

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on May 21, 2024, 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, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett. Council member Dusty Lewis was absent.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an oath of office for Chase Workman.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the financial statement for April 2024. The utility rate review was presented.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MAIN STREET THERMOPOLIS: BREWFEST: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve a malt beverage permit and street closure for Main Street Thermopolis for the Brewfest on June 1 from 4-8pm on Broadway between 4th & 5th Street.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Pageant Days Parade and street closure on August 3, 2024, at 10am. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a street closure on October 24th for Moonlight Madness between 4th and 5th streets, on Broadway from 5:30 pm to 9pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: JULIE MATHEWS HOME OCCUPATION: TRANSFER/BUY/SELL FIREARMS: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm. No public comment was given, and the hearing was closed. Jeunehomme noted the application met all the qualifications for a home occupation permit. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve a home occupation permit for 118 South 8th, for the purpose of buying/selling/transfer of firearms.

PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING & RESOLUTION 580: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:12 pm. No public comment was given, and the hearing was closed. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve Resolution 580 which amends the 23-24 budget for an additional \$70,000 in landfill expenses.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Adam Estenson administered the oath of office to Chase Workman, a new police officer.

ADMINISTRATION: HOT SPRINGS RURAL WATER JPB: Jeunehomme presented an annual report from the joint powers board and noted a public meeting would be held on May 22 to gather and present information on the Level II water study.

ADMINISTRATION: FIRST DRAFT OF THE 2024-25 BUDGET: Following discussion, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the first reading of the budget, with the addition of adding a longevity pay increase and an additional \$75,000 funding for the one-cent budget.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: WORKSHOP MEETINGS: Estenson noted he would like to begin workshop meetings at 6pm before the first council meeting. He anticipates working on ordinances and other items, beginning July 2, 2024.

MAYOR & COUNCIL OTHER: At 7:45 pm Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried, to enter executive session, as allowed under state statute 16-4-405 (a)(iii). At 8:45 pm the executive session ended. Estenson noted he would update the paper on Sargent Mascorro's post investigation. Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn at 8:45 pm. The next Council meeting is June 4, 2024, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

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

Pub. June 13, 2024

No. 1638

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct a new substation adjacent to the existing Deer Creek substation and approximately 100 yards of transmission line southwest of Glenrock, Wyoming (the Project), 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 under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is a public utility and subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On May 14, 2024, the Company filed an Application together with supporting exhibits requesting a CPCN to: [i] construct a new two feeder 69/13.2-kV substation; [ii]

construct approximately 100 yards of new transmission lines; [iii] upgrade two supporting poles for transmission lines; and [iv] to install or construct other upgrades, as necessary, to existing switchgear and control equipment.

3. RMP states the existing Deer Creek substation is at the end of its design life and its replacement is necessary to provide reliable electric service to customers in Glenrock, Wyoming. The Project will be located 800 feet southeast of the I-25 East entrance ramp from Deer Creek Road in Converse County, 2 miles southwest of Glenrock, and approximately 800 meters west of the existing substation. The Project will be entirely on state property and no new rights-of-way are required.

4. RMP further states the Project will allow the Company to provide cost effective reliable service and the ability to support increasing demand in the town of Glenrock. The Company estimates construction of the Project to begin on or around December 1, 2024, with an estimated completion date in September 2025. The estimated total cost for the Project is approximately \$9.2 million. The Company intends to finance the Project through its normal internal and external sources of capital. The Company has not requested any rate change or ratemaking treatment in the context of this Application.

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. 17581).

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 June 28, 2024. 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. 20000-665-EN-24 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: May 28, 2024.

Pub. June 6 & 13, 2024

No. 1634

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note (the "Note") dated August 31, 2007, executed and delivered by Dale Cornella, Jr. to Pinnacle Bank-Wyoming and a real estate mortgage (the "Mortgage") of the same date securing the Note, which Mortgage was executed and delivered by Dale Cornella, Jr. and Sara D. Cornella, as husband and wife (the "Mortgagors"), to Pinnacle Bank-Wyoming, and which Mortgage was recorded on August 31, 2007, as Doc 0474335 Bk 126 Pg 789-803 in the records of 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: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Assignment dated: 08/31/2007

Assignment recorded: 08/31/2007

Assignment recording information: Doc 0474336 Bk 126 Pg 804-804

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA

Assignment dated: 12/20/2016

Assignment recorded: 12/28/2016

Assignment recording information: Doc 0523915 Bk 175 Pg 397-397

Assignee: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

Assignment dated: 08/01/2019

Assignment recorded: 08/09/2019

Assignment recording information: Doc 0536247 Bk 186 Pg 595-595

Assignee: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-1

Assignment dated: 03/28/2024

Assignment recorded: 03/28/2024

Assignment recording information: Doc.0557047 bk:209 pg:593-594

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 on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$80,185.86 which sum consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$72,938.84 plus Interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$3,673.41, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice 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 and be prepared to show proof of funds before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2021-1, 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 10:00 AM on July 16, 2024, at Courthouse steps 415 Arapahoe St # 202, Thermopolis, WY 82443, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 19 and 20, Block 47, Original Townsite of the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

With an address of: 1026 Amoretti St., Thermopolis, WY 82443

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

Date: June 3, 2024

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Marcello G. Rojas
THE SAYER LAW GROUP, P.C.
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Hot Springs Travel & Tourism (HSC Lodging Tax Board) will hold a Public Hearing on Tues., June 18 at 1 p.m. at Audra's Copper Co. The public meeting will be to approve the final budget for fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

Pub. June 6 & 13, 2024

No. 1631

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
OF) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) May 21, 2024

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, County Clerk Becky Kersten, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The Commissioners approved the Agenda with the following change:

ADD: Item 11

Support Letter for State-Wide Shooting Complex Proposal Submission

Approval of the Minutes – The Commissioners accepted the minutes from May 7, 2024 meeting.

Approval of Revenue and Expenditures Report – The Commissioners approved all three signatures on the April 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Report.

Insurance Review – HUB Insurance consultant Melissa Bilby reported on the Aggregate Report for the County's Health Insurance Plan regarding the last two years and items to consider for the coming year, including new IRS rules and insurance options. After discussing the loss ratio and cost comparison the Commissioners decided to review insurance options during a budget work session. The Commissioners appointed the County Clerk to sign the insurance contracts. The Commissioners renewed Melissa Bilby as consultant and increased the annual amount from \$7,000 to \$7,500. The Commissioners requested an educational training for the employees regarding the insurance, Melissa agreed.

Executive Session (W.S. 16-4-405) – The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 3:31 p.m. based on W.S. 16-4-405. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, Melissa Bilby, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. The Commissioners exited Executive Session at 3:43 p.m. with no action taken.

2024 Hot Springs County Abstract Report – The Commissioners recessed as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvened at 3:05 p.m. County Assessor Dan Webber presented the 2024 Hot Springs County

Abstract for the Board's approval to submit to the State Board of Equalization. County Assessor Webber stated one appeal was filed for oil field equipment. This was the first year the Enrolled Act No. 54 was implemented and exempted taxation increased from the prior tax year over 4% for single family residential structures. The Commissioners approved all three signatures on the letter acknowledging they had received the 2024 abstract with sworn statement of completeness and market value, and voting to approve the submission of the document to the State Board of Equalization for their approval. Chairman Ryan adjourned as the Board of Equalization and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Health Agreements – Two Public Health Agreements were presented for approval. Commissioner Scheel inquired as to what had changed with the contracts. Mrs. McPhie stated the funding for the public health preparedness and response agreement went down and the deliverables had not yet been set.

a. **County Health Officer Agreement** – The Commissioners approved the County Health Officer Agreement in the Amount of \$10,000 effective upon execution through June 30, 2025.

b. **Public Health Preparedness and Response Agreement** – The Commissioners approved the Public Health Preparedness and Response Agreement in the amount of \$73,000, effective upon execution through June 30, 2025. Discussion: Commissioner Scheel inquired about the deliverables for this agreement being unknown, Mrs. McPhie stated the statement of work will remain the same and has no concerns.

Road and Bridge Discussion – The following items were presented to the Commissioners for review or approval.

a. **Cottonwood Creek Culvert Replacement Project** – Mr. Rankin spoke to Ardurra about this project and received a quote in the amount of \$85,600. Mr. Rankin plans to use State and County Road funds (SCRF), for the project and the amount for the engineering services is high for the (use of) SCRF money and the project would have to go out to bid if engineering fees are over \$50,000. The previous project similar to this was done by Engineering Associates (EA) and their quoted amount for this project was under \$20,000. Commissioners agreed not to go out to bid and to use EA.

b. **Approach Agreements 2024-0002 and 2024-0003** – Mr. Rankin stated all fees had been paid and the reason there are two agreements for one property is the owner wants to do a pull through driveway. The owners would purchase the pipe and the County will install. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on Approach agreement 2024-0002 and 0003 for Mr. Brost on County Road 32.

c. **Cattle Guard Placement on Rimrock Road** – Mr. Rankin stated years ago the County removed the cattle guards on Rimrock and Lane 12. Mr. Crandall had called the Road and Bridge Department requesting the cattle guards be replaced and Mr. Rankin referred him to the Commissioners. The cattle guard issue was last brought to the Commissioners in 2012, and back then it was stated this was a brand inspector and fencing issue. Mr. Crandall spoke stating the history of this issue, and requesting the cattle guard that was removed in 2012 be replaced on the corner where Lane 12 and Rimrock Road meet. After discussion of the history and the replacement of the cattle guard, the Commissioners agreed not to replace the cattle guard; the brand inspector and law enforcement should be called if there is an issue.

d. **Old Airport Access Road Temporary Access Application and Supporting Documents to WYDOT** – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Cover Letter and Access Application for Ingle's Way.

e. **Storm Water Prevention Plan (SWPP)** – Mr. Rankin stated the report is for the six gravel pits, County Planner Les Culliton prepared the report and Mr. Rankin reviewed. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Storm Water Prevention Plan on the six County Gravel pits.

Old Runway Use for Fourth of July Fireworks Display – The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Facility Use Agreement for the old airport runway, on July 4th.

Set Special Meeting Dates for Budget Hearings – The Commissioners set the Public Hearing for Budget Amendments and End of Year Bill payments for June 28th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. with an Agenda to include Public Hearing, signing of end of the year bills and other items as needed; and set the final adoption of Fiscal Year 24-25 Budget, for July 15th at 1:00 p.m., which will also serve as the regular second meeting of the month for July, time will be contingent upon statute, may be changed back to noon.

Set Elected Official Salary – Chairman Ryan stated Commissioner Three's (Commissioner Scheel's position) salary needs to be set for the next four years, commencing January 1, 2025. The salary for Chairman Ryan and Commissioner Galovich were set before they were elected, per statute a commissioner cannot set their own salary. Since Commissioner #3's position is up for election this year, this vote will bring the salary up for Commissioner #3, to the rate of the other two commissioners within two years. The Commissioners approved, per State Statute 18-3-107 (d), to set the Hot Springs County

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investigation, State statutes, case law and Town policies. This decision was not made lightly or rashly. In this research and due diligence, Mayor Estenson believes returning Sgt. Mascorro to full duty is prudent, responsible and in the best interest of the community of Thermopolis. Chief Pat Cornwell has informed Mayor Estenson that Sgt. Mascorro will return to his full duties effective June 5, 2024.”

Mayor Estenson stated, “I acknowledge that it is a possibility POST could hold an administrative hearing on this matter at a later date. There is the possibility that POST arrives at a different legal opinion than the legal opinion of Mr. Keller and myself. Spending much more time on the matter, we arrived at a different legal opinion than Mr. Erramouspe. There is the possibility that POST could revoke Sgt. Mascorro’s license. We will deal with that potentiality if it becomes a reality. Chief Cornwell and I are constantly looking for ways to improve the department and build trust within our community. I am proud of our community’s ability to debate this matter with a great respect of the dignity of all involved. I look forward to continued conversation on what policing looks like for Thermopolis into the future. I have full confidence in our police department to protect and serve this community.”

Pride event

During citizen participation, Lara Shook, Treasurer of Big Horn Basin Pride presented a request for street closure and access to the public bathrooms on June 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the same area and after the Farmer’s Market for a private gathering called “Pride in the Park.” Farmer’s Market is located on 5th Street between Broadway and Warren Streets. Big Horn Basic Pride President Lar-

ry Alwin said that the Gay Straight Alliance from the high school is attending. They will do a small fundraiser event to sell trinkets. Information fliers will be handed out as well. Also, We Got Your Six Portions will sell some barbecue for the afternoon. There will be no liquor at the event. There will also be a bounce house for children to play in.

Mayor Estenson gave the public the opportunity to speak about the Big Horn Basin Pride event. There were comments both for the event and against. Those in agreement stated that they wanted a place for people to have a safe place to gather and feel welcomed and not alone. Others added that it was a constitutional right to peaceably gather and assemble. It was noted that the event is private and that parents are ultimately responsible for taking care of their children and it is their choice to bring their children or not. Another comment was about being a tourism community and should be open to welcome others. Another was about freedom and to be heard and respected even when there are differing opinions.

Those who were against the event stated that they were not here to bash the pride event but to advocate for their children. Comments included opening a door to the possibility of greater expressions of sexual behavior in the view of children and also the event would expose and confuse children on what is human sexuality. Other comments mentioned the statistics of increased chances of suicide of those who live the lifestyle.

Mayor Estenson closed the comments on the event by stating that “with freedom comes responsibility,” and that, as adults, “the individual is responsible.” He added, “I’m going to go against all advice and say one of my favorite quotes that I’ve come up with. Growing up here with my

grandparents here and being here and being around it has always been a welcoming place where people can live and let live and just not get in each other’s business. We do like gossip and drama. We’ll be really honest, right? Everyone knows that. But the one thing we’re not really welcoming of is assholes. So, I appreciate the great dialog here today and that people were respectful to one another and that we can walk out of here disagreeing, but still realize we’re all Thermopolites.”

The council voted and passed the approval to allow the street closure for the Big Horn Basin Pride event.

Other business

During the meeting, Mayor Estenson asked the attendants of the meeting to have a moment of silence for Suzanne Samelson’s passing. He said, “For all those that didn’t know Suzanne Samelson, you missed out. But her and her husband, Howie, have been in Thermopolis since 2014 and have been an integral part of this community. She was laid to rest today, back in New Jersey. And so I want to take a moment of silence to honor her, in whatever way you see fit.”

The council voted and passed the approval of the 2024-25 Town of Thermopolis budget for its second reading. During discussion, Assistant to the Mayor Jim Jeunehomme brought up the matter of digging additional cells in the landfill and that there may be costs incurred between \$100,000 to \$150,000. This may include a new track loader as they are having machinery issues. A new track loader costs about \$750,000. They were not sure if these additional costs would be in the new budget or not.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule replied to the Mayor and council, “You could add it to the budget. And as time progresses, we get more

information and then decide which piece of equipment you’re going to use or potentially have a budget carry for just the budget later. So you could go either way, whichever you choose.”

The council members asked about the timing of the landfill closing and the need for the equipment of the landfill. Jeunehomme replied, “The ability to carry on the landfill while the transfer station is moving, let’s say we get three years for that landfill, the landfill may stop, but the C and D would still be there. We still need that equipment.”

The council voted and passed the approval to budget \$250,000 to be added for a new cell and the approval of the second reading of the budget.

Jennifer O’Rourke presented a request for the June 22 PRCA Rodeo parade, which will follow their usual route starting at Pizza Hut and down to Broadway on 6th Street and taking a right to 4th Street. Part of the request was to block off some parking for the turn on the route of the parade. The council voted and passed the approval of the request for the parade.

Kim Bartlett presented a request for a banner placement on town property to advertise the Farmer’s Market. The location of the banner would be coming into town between 12th and 13th Streets on Broadway. They already have banners at Pit Stop and the Armory on the south and north entrances of the town. The council voted and passed the approval for the display of the banner. According to town ordinance, the sign can be up for 60 days out of 365 for the year.

The council voted and passed the approval of Grand Cru Enterprises for a 24 hour beverage sales permit for five daily permits, part of the County Museum Outlaw Days fundraiser with a request for an open container. The request included a fenced off beer garden on the east side of the

museum.

The council voted and passed the approval of the Wyoming State Historical Society annual trek day with a 24 hour town alcohol beverage sales permit for June 21-22.

Mayor Estenson held a public hearing for the VFW Post #2281 for a Bar & Grill Liquor License. There were no public comments given. The council voted and passed the approval of the liquor license.

Town Engineer Anthony Barnett presented a packet with a DEQ survey that is being shared with the residents of Thermopolis to query the inventory about the property’s water systems and if they have lead or copper pipes providing the water. There are about six questions and a request for a photo of the pipes.

Barnett and the council also discussed the process and difficulties of the proposed transfer station location getting approved by the Hot Springs County Land Use Change Planning Commission. There is the recusal of Mayor Estenson and others not being available, causing a lack of a quorum. They plan on continuing to work on the matter.

In codes and administration, Assistant to the Mayor Jim Jeunehomme discussed the demolition of the future property of Dollar General between 7th and 8th Streets on Shoshoni. Part of the conversation included dealing with the trees and bushes. The bushes make visibility difficult on the corners and the town may have to make decisions on how to handle that. Regarding the trees, they are not in the town’s right of way and Dollar General is responsible for their care.

Council member Dusty Lewis provided an update on the 8th Street boat ramp improvement project and asked for help from the town to widen the ramp’s path to include two vehicles, not just one.

Red Gulch Bridge work underway north of Thermopolis

Barrier is being placed on the CCC Red Gulch Bridge to prepare for bridge rehabilitation north of Thermopolis on U.S. Highway 20/Wyoming 789 as part of a \$6.97 million highway improvement and fence replacement project.

The Thermopolis North project is located between mileposts 133.4 (the old National Guard Armory) and 139.5 (Black Mountain Road) on U.S. 20/Wyoming 789.

“The bridge deck will be removed by hydro-demolition, completing a latex bridge overlay, and minor concrete repair, all in June,” said Wyoming Department of Transportation engineer Lance Schatz of Thermopolis.

Traffic control during rehabilitation of the bridge, adjacent to the Fountain of Youth Campground, will include one-way traffic movements across the bridge through use of a portable traffic signal.

Prime contractor is Mountain Construction Co., of Lovell. Contract completion date is June 30, 2025.

“At some point after bridge rehabilitation is completed, prime contractor Mountain Construction will pave 6.4 miles of roadway from Thermopolis to Black Mountain Road,” Schatz said.

Project work on the pavement preservation project includes pavement leveling, a pave-

ment overlay, chip sealing, widening of maintenance pullouts through the project, fence removal and replacement, placement of rock riprap, guardrail removal and replacement, placement of asphalt curbing, and bridge deck rehabilitation and a bridge overlay near the campground.

Project questions may be directed to WY-DOT Engineer Lance Schatz at (307) 864-3200, or by email at lance.schatz@wyo.gov.

Public notices

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Commissioner #3 salary for the next four years, as follows:

Year 1 - Calendar year 2025 - \$1,235.64
Year 2 - Calendar year 2026 - \$ 641.04
Year 3 - Calendar year 2027 - 2.5% increase (\$657.10)
Year 4 - Calendar year 2028 - 2.5% increase (\$673.53)

2024 Responsible Gambling Behavior Funding – Prevention Coordinator Jen Cheney showed interest in this funding and is willing to incorporate Responsible Gambling Behavior services into her prevention activities. Chairman Ryan stated, Mrs. Cheney does a great job with the Prevention program, and feels responsible gambling behavior funding should be accepted and provided to the prevention program. The Commissioners approved Chairman’s signature and checking the first option stating Hot Springs County is requesting funding allocated pursuant to Wyo. Stat. Ann. Section 9-24-104 in the amount of \$3,354.95, and be invested by the Prevention Coalition director Cheney. Discussion: Commissioner Galovich inquired about the amount of the funds for this year, Mrs. Guntly stated the \$3,354.95 is all that will be allocated. County Clerk Kersten inquired about reporting responsibility, Chairman Ryan stated Mrs. Cheney will assist with reporting.

Sheriff Department Staff Discussion – Sheriff Deputy Casey Freund presented on behalf of Sheriff Kraushaar. Mr. Freund stated the department received a request from a gentleman who was a former peace officer in Washington, and wants to be a volunteer reserve for the Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff wanted to check with the Commissioners about this and ensure worker’s compensation would be provided. The Commissioners agree this would be a good opportunity.

Support Letter for State-Wide Shooting Complex Committee Proposal Submission – The Commissioners submitted a letter of support for the Committee’s initial Letter of Intent for the proposal process. The Commissioners approved all three Commissioners signatures on the Support Letter for the State-Wide Shooting Complex Committee proposal submission.

Other Business – 1) **Consideration of Request for Reimbursement (RFR) #20, in the Amount of \$129.32 (\$103.46 WYDOT, \$25.86 BHBNDNC), for the Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center (BHBNDNC)** – The Commissioners approved Chairman’s signature on the RFR #20 in the amount of \$129.32 for the BHBNDNC. 2) **Review and Request for Approval of Local Government**

Retrofit Grant Application with Wyoming Energy Authority Requested Amount of \$50,000 with 10% County Match, and Energy Audit Application – The Commissioners approved Chairman’s signature on the application for the Local Government Retrofit grant in the amount of \$50,000 with a County match of 10%. Admin Assistant Connie Guntly pointed out the PAPI lights were not added to the application, but can be if needed. After discussion of the PAPI lights cost it was determined the insulation was more important, and to move forward with the application as is. 3) **Appointment of Natural Resource Planning Commission Board Member** – The Commissioners appointed Dave Voorhees to the Natural Resource Planning Committee. 4) **Request for Approval of Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Line of Credit at Pinnacle Bank** – Chairman Ryan specified this item is done every year as a requirement from the DEQ, and the County has never drawn from it. The Commissioners approved Chairman’s signature on the DEQ Line of Credit at Pinnacle Bank. 5) **Request for Approval of Resolution No. 2024-08 Approving a Petition to Place Before Electorate a Proposition for Consideration of the Hot Springs County Senior Citizen Service District Formation Pursuant to W.S. 18-15-102 (b)(ii)** – The Commissioners approved all three Commissioners signatures on Resolution No. 2024-08, **Approving a Petition to Place Before Electorate a Proposition for Consideration of the Hot Springs County Senior Citizen Service District Formation Pursuant to W.S. 18-15-102 (b)(ii)**. Discussion: Chairman Ryan thanked the Senior Citizen Center for their efforts in going out and obtaining signatures for this resolution. County Clerk Kersten stated 332 signatures were required and 376 signatures were accepted. 6) **Request for Approval of Resolution No. 2024-09, Vacating the Highland Park Addition Plat** – Chairman Ryan explains the Highland Park plat was done in 1910, encompasses the old airport and the new property the County acquired (Ingle property) for the access road. The Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2024-09, **A Resolution Vacating the Highland Park Addition Plat**.

Correspondence – 1) **Virtual Lunch –N– Learn Series** – FAA Reauthorization and How the Bill Impacts You, May 28th at Noon; 2) **Hot Springs County Fair Board Meeting Agenda and Recording** – April and May 2024; 3) **Wyoming Game and Fish Department Agenda** - May 21, 2024; 4) **Bureau of Reclamation Announcement** – Yellowtail Dam/Bighorn Lake Spring Operation Meeting; 5) **Bureau of Reclamation**

Announcement – Snowmelt Forecast for Bighorn River Basin; 6) **Big Horn Nature and Discovery Center Board Agenda** – May 21, 2024; 7) **Wyoming Aeronautics Commission Meeting** – May 20-22, Cody WY; 8) **Carol Pickett** – Letter; 9) **County Planner** – Letter to Red Rim Ranch LLC

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

Executive Session (W.S. 16-4-405) – The Commissioners entered into Executive Session at 4:47 p.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, Public Health Nurse Manager Tricia McPhie, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. The Commissioners exited Executive Session at 4:59 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on June 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person or stream online. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of 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
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INVITATION TO BID

Hot Springs County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. local time on July 11, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly open and read in the Jury Room, 3rd floor of the Courthouse, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443. Submittal of Bids for this project will be accepted by USPS Mail, Delivery Service (USPS, FedEx, etc) or by in-person delivery at the office of Becky Kersten, Hot Springs County Clerk, Hot Springs County Court House, 2nd Floor, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443 for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVIC-

ES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF: **Black Mountain Road Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project consisting of Storm Water Control, Traffic Control, Culvert Replacement, Culvert Slip-Lining, Unclassified Excavation, Full Depth Reclamation (FDR), Road Reconstruction, Hot Mix Asphalt Paving, and Reclamation.** Hot Springs County accepts no responsibility for the delivery of bids (late delivery, undelivered packages, or any other delivery issues or delay) through USPS Mail, Delivery Service (UPS, FedEx, etc) or any other means. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “SEALED BID-BLACK-MOUNTAIN ROAD PROJECT” and any envelop not so marked can be rejected.

The bidding documents will be made available on June 6, 2024. Prospective Bidders must download contract documents through Quest Construction Data Network. This can be done via a link at www.QuestCDN.com. QuestCDN is a web-based platform for construction, requests and Goods and Services advertisements, bid document distribution, plan holder lists and all information pertaining to the bid. Prospective bidders should register at www.QuestCDN.com for a free ‘Regular’ membership. Enter the Quest Number **9158384** to access the bidding information on the search page. There is a \$22 nonrefundable download delivery fee for the bidding documents. Bids will not be accepted from any prospective bidder who has not purchased contract documents through QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration and downloading digital bidding documents.

Hot Springs County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the County. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by a bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount, which shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the County.

There will be a **mandatory** pre-bid conference at 10:00 A.M. local time on June 27, 2024, at the Hot Springs County Annex Building located at 117 N. 4th St, Thermopolis, Wyoming. Bidders are required to attend the conference. The pre-bid conference will be followed by an optional site visit.

Dated this 31st day of May 2024.

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