

Held under assignment of royalty from  
 S. C. Ferdig to L. M. Nelson, dated and ac-  
 knowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

**q.** One and one-fourth per cent (1-1/4%)  
 royalty of all oil and gas produced and saved  
 from the following described lands located in  
 the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming:

Southwest quarter (SW/4) of Section  
 Thirty-four (34), and the South half of the  
 South half of the Northwest Quarter (S/2  
 S/2 NW/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Town-  
 ship Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-  
 six (96) West of the 6th P. M., and contain-  
 ing 198 acres, more or less, according to the  
 Government survey thereof.

Held under assignment of royalty from  
 S. C. Ferdig to L. M. Nelson, dated and ac-  
 knowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

**r.** A two per cent (2%) royalty of all the  
 oil or gas or kindred substance produced  
 and saved from the following described  
 lands in the County of Big Horn and State  
 of Wyoming:

Northwest quarter of Southwest quar-  
 ter (NW/4 SE/4) of Section Seventeen (17);  
 Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter  
 (NE/4 SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Town-  
 ship Fifty-seven (57) North, Range Ninety-

Seven (97) West of the 6th P. M., contain-  
 ing 80 acres, more or less, according to the  
 Government survey.

Held under assignment of royalty from  
 J. N. Thelen to L. M. Nelson, dated and  
 acknowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

**s.** A two and one-half percent (2-1/2%)  
 royalty of all the oil or gas or kindred sub-  
 stance produced and saved from the follow-  
 ing described lands located in the County of  
 Big Horn, State of Wyoming:

Southwest quarter of Southwest quar-  
 ter (SW/4 SW/4) of Section Seventeen (17);  
 South half of Southeast quarter (S/2 SE/4)  
 of Section Eighteen (18), Township Fifty-  
 seven (57) North, Range Ninety-seven (97)  
 West of the 6th P. M., Wyoming, contain-  
 ing 130 acres.

Held under assignment of royalty from  
 J. N. Thelen to L. M. Nelson, dated and  
 acknowledged July 10, 1929 (unrecorded).

**t.** A one per cent (1%) royalty of all the  
 oil or gas produced from the following de-  
 scribed lands:

SE/4 SE/4 (RES. PT. Lot 37) Section 16,  
 Twp. 56, Rg. 97, Big Horn County, Wyo-  
 ming, containing 40.00 acres, more or less.

Reserved in assignment of oil and gas  
 lease on above-described lands given by  
 Louis M. Nelson to Bessie B. Osborne, dated  
 and acknowledged April 24, 1944.

**u.** A two and one-half percent (2-1/2%)  
 royalty interest in and to all the oil or gas  
 located in or under or hereafter found or  
 discovered and produced or marketed from  
 the following described land situated in Big  
 Horn County, Wyoming:

Lots One Hundred Eighteen-A (118-  
 A), Township Fifty-five (55) North, Range  
 Ninety-six (96) West, and One Hundred  
 Eighteen-I (118-I) and Ninety-six-H (96-  
 H), Township Fifty-six (56) North, Range  
 Ninety-six (96) West of the Sixth Principal  
 Meridian., Wyoming.

Held under royalty deed from W. O. Taylor  
 and Florence B. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dat-  
 ed and acknowledged September 30, 1944,  
 and recorded November 1, 1944, in Book 70  
 Deeds, at page 224, Big Horn County, Wyo-  
 ming, records.

**v.** One and one-quarter per cent (1-1/4%)  
 of all oil or gas produced and saved from  
 the following described lands, located in  
 the County of Big Horn, State of Wyoming,  
 to-wit:

Southeast quarter of the Northwest quar-  
 ter (SE/4 NW/4) and part of the Southwest  
 Quarter of the Northeast quarter (SW/4  
 NE/4) of Section Twenty-six, Township Fift-  
 y-six, North of Range Ninety-seven, West  
 of the 6th P. M.

Held under assignment of royalty from  
 W. O. Taylor to L. M. Nelson, dated and  
 acknowledged June 21, 1930 (unrecorded).

**w.** A one and one-fourth per cent (1-1/4%)  
 overriding royalty interest in all oil, gas and  
 other hydrocarbon substances produced and  
 marketed from the following described lands  
 situated in the County of Weston, State of  
 Wyoming:

The East Half (E/2) of Section Sixteen (16),  
 Township Forty-six (46) North, Range Sixty-  
 five (65) West, Weston County, Wyoming,  
 being State of Wyoming lease No. 0-4596,  
 dated October 2, 1947, and containing 320  
 acres, more or less.

Held under assignment of oil royalty from  
 A. T. Arthur to L. M. Nelson dated and ac-  
 knowledged October 19, 1948, and recorded  
 November 28, 1949, in Block 38 of Placer,  
 page 380, Weston County, Wyoming, records.

**x.** An undivided one-eighth of one per cent  
 (1/8th of 1%) in all oil, gas and other miner-  
 als lying under or which may be produced  
 from the following described land:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southeast  
 Quarter (SW/4 SE/4) of Section Six (6), Town-  
 ship Fifty-seven (57) North of Range One  
 Hundred One (101), West, in Park County,  
 Wyoming, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Held under assignment of royalty deed  
 of interest in mineral reservations from W.  
 W. Gail to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowl-  
 edged September 18, 1946, and recorded Sep-  
 tember 25, 1946, in Book 128 on page 387,  
 Park County, Wyoming, records.

**y.** A five per cent (5%) royalty of all the  
 oil, gas and kindred substances produced  
 and saved from the following described  
 land located in the County of Park, State  
 of Wyoming:

SE/4 Section 8; S/2 of the SE/4 Section 17;  
 NE/4, E/2 of the SE/4 Section 20; all of Sec-  
 tion 21; SW/4 Section 22; S/2, SW/4 of the  
 NE/4 Section 27; and the NE/4; Section 28;  
 all in Township 57 North, Range 98 West,  
 Sixth Principal Meridian, Park County, Wyo-  
 ming, containing 1800 acres, more or less,  
 according to the Government survey thereof.

Held under two assignments of royalty  
 (each covering 2-1/2% royalty) from Cody  
 Petroleum Company to L. M. Nelson, dated  
 and acknowledged July 10, 1929, and record-  
 ed July 22, 1929, in Book 79 on page 124,  
 and Book 79 on Page 125, of the records of  
 Park County, Wyoming.

Also, additional royalty interest in the  
 last above-described lands, as follows:

Assignment of seven-eighths of one per  
 cent (7/8ths of 1%) royalty from S. A. Mikal-  
 son to L. M. Nelson dated and acknowledged  
 March 5, 1930 (unrecorded).

Assignment of one-eighth of one per cent  
 (1/8th of 1%) royalty from W. W. Gail as man-  
 aging trustee for Gail's Associated Royalties,  
 dated and acknowledged August 15, 1930.

**z.** An undivided one-twenty-fifth (1/25th)  
 of the mineral royalty (coal excepted) which  
 may be produced from the South Half (1/2)  
 of Section 29, Twp. 34 N., Range 76 West -  
 Converse County, Wyoming, containing 320

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acres, more or less.

Held under assignment from E. M. Cooper to L. M. Nelson, dated and acknowledged June 8, 1943, and recorded June 10, 1948, in Book 217 at page 271, Converse County, Wyoming, records.

Subject, as to E/2 SE/4 said Section 29-34N-76W, to oil and gas lease from L. M. Nelson and Genevieve S. Nelson to Ed. F. Kolacny for a term of five years, dated July 14, 1950, and acknowledged August 22, 1950, and by the said Ed. F. Kolacny assigned to Phillips Petroleum Co.

aa. An undivided two and one-half per cent (2-1/2%) overriding royalty of all oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances produced, saved and sold from the following described land:

The East Half of the East Half (E/2 E/2) of Section 16, Township 32 North, Range 95 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, containing 160 acres, more or less, Fremont County, Wyoming, reserved by the said Louis M. Nelson in written assignment dated July 9, 1947 to R. S. Shannon covering State of Wyoming Oil and Gas lease No. 0-2511.

If no objection to the Application has been filed within thirty (30) days of the first day of publication, to wit April 11, 2024, the Court shall enter a Decree of Summary Distribution vesting title to the aforementioned real property and mineral interests in the name of the distributees under the Will. Any other personal property belonging to the Deceased in Wyoming, if any, that could be distributed in this ancillary summary probate proceeding will be collected by the Petitioner via small estate affidavit procedures as allowed pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 2-1-205(h).

DATED this 3rd day of April, 2024.

/s/ G. Nolan Thomas  
G. Nolan Thomas, WSB No. 8-6624  
S. Gregory Thomas, WSB No. 5-2653  
THOMAS & THOMAS LLC  
316 S. Gillette Ave., Ste. 200  
Gillette, WY 82716  
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Attorneys for Petitioner

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### INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District #1, Thermopolis, Wyoming, is receiving bids for the purchase of a 1-ton truck for Transportation Services Department. Vehicle requirements are:

Year 2024 or newer, single axle non-automatically, automatic transmission, gas engine, any color excluding black and high-visibility colors, dark interior, snowplow package, power seats & windows, 4wd, airbags, USB port, tow package, long bed truck box. Please contact Levi Benboe (Transportation Director) lbenboe@hotsprings1.org or call 307-864-6699 with any questions or concerns. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "HSCSD#1 Vehicle Purchase" must be received by 1:00 P.M., Mountain Savings Time, at the Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Administrative Office, 415 Springview St, Wyoming, on or before April 30th 2024.

Any bids received after the bid deadline will be returned unopened. The district shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities and informalities in the bidding.

By Order Of:  
Dustin Hunt  
Superintendent  
Hot Springs County School District #1

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1588

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

COUNTY OF ) FIFTH JUDICIAL  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT

Probate No. 2024-CV-10

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
)  
CARL D. WORKMAN, )  
)  
Deceased. )

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

#### TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CARL D. WORKMAN:

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of April, 2024, the Estate of the above named decedent was admitted to probate by the District Court, Fifth Judicial District, Probate No. 2024-CV-10, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, and that Gary Giannino was appointed Executor.

NOTICE is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of Carl D. Workman, 117 Cedar Ridge, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are requested to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of said court, on or before three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, and if such

claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED: April 11th, 2024.

Jill Logan, WSB#6-4256  
Attorney for the Estate of  
Carl D. Workman

Pub. April 18, 25, & May 2, 2024  
No. 1589

### Notice

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County residents to apply to serve on the Hot Springs County Travel and Tourism Board:

Hot Springs County Representative – Three (3) year term – One Member

Town of Thermopolis Representative – Three (3) year term – One Member

(Travel & Tourism applicants shall be from the lodging and/or tourism industry)

All of the above positions begin June 1st, 2024

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on the Board should submit their County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office.

Residents of the Town of Thermopolis interested in applying to serve on the Board should submit their application (available on the Town website http://www.townofthermopolis.com or at Town Hall) to the Town Clerk's Office.

Each application is due to the appropriate entity no later than 5:00 p.m. May 2, 2024. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the meetings held on May 7, 2024.

Becky Kersten  
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1590

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on April 2, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Animal Control Officer Grace Wagstaff, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session under Mayor and Council.

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 5, and 19, 2024.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for March 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JEB SCHENCK: BIGHORN BASIN NATURE & DISCOVERY CENTER: Schenck noted the group is applying for a \$500,000 tap grant, sponsored by Hot Springs County. Following a request by Schenck, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to authorize the mayor to sign a letter of support for the project.

#### PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST TO APPEAL A DECLARATION OF A NUISANCE PROPERTY AT 117 FREMONT:

Estenson noted the property at 117 Fremont had been declared a nuisance property by the Codes Administrator and Town Attorney. A written request was received by the property owner, Alan Weber, for a hearing. Alan Weber was not present for the hearing and thereby waived his right to a public hearing. The mayor noted the council will be asked to confirm or deny that the property is a nuisance. Town Attorney Keller noted he would present information about why the property was declared a nuisance based on the rubbish and junk in the yard and at least three citizen complaints. Keller noted tenant Paul Mathewson was found guilty of having nuisance vehicles.

Keller called Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Codes Officer Grace Wagstaff and Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme to present evidence, after each were sworn in. It was noted that Paul Mathewson dropped off a letter requesting a hearing at the town clerk's office. Jeunehomme noted a certified letter, about the hearing was attempted to be delivered by the post office. After three attempts, the letter was returned by the post office. Another letter was served to Alan Weber by the Natrona County Sheriff's office. During testimony it was noted that there had been numerous complaints and notifications to the tenant and property owner about nuisance issues.

Per Chief Cornwell, between 2022 and 2024 there was not any improvement on the property. (Items were moved from one pile to another.) Seventeen photographs of the property were presented. The dates of the photographs ranged from 2023 to 2024 and included overhead drone photographs. In the photographs there were piles of wood, scrap metals, cardboard, piles of parts, tires, lawnmowers, swamp coolers, miscellaneous broken metal and equipment items, sheds and vehicles.

Concerns were expressed about fire hazards (leaking fluids from vehicles) and safety hazards due to feral cats, snakes and vermin. Wagstaff noted there are multiple barrels on the property, but she has been unable to get close enough to determine what is in them.

Ms. Debra Davenport, a neighbor was sworn in. She noted that a loan assessor decreased her property value by \$10,000, due to the property condition of 117 Fremont. She was concerned about leaking fluids from the 22 lawnmowers next to her fence, multiple pieces of equipment, and the asbestos shingles from a shed that are stored in the red dump truck.

Two other neighbors, Susan Steinmetz and Lisa Brown were also sworn in. Ms. Steinmetz, 145 Fremont, expressed concern about the number of vehicles, the skunk smell and the accumulation of junk has increased in the last four years. Ms. Brown, 132 1/2 Clark, expressed concern about the garbage, noise and noted there is more and more junk.

Jeunehomme noted that 117 Fremont is not licensed as a salvage or junk yard. The zoning is medium or general residential and no commercial activity is allowed in that zone.

In closing, Keller read through the definition of nuisance, town code section 11-805. He also noted the conditions have existed for more than a year, both the tenant and the property owner have been notified and have had opportunities to take care of the complaints. Discussion ensued on abandoned vehicles. Officer Wagstaff noted if a vehicle is parked in the street and has not moved in 5 days and is not registered, the vehicle can be towed. Questions were asked about disabilities, (none known), and whether the property owner had responded. Jeunehomme noted he had spoken to the property owner about another situation and advised him about the certified letter. The property owner never accepted the letter. He also noted there was no response from the property owner after he was served by the Natrona County Sheriff.

The mayor and council were asked to determine if the property at 117 Fremont was a nuisance. A check list was provided, if any of the items on the checklist are found to be present, then a nuisance exists. The check list included: 1. Are there more than two vehicles on the property which are inoperable or stripped and have been there for more than 30 days? 2. Is there scrap wood, rags, oil or other rubbish on the property which causes a hazard? 3. Are there appliances on the property which have accumulated for more than 30 days? 4. Is there stripped parts or stripped personal property which has been there more than 30 days? 5. Does the condition of the property in question reduce the neighbors value or promote blight? 6. Does the condition cause the harbor of rodents, insects or other animals? 7. Does the condition on the property cause a health or safety hazard to the public? Mayor Estenson and council members Malloy and Dorman voted yes on all seven items. Council member Hughes voted yes on item 1-5 and no on items 6 and 7. Council member Lewis voted yes on all items, except item 3. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to set April 15, 2024, as the abatement action date. Discussion ensued on assessing attorney fees and cleanup fees to the property owner. Keller noted the council can determine the fees, based on costs incurred. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to assess fees on the abatement of 117 Fremont.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The Police report, the Streets and Alleys, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation and Landfill reports and Engineering reports were available for review. Barnett noted changes will be required to fluoridation, either eliminating the addition of fluoride or changing the process. He also noted the EPA will be requiring changes on the filter to backwash piping system at the water plant, with designs to be submitted next March for funding and completion in late 2025.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Councilman Lewis noted the BLM and Wyoming Pathways are exploring a bike loop or hiking trail from the landfill to town. It was also noted that the concrete work at 8th street boat ramp is completed. At 8:35 pm, Dorman made a motion and Malloy and carried, to enter executive session, as allowed under state statute 16-4-405 (a)(vii). At 8:50 pm the executive session ended. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to immediately adjourn. The next Council meeting is April 16, 2024, at 7pm.

BILLS: A&I, Oil, \$1,823.41; AFLAC, Insurance, \$363.10; Ambiente, Pump, \$61,598.00; American Welding & Gas, Acetylene, \$111.42; Axon, Taser Contract, \$25,112.14; BCN, Phone, \$94.31; Big Horn Water, Rental, Annual Maintenance, \$799.25; Biolynceus, Probiotic, \$7,680.82; BSNF, Lease, \$110.15; Hannah Brooks, Mileage, Uniforms, \$292.36; Carquest, Supplies \$2,317.72; Caselle, Support, Software \$2,373.00; ComTech, Software, \$58,667.33; Dana Kepner, Parts, \$732.28; Discover Thermopolis, Postage, \$46.50; Energy Labs, Service, \$398.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$14,197.64; Ferguson Waterworks, Meter, \$711.59; Gall's, Supplies, \$2,528.77; Grainger, Strobe Light, \$304.26; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Hach, Chemicals, \$1,206.59; Hawkins, Rental, \$20.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$343.96; Hot Springs County, PD Phone, \$46.42; HSC Fire Dept., Snow Removal, \$1,237.50; HSC Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$5,031.44; HSC Treasurer, Fees, \$13.89; Idexx, Supplies, \$309.33; IR, Legal

Ads, \$1,391.60; Indoff, Supplies, \$23.77; Inland Truck, Parts, \$91.22; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$33,564.00; Jadeco, Service, \$3,954.81; JRA, Service, \$17.50; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Lacial Equip., Parts, \$428.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Legion Golf Club, Contract, \$15,000.00; Napa, Supplies, \$1,975.10; Nartec, Supplies, \$188.51; Natrona County Sheriff's Office, Fee, \$55.00; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192.00; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$389.71; Kelly Owen, Service, \$200.00; Pace Analytical, Service, \$520.00; Peterbilt, Parts, \$47.58; Postmaster, Postage, \$608.27; R.S. Hughes, Gloves, \$123.95; Range, Service, \$556.94; Riverton Tire, Tires, \$720.00; Mel Robinson, Boots, \$100.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$16,097.13; Southwest Equip., Parts, \$683.92; Staples, Supplies, \$139.16; Rob Stehlin, Equipment, \$5,300.00; Radar Shop, Service, \$967.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$42.18; Thermopolis PD, Petty Cash, \$20.00; Tommerup, Service, \$4,845.84; Tony's LLC, Contract, \$9,000.00; ToT General, Labor, \$2,775.00; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$71,382.75; Tractor & Equip., Parts, \$26,791.34; TCI, Computers, \$3,966.95; Unum, Insurance, \$224.66; USA Bluebook, Supplies, \$580.18; Verizon, Phone, \$470.25; Visa, Supplies, \$782.62; VSP, Insurance, \$310.34; Chase Workman, Physical, \$65.00; WY Sec of State, Notaries, \$120.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$2,415.54; WY Gas, Service, \$3,256.60; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$23,163.18; WY Rural Water, Registration, \$395.00; WY.Com, Service, \$45.00; Payroll, \$94,039.59; Payroll Taxes, \$30,390.77.

### ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,  
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

Pub. April 18, 2024 No. 1591

There is a 2006 utility trailer, VIN# 1UYF-S24866A872610 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene & Paul McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$12,500.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1597

There is a 2004 Freightliner, red, VIN # 1FUJA6CV14PM19136 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene H & Paul D McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$9,500.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1596

There is a 2000 Freightliner, VIN# 1FUYY-SEB9YDA90892 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$7,500.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1595

There is a 2004 Nissan, charcoal, VIN # 1N6AA07B34N506663 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against John Travis Meece on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$5,000.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1594

There is a 2017 Ford F150, charcoal, VIN # 1FTEW1EP5HFC14443 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Lance Portlock on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$40,000.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1593

There is a 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer, gold, VIN # 1GNDDT138S72227797 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Tim D Beason on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$5,000.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1592

There is a 1997 utility trailer, VIN# 1UYFS-2483VA313420 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 30, 2024, at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Marlene & Paul McKinstry on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$7,500.00

Pub. April 18 & 25, 2024 No. 1598