

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on November 18, 2025, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Attorney Marshall Keller and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda as written.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the financial statement for October 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: SANDY ROBERTSON – ANNUAL PERMIT FEE: Robertson asked that the annual transient merchant fee be lowered from \$300/yr to \$50 or \$60/yr. Discussion ensued on costs and rules in neighboring communities, agricultural products, sales tax, food permits, sanitation fees and local event fees. Keller was directed to prepare an ordinance lowering the transient merchant fee and adding a food service permit to the application.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: MERI ANN DORMAN – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – THERMOPOLIS TASTE FEST: Meri Ann noted the chamber is taking over the brewfest and changing the name. She noted they would like to open the event to wineries and distilleries. She asked for street closures on Broadway from 4th to 5th street and permission to use the old fire hall for music on June 6, 2026. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Dorman Sr. and carried to approve the event requests.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: LISA BOMENGEN; SENIOR BANNERS: Cassie Owsley and Natalya Keller were present to ask for permission to hang senior class banners on 44 decorative lights from Dairyland to Maverik from May 3 to June 14, 2026 (High School graduation is May 17, 2026). They noted the banners could be removed earlier, if needed. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes to approve the request.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: VFW – LETTER OF SUPPORT: Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the VFW. The letter will be attached to a grant request to purchase all the different American flags in the last 250 years. It was noted the VFW will need to coordinate with John Gerrells who displays American flags on Broadway.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BARNETT: RESOLUTION 586: Barnett noted this resolution will begin the process of securing funds for the town to comply with federal laws on lead water lines. A motion to approve the \$6,081,495 request to the State Loan & Investment Board was made by Dorman, seconded by Larson and carried. Barnett also noted there will be a public hearing on December 2 as required by the DEQ. He also noted there will be a transfer station funding resolution at the December 2 meeting.

ADMINISTRATION: POLICE DEPARTMENT BASE RATE INCREASE: Jeunehomme noted the Town has one of the lowest wages for police officers and dispatchers in the Big Horn Basin and proposed a \$2/hour increase for the police and dispatch departments. Discussion ensued on the upcoming recruitment campaign, a January 1 effective date, per hour wages in other communities, increasing wages for all departments, a tiered approach to increases and establishing an annual wage increase. Lewis made a motion and Larson seconded to increase police and dispatch wages by \$2.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2026. Discussion ensued. Voting aye were Larson, Dorman, Estenson and Lewis. Hughes voted no, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION: PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the property insurance renewal from Tegeler. The rate increased from \$65,193 to \$67,079 a 3% increase. The bid from Hub was \$76,888.

ADMINISTRATION: HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Administration recommends increasing single coverage by \$10/month and family coverage \$20/month, effective January 1, 2026, due to the renewal increase. Larson made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the employee health insurance premium increases.

ADMINISTRATION: BUDGETED BONUS: Hughes made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the \$300 net bonus to employees, as budgeted.

ADMINISTRATION: PARK MAINTENANCE CONTRACT ADDENDUM: Councilman Larson recused himself from the discussion. Jeunehomme noted the addendum addresses the landscaping change in front of town hall due to concrete repair. Dorman made a motion

and Hughes seconded to approve the addendum. Voting aye were Dorman, Estenson, Hughes and Lewis. Larson abstained. Motion carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: TRAVEL & TOURISM – WAYFINDING SIGNS: Angie Guyon presented examples of the proposed signs. She noted the group received \$80,000 in destination development funds for the signs. Following town approval, a walk through will be scheduled with WYDOT, then an M29 form will be completed by Travel & Tourism. She noted duplicate signs would be removed, and the new signs will be purchased and installed by Wyo Signs. Discussion ensued on maintenance and Guyon will see if travel & tourism will establish a sign maintenance fund. Larson made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to move forward with the sign project. At 8:20 Dorman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Larson and carried. The next Council meeting is December 2, 2025, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer	Adam R. Estenson, Mayor
Pub. Dec. 4, 2025	No. 1988

STATE OF) WYOMING)	IN THE) DISTRICT COURT) ss.
COUNTY OF) HOT SPRINGS)	FIFTH JUDICIAL) DISTRICT)
IN THE MATTER OF) THE ESTATE))
OF))
LAURA LOUISE DOCKTER,))
Deceased.))
	2025-CV-0000046

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of November, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of the above-named decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that Kenneth J. Harvey was appointed personal representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Last Will and Testament shall be filed in the Court within three (3) 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 Estate of Laura Dockter and sent to Keller Law Firm, P.C., attn. Fallon Clay, attorney for the estate, P.O. Box 111, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

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 14th day of November 2025.

/s/ Fallon E. Clay
Fallon E. Clay, WSB #8-7266
Attorney for the Estate
Keller Law Firm, P.C.
PO Box 111
116 N. 5th Street
Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443
(307)864-2318

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bureau of Reclamation intends to execute a water service contract with Leif A. Polson and Jacqueline Polson in accordance with Sec. 9(e) of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187). This contract will furnish up to 84 acre-feet annually of supplemental irrigation water from Boysen Dam and Reservoir. To provide written comments, to request additional information, or to view a copy of the proposed contract, please contact Cecelia Stuckert at 307-261-5610, or write to: Cecelia Stuckert, Bureau of Reclamation, Wyoming Area Office, P.O. Box 1630, Mills, WY 82644. Written comments will be accepted for a period of 60 days from the initial date of this notice.

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NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking County Residents to apply to serve on the following Boards and Committees, all terms listed below will begin in January 2026:

- Fair Board – Five (5) Year Term – 1 Member
- Natural Resource Planning Committee – Three (3) Year Term – 2 Members
- Predatory Animal Control Board (Sportsman) – Three (3) Year Term – 1 Member *

* Sportsmen and hunter representatives for the Predatory Animal Control Board shall be bona fide residents of the district not engaged in raising sheep, goats or cattle and shall hold or have held either a valid Wyoming fishing or hunting license or a Wyoming wildlife damage management stamp within the preceding twelve (12) month period.

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on these Boards should submit a 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. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners Meeting December 16, 2025.

Becky Kersten Hot Springs County Clerk	
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STATE OF) WYOMING)	IN THE) DISTRICT COURT) ss.
COUNTY OF) HOT SPRINGS)	FIFTH JUDICIAL) DISTRICT)
IN THE MATTER OF) THE ESTATE))
OF))
JAMES JEFFREY SIEVERS,))
Deceased.))
	2025-CV-0000048

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DECREE OF SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jody Sievers has filed an *Application for a Decree of Summary Distribution of Property* (the "Application") with the above-entitled Court pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 2-1-205.

The Application states that at the time of his death, the above-named decedent owned, as his sole and separate property, the following real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, to-wit:

Lots 48, 49, and 50, Block 3, Townsite of East Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any objection to the facts or relief requested in the Application must be filed with the Court within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. Any objection not timely filed shall be forever barred. If no timely objection is filed, the Court will enter a Decree of Summary Distribution establishing right and title to the above-described property according to the Application.

DATED this 18th day of November 2025.

/s/ Fallon Clay
Fallon Clay, WSB #8-7266
Attorney for the Estate
Keller Law Firm, P.C.
P.O. Box 111
Thermopolis, WY 82443-0111
(307) 864-2318

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NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on Dec. 16th, 2025, at 11 a.m.

2015 Jeep Wrangler, Black, VIN# 1c4bjwcg9f527852. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicles costs against David L and Leanna M Flynn by Rocky Yetter in the amount of \$1,000.

1977 Ford F-250, maroon, with VIN# F26HL022650. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicles costs against Abran and Joy Mondragon by Rocky Yetter in the amount of \$1,000.

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Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for realtor services to assist with listing the Overlook at Roundtop (former airport property) located at:

**Hot Springs County
Overlook at Roundtop
140 Airport Rd.
Thermopolis, WY 82443**

Sealed packets will be received from qualified consultant(s) that demonstrate the ability to reach the County's desired outcomes for the project, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Collaborating with Only, Co. (Marketing Company), Hot Springs County Chamber of Commerce and the County;
2. Assisting with listing the property on leading commercial and other real estate platforms;
3. Managing listing on those real estate platforms.

Sealed packets will be received by Hot Springs County Clerk, Becky Kersten, 415 Arapahoe St. Thermopolis, WY 82443, Phone: 307-864-3515, until **5:00 p.m. MDT, January 8, 2026.**

The Respondent Guarantees and Warranties Form must be enclosed with the proposal to be considered, and must be signed by the authorized representative of the firm. Proposals will not be accepted by Fax. Proposals must be received in the office of the Hot Springs County Clerk on or before the time and date specified. Proposals received after the time specified will not be considered.

All supporting documentation and manuals submitted with this RFP will become property of Hot Springs County. All Information provided will be made available to all members of the RFP review committee and others as needed. Use of proprietary information is discouraged.

Any questions regarding the RFP shall be submitted by December 9, 2025, at which time an Addendum will be released to all known vendors and can be found on the Hot Springs County Website (<https://hscounty.com/>).

Respondents must submit the following documents with their proposals:

1. Respondent Guarantees and Warranties (Attachment A)
2. Executive Summary
3. Full Description of Organization (including identification of all parties having a beneficial interest in the proposal)
4. Scope of Services
5. Brief History of Company/Experience/ Resumes of Key Team Members/ Project Examples
6. Cost Proposal and Description
7. Implementation Plan/Timeline
8. Three (3) Letters of Reference
9. Insurance Certificate
10. Acknowledgement of Addendum released, if applicable

The complete RFP can be found on the Hot Springs County Website (<https://hscounty.com/>) or by emailing the Administrative Assistant to the County Commissioners, Connie Guntly, at connie.guntly@hscounty.com.

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Notice of application: Retail Liquor License -- Transfer

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of November 2025, Double R Store 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 901 Shoshoni Street and protests, if there be any, against the transfer of such license will be heard at the hour of 7:00pm on the 16th day of December 2025, in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY.

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer

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Hot Springs County is taking applications for a County Health Officer. Applicant must be a person who has a degree of doctor of medicine, be an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in W.S. 33-21-120(a)(i) or be a physician assistant as defined in W.S. 33-26-501(a)(iii). Job description and Employment Application can be found at www.hscounty.com on the "How Do I Apply for a Job" drop-down page. Applications will be taken until December 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Applications can be mailed to Hot Springs County Commissioners, 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443 or dropped off at the Hot Springs County Clerk's office. Hot Springs County is an equal opportunity employer.

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