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There is a 2012 enclosed box trailer, gray, VIN# 1D9BU1821CN451323 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on April 22, 2025 at 11 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Robert Hegenbart on the above listed vehicle by Smith Oil Field Service in the amount of \$1,000.00. Please have personal funds at the time of auction

Pub. April 10 & 17, 2025

No. 1826

NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board to fill an unexpired term:

Museum, (Term thru June 30, 2025) One Member

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on this 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.

> Becky Kersten Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. April 10 & 17, 2025

No. 1828

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE) Civil No.) 2025-CV-0000014 of WILLIAM EDWARD BOLTON,) Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of March, 2025, the ESTATE OF WIL-LIAM EDWARD BOLTON was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that Veva Blakesley-VanKirk was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the probate shall be filed with the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to his estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the Vincent Davey Law Firm, 301 East Adams, P.O. Box 433, Riverton, WY 82501.

Creditors having claims against the Decedent or his 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 allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2025.

VEVA BLAKESLEY-VANKIRK Personal Representative of the Estate of William Edward Bolton, Deceased

Pub. March 27, April 3 & 10, 2025

No. 1811

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 **Notice of Special Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will hold a special meeting in the Board Room, located at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025. The special meeting will be a work session held in executive session to review the potential superintendent applications and to select the finalists to interview.

> /s/ Justin Budd Charmian, Board of Trustees

Pub. April 10, 2025

No. 1829

High Plains Power, Inc. Notice of Annual Meeting

The 26th Annual Meeting of the members of High Plains Power, Inc. will be held at the Fremont Center, Riverton, Wyoming starting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, **April 19, 2025,** to take action upon the following matters.

1. The report of Officers, Directors, and Committees.

2. The election of three (3) Directors. 3.All other business which may come before the meeting or adjournment thereof.

In connection with the election of three (3) Directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated for Directors by the Committee of Nominations appointed by the Board of Directors of High Plains Power or by petition pursuant to the By-Laws.

(One to be elected from each district) District 1 - Andrea Dockery - nominated by committee

District 2 - Lee Shaffer - nominated by committee

District 3 - Jeff Milton - nominated by

committee

Additional nominations for Directors may be made pursuant to the By-Laws.

Dated February 28, 2025Jeff Milton, Secretary

Pub. March 27, April 3, 10 & 17, 2025 No. 1812

Notice of application: Retail Liquor License -- Transfer

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of March 2025, OEB LLC. filed an application to transfer a Retail Liquor License in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Thermopolis for the following building 535 Broadway Street and protests, if there be any, against the transfer of such license will be heard at the hour of 7:00pm on the 15th day of April 2025, in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY.

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

Pub. April 3 and 10, 2025

No. 1818

NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission Board to fill two seats due to term expirations. At least one applicant must reside in the unincorporated area of the County

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 no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners meeting on May 6, 2025.

> Becky Kersten Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. April 3 & 10, 2025 No. 1820

NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 2006 Mazda Tribute, Grey, with VIN# 4F2YZ02Z66KM07208 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on May 6, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Roger Davis on the above listed vehicle by Rocky Yetter in the amount of \$1,000.00

Pub. April 3 & 10, 2025

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

No. 1822

On July 20, 2021 Donna Michel purchased the following real property for delinguent taxes:

201 E 5th St.

Kirby OT BLK 11 Lots 1-6

The property was taxed in the name of Elizabeth Ann Sanches.

The time for redemption will expire July

Take notice that unless redemption is made on said real estate. Donna Michel. holder of CP l 285320, will apply for a tax deed on or after July 24, 2025.

This notice s pursuant to Wyoming Statutes 39-13-108.

Pub. April 10, 17 & 24, 2025 No. 1830

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) request for authority to reduce the Carbon Capture Compliance Charge (Schedule 198). The public hearing is set to commence on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

2. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

3. On October 1, 2024, RMP filed an Application requesting authority to reduce the Carbon Capture Compliance Charge (Sched-

ule 198) from 0.30% to 0.12% per month, and find that the costs incurred from 2022 through August 2024, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 37-18-101 and 37-18-102, and the Commission's rules regarding low-carbon portfolio standards (collectively, HB 200 requirements) were prudently incurred. RMP has requested an effective date of January 1, 2025.

- 4. Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) petitioned to intervene in this matter, which the Commission granted by Order issued on November 26, 2024.
- 5. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application and its supporting testimony and exhibits at the Commission's office or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (enter Record No. 17694).
- 6. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

Attend Zoom Meeting and actively participate at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933449233

Or by dialing: 1 669 900 9128 Meeting **ID:** 993 344 9233

7. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-672-EM-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

Dated: March 28, 2025.

Pub. April 3 & 10, 2025

No. 1823

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, specifications and rules governing the same work performed under that certain contract between the State of Wyoming and CC & G, Inc., The Contractor, on Highway Project Number CN20070 in Washakie County, consisting of structure replacement, bituminous pavement, grading, traffic control and miscellaneous work and the Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; 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 21, 2025.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 10, 2025.

Pam Fredrick Senior Budget Analyst **Budget Program** Wyoming Department of Transportation

No. 1832 Pub. April 10, 17 & 24, 2025

STATE OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT WYOMING) ss.

COUNTY OF FIFTH JUDICIAL HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

Probate No. 2025-CV-0000004

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH H. AVERILL, Deceased. NOTICE OF PROBATE -

INTESTATE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID

ESTATE: You are hereby notified that on the 5th

day of March, 2025, the estate of the abovenamed decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named Court, and that Angela Averill and Andrea L. Earhart were appointed Co-Administrators and Co-Personal Representatives thereof.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at P. O. Box 1418, Cody, Wyoming 82414.

Creditors having claims against the decedent 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 allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2025.

ANGELA AVERILL, Co-Administrator and Co-Personal Representative

ANDREA L. EARHART, Co-Administrator and Co-Personal Representative

No. 1827 Pub. April 10, 17 & 24, 2025

FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS NOTICE IS HERBY GIV-**EN** that a default in the payment under the

terms of a secured and perfected Note has occurred. The Note is secured by a Mortgage dated May 19, 2017 and recorded on May 22, 2017 at REC # 0525824 Book 176, Page 888 in the records of Hot Springs County, Wyoming from Richard S Simpson, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC for the amount of \$92,000.00. The Mortgage having been assigned to and now in possession of Nationstar Mortgage LLC, through an assignment recorded on March 13, 2025 at REC# 0560898 Book 213, Page 458 in the records of Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS the Mortgage contains a power of sale, which by reason of the default that has occurred, the Mortgagee has declared to become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any suit or proceeding instituted and the same discontinued and:

WHEREAS written Notice of Intent to Foreclose by Sale and Advertisement has been served upon the record owner and party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to commencement of the publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage at the date of first publication of this notice of sale being estimated the total sum of \$79,857.19 which consists of the unpaid principal balance of \$77,762.38, plus outstanding charges, attorney fees, costs expected, accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice.

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

NOW, THEREFORE Nationstar Mortgage LLC as Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by having the mortgaged property sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash on May 6, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. Proof of funds are required to bid at sale. For application on the above described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to wit:

The West 25 feet of Lot 6, Block 5, Original Townsite to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County Wyoming.

With an address of 721 Broadway St, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. Together with all improvements thereon situated and all fixtures and appurtenances, thereto.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Scott D. Toebben. Wyoming State Bar No. 7-5690 Aricyn J. Dall, Wyoming State Bar No: 7-6499 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. - CO 216 16th Street, Suite 1210 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 720-259-6710 wyoming@rsmalaw.com

Pub. April 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 2025 No.1825

) OFFICE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING BOARD OF OF COUNTY COUNTY OF COMMISSIONERS HOT SPRINGS March 18, 2025

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Bob Aguiar, 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 to amend the Agenda as follows:

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In other business, the commissioners voted and passed the approval of the Accounts Payable Warrant Register for \$782,923.37 and for Payroll for \$230,985.70.

Via Zoom, Ardurra's Brian Clarkson and Maddie Ross gave the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) report and said regarding work completed or in progress in the previous period, they ran an automated parcel update for ArcGIS Online data on each Monday this month. They drew and attributed 2024 land use change tracts, uploaded documents to AWS, and appended new permit locations to ArcGIS Online data.

Ross continued and said they held an online training session with the Sheriff's Department for the emergency data collection, online application and Field Maps application, and uploaded emergency data collection tutorials.

Also, they scheduled road maintenance Field Maps training sessions with the Sheriff and Road & Bridge, updated road maintenance tutorials, and added tutorials to the Sheriff's GIS Home Page. They created a HSC-branded thumbnail template for ArcGIS Online layers. maps, and applications and they updated hub sites and department homepage thumbnails.

Ross added, they dropped off an external drive to Deputy Assessor to save 2024 county aerials and reviewed verified address points, created notes of missing points for the Assessor's review.

Regarding anticipated work for the next period, Ross and Clarkson said they will update the ArcGIS Online parcel layer on each Monday of the month, they will draw and attribute 2024 septic permits and LUC tracts as necessary, and upload documents to AWS and append new information to ArcGIS Online Data.

Ross also said they will travel to Hot Springs County on April 8 and conduct training for the Sheriff's Department and Road & Bridge. They will pick up external hard drives with county aerials from the Deputy Assessor and process aerials, upload to ArcGIS Online, and add to department maps and applications.

Additionally, they will purchase one ArcGIS Online Mobile Worker license for the Planning Department, begin work on the Septic Permit Inspection Field Maps App and Online Editor, and complete revisions to the LUS Lookup App.

Ross continued and said they will add newly verified addresses to the NG911 database, review NG911 data content, and coordinate with County Staff to obtain additional

data as needed.

They will also follow up with additional dispatch service providers (E-force) to get information about adding GIS data to their systems and continue providing support for online applications.

Nate Messenger gave the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) report and said they had 140 total recorded operations for March. Of those aircraft, two were air ambulances, seven were overnight aircraft, and one request for a hangar, a Bananza aircraft.

Regarding fuel sales, they sold 766.42 gallons of Avgas and 1,543.97 gallons of jet fuel. Messenger added, "Fuel sales and traffic were similar this month to what we had this month last year.'

Shane Rankin gave the Road & Bridge report and said, "With the nicer weather, we were able to start doing some road blading. We've been working on cleaning up some right of ways." Rankin also said they worked on their mowing blades and hauled manure for the fairgrounds.

Rankin informed the commissioners about a guard rail strike on East River Road with damage. They are working on getting a quote for it and they notified the Sheriff's Department who is investigating the matter.

The commissioners and Rankin discussed a request from Bradyn Harvey for his Figure 8 Races event at the fairgrounds. According to Rankin, Harvey wanted to have Road & Bridge put the outdoor arena dirt back together after the event. The commissioners determined they prefer to not take away the opportunity from a local contractor who could be hired to do the work and that Road & Bridge should not do the work.

Rankin also held a discussion with the commissioners about using their gravel pit at Site 8 for potential use for hunting target practice. All commissioners and Rankin agreed that rifles should not be used since there were residents nearby. They discussed other types of weapons and, in the end, they decided to only allow archery to be used for the pit.

In separate motions, the commissioner voted and passed the approval of both Approach Agreement for No. 2025-0002, County Road 9, and No. 2025-0003, County Road 28, a culvert install.

John Dorman gave the Maintenance report and said they completed the elevator doors repair and fixed the overhead garage door. Regarding the Common Ground build, they fixed the back door, however. the front door is pending as they were given mislabeled parts that

don't fit. Also, their IT manager is working on the key cards and the locks for the courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). Regarding the museum front doors, Dorman said he has not seen the

Dorman also reported the gutters were completed the previous day. He also said that the new intake bathroom is leaking water and that when they redid the drawings for the ADA, they did not put an access panel in there. Now, they plan on taking the shower apart and putting in the access panel to stop the leak. The leak has reached Circuit Court but is only touching concrete bricks.

Additionally, Dorman said they will have quotes coming in for the fire suppression inspection and possible repairs.

Les Culliton gave the County Planner report and said he received a letter of support for the Rails to Trail program. This program converts old, unused railroad tracks into new trails for hiking and outdoor recreation. They are asking for the commissioners' support so that they can seek federal funding. The commissioners voted and passed the approval to sign the letter of support.

Culliton reported he has received calls and emails asking if the Stevens' Tipi Retreat was in business or not. He added that he wasn't sure how to answer the inquiries. According to Commissioner Paul Galovich, the Tipi Retreat has not rented more than a single tipi since the February 4 meeting and they have taken down their advertising for the current season. Culliton said, "So what I'm hearing is my response should be that currently they're not in business. Is that correct?" Commissioner Galovich replied in the affirmative.

Culliton and the commissioners discussed solar fields and Culliton said they have nothing in their current land use plan for solar. According to Culliton state statute said the commissioners have to permit solar, but the county does not have a permit. Culliton asked, "Is this something we want to address, or do we just tell them, no, we don't have an interest?" Chairman Tom Ryan said, "The state should be running this." After further discussion, Culliton will reach out to other counties for information about how they handle solar.

Culliton asked the commissioners about their advertising in the Independent Record regarding construction notices and are they OK with it. Chairman Ryan replied to continue advertising but "not have as much detail".

Culliton reported that the Natural Resources Planning Commission met on March 12 and that Hot Springs State Park Supervisor Chris Delay gave them updates on the park. According to Culliton, Delay gave them a heads up on road work and repair in the park and that there were traffic concerns. Also, the Land Use Planning Commissioner met on March 19 and only held discussion.

Shawn Mohr gave the Public Health/Prevention report and said, "I've got some exciting news. We did hire an adult health position. They're going to be starting May 1. They come from Georgia. Just got about 30 years experience...He's got some really good experience, and I think it'll be a good asset for the county." Mohr will introduce the new hire in the May meeting.

Regarding prevention, Mohr reported that Jen Cheney provided training to the community this month, and that there was "really good turnout" with 10 members for a two-day class.

Mohr added that he arranged with the state to provide training to help prevent overdoses or to treat overdoses. There were about at least 25 people who attended that training. Also, some of the state gambling funds were used to highlight Gambling Awareness Month in the paper. Mohr said, "We have resources for those struggling with gambling here at the Department of Health. We've got some books and some resources for folks that might be struggling with gambling.

The next Prevention Coalition meeting will be on April 9 at noon at the annex building meeting room. Kinship Connections of Wyoming will be there, which is part of the 211 program. The group provides resources for grandparents, relatives and other caregivers who are raising children on their own.

Mohr also said one of their staff has taken a qualified provider training to be able to do presumptive eligibility and assist pregnant mothers with insurance needs. This member has started training with lactation consulting and other areas of the state's program to begin providing services for moms and babies in the community. Mohr added they are still looking for a mother child health nurse.

Additionally, Mohr said they will participate in a public safety emergency exercise on April 14.

The commissioners voted and passed the Approval for Amendment 1 to Grant Agreement with Wyoming Department of Health Public Health Division to Replace Public Health Preparedness and Response Statement of Work with the New Attachment A-1.

Heather Love and Chip Axtell of Weed & Pest presented their annual request for the Second Mill from the commissioner. The commissioners expressed the importance of the spray of mosquitoes to prevent the spread of the West Nile virus. Axtell added that they are looking into having drones spray for mosquitoes so that they can access more difficult areas. The commissioners voted and passed the approval to grant Weed & Pest the Second Mill.

The commissioners discussed the Acceptance of Hot Springs County Museum Board Member Notification and the recent passing of Cynthia Garbin, who was on the board. Commissioner Paul Gavolich said, "Cynthia, personally, what a remarkable person she was to serve with." The commissioners were asked should they replace Garbin or operate as is? The commissioners decided to advertise the position and took no formal action.

Commissioner Bob Aguair held a discussion about County Board Appointments, in which he suggested that the public have access to the names of the various board members and to indicate if those positions were county, town, joint, or other appointments. Aguiar also suggested the appointment timelines be posted and that all this information be published on the county's website.

Commissioner Aguiar also prompted a discussion about the February 4 minutes in regard to a question he asked at that time to County Attorney Jill Logan about whether the Stevens had a remedy or not and that this information was not in the minutes. Aguiar wanted this to be in the public record. Chairman Ryan and Logan both offered up information regarding the wording of the minutes and what was on record.

In other business, the commissioners voted and passed the Approval of a Grant Agreement with the Office of State Lands and Investments, Mineral Royalty Grant for the Black Mountain Road Rehab and Reconstruction Project for \$1,900,000 and the Approval of the Contractors and Design Firms Certification; and the Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Black Mountain Road Construction, Increasing the Contract Amount by \$1,934,026 for a New Contract Total of \$7,710,153 and Adding Remaining Bid Package B and Bid Alternative 3 and Value Engineering Cost Proposal 1; and the Approval of Facility Use Agreement, Annex Meeting Room for the FFA Agricultural Issues Presentation.

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Other Business: Item No. 4 – A Motion

Concerning Engineering Item No. 5 – February 4, 2025 Meeting

Approval of Minutes - The Commis-

sioners approved the minutes from March 4, 2025 and March 11, 2025 meetings.

<u>Revenue and Expenditure Report</u> – The Commissioners approved the February Revenue and Expenditure Report comparing 2024 and 2025.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Update – Chairman Ryan stated the County has been considering the use of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funds to purchase the properties on Arapahoe for the grant project. The property owners agreed if the County had the properties appraised they will consider negotiating. The CDBG funds can only be used for demolishing the buildings, and CDBG Grantor would like the County to indicate which buildings will be included in the grant agreement. Chairman Ryan spoke to QM Appraisals, and they responded with an amount of \$5,000 for the three properties on Arapahoe. The Commissioners approved QM Appraisals to conduct appraisals on 510, 526, and 530 Arapahoe Street in the amount of \$5,000. Discussion: County Clerk Kersten inquired whether there was a contract, Chairman Ryan stated not yet and suggested adding to the motion allowance of the chairman to sign the contract contingent upon County Attorney Logan's review, the Commissioners agreed. Administrative Assistant Guntly updated the Commissioners about the next steps for the grant, stating an asbestos remediation plan is needed for the 518 Arapahoe building. WWC Engineering can get this plan done through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Brownsfield Program at no cost to the County. The Commissioners approved to request DEQ to perform the remediation plan on the 518 Arapahoe Building.

Other Business – 1) Request for Approval of Facility Use Form, Annex Meeting Room, Better Wyoming Meeting - The Commissioners approved the Facility Use Form, Annex Meeting, for Better Wyoming

meeting on April 12th and 13th. 2) Consideration of Request for Reimbursement (RFR) No. 4, for Black Mountain Road Project $\underline{\text{Construction, in the Amount of } \$133,467.04}$ (County Paid \$20,020.56; WYDOT Reimburse \$113,446.98) - The Commissioners approved RFR No.4 for Black Mountain Road construction in the amount of \$133,467.04. 3) Consideration of Request for Reimbursement No. 5, for Black Mountain Road Project Engineering, in the Amount of \$17,469.32 (County Paid \$2,620.40; WYDOT Reimbursed \$14,848.92) - The Commissioners approved RFR No. 5 for Black Mountain Road engineering in the amount of \$17,469.32. 4) <u>Engineering Discussion</u> – Commissioner Aguiar stated in the spirit of a competitive market, and to ensure the best value for our county, he moved to propose that all new engineering projects shall be subject to an open bid process. Chairman Ryan stated normally with projects a consultant selection is done through an open Request for Proposals. A consultant is selected upon criteria not price, usually the federal agency will assist with the process. The County also has policies and procedures for purchasing services. Commissioner Aguiar stated if there is already a process in place he will rescind his motion. 5) February 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes <u>Discussion</u> – Commissioner Aguiar wanted to make a note about the February 4th meeting minutes, regarding the Tipi Retreat Public Hearing. Commissioner Aguiar stated during the Public Hearing he addressed County Attorney Logan, asking specifically if the Stevens' were given the opportunity for remedy. And Commissioner Aguiar said County Attorney Logan stated no. It is not on the original minutes from the meeting, and he wants it on record, to make sure it is documented. County Clerk Kersten stated this topic should be brought back when the County Attorney is present to understand the full meaning of the discussion and what the original conversation was. Commissioner Aguiar agreed to move the discussion to

the next meeting. Correspondence - 1) Natural Resources Planning Committee Minutes - January 2025; 2) Bureau of Reclamation News Release – Public Meeting to Discuss Buffalo Bill Reservoir Water Supply

and Water Operations; 3) Wyoming Game

and Fish Department Agenda - March 19th; 4) Bureau of Land Management **Announcement** – Cross-Boundary Cheatgrass Partnership off to a Strong Start; 5) 2025 Bighorn Basin Outdoor Recreation Collaborative Charter – Request for Review; 6) Letter from Hot Springs County Emergency Management Coordinator-Wyoming Gas Line Transmission Pipeline; 7) Wyoming County Commissioners **Association** – Request for Survey; 8) Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Agenda – March 2025

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

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on April 15, 2025, 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

Pub. April 10, 2025 No. 1824

ORDINANCE NO. 879 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER, A DIVISION OF PA-CIFIC CORP., FOR INSTALLATION, OP-ERATION OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBU-TION, TRANSMISSION, AND SALE OF **ELECTRICITY TO CUSTOMERS WITHIN** THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS; RATIFY-ING AND APPROVING THE NONEXCLU-SIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER, A DIVISION OF PACIFIC CORP.

Whereas the Town of Thermopolis and Rocky Mountain Power, a division of Pacific Corp. (Rocky Mountain Power), have entered into a nonexclusive Franchise Agreement, effective upon passing this Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERN-ING BODY OF THE TOWN OF THER-**MOPOLIS:**

Section 1. The nonexclusive Franchise Agreement between the Town of Thermopolis and Rocky Mountain Power, effective as of the date in Section 4, is hereby ratified and approved. By virtue thereof, the franchise is granted to Rocky Mountain Power to install, maintain, and operate an electrical distribution, transmission, and sale of electricity to customers in the Town of Thermopolis.

Section 2. The terms and conditions of said nonexclusive Franchise Agreement are incorporated herein by this reference, and specifically, the term of said franchise shall be for twenty-five (25) years.

Section 3. A copy of the nonexclusive Franchise Agreement is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and shall be available for inspection by anyone requesting it.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on April 11, 2025 after being published in the Thermopolis Independent Record as required by law.

PASSED ON FIRST READING March 4, 2025.

PASSED ON SECOND READING March

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPT-ED ON THIRD AND FINAL READING April 1, 2025.

> TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS. WYOMING A Municipal Corporation

> > By:

Adam Estenson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Town Clerk

Pub. April 10, 2025 No. 1831