## News briefs from around Wyoming

From Wyoming News Exchange newspapers

Outlaw Saloon property is purchased for \$1.65 million; new owner to build a south side community center.

CHEYENNE (WNE) — The site of the former Outlaw Saloon is set to become a south-side community center. The Maury and Bonnie Brown Foundation will pay \$1.65 million for the land.

Following a notice of foreclosure due to the business having \$1.7 million in debt, the property was sold to the foundation at a sheriff's auction Monday in the Laramie County Courthouse.

Located at 312 South Greeley Highway, Outlaw Saloon has been in operation for almost 25 years, with a change of ownership to Curtis Crowton and his Bullseye Operations LLC in 2019. The saloon — which closed over the weekend — was known for hosting live indoor and outdoor concerts, and was the biggest bar in Wyoming, according to its website. R2KBA Management LLC owned the property, and

Bullseye Operations LLC owned the business. Crowton owns both companies. Laurie Talich, who co-owns Town and Country Supermarket Liquors with her husband, Cory, bid on behalf

of her parents' Maury and Bonnie Brown Foundation. According to a note Talich handed a Wyoming Tri-

bune Eagle reporter at the auction, the Maury and Bonnie Brown Foundation has a longstanding goal to build a new community center for the south side of town. The foundation currently owns land adjacent to the Outlaw Saloon property, and the properties will be combined to accommodate the community center. According to a Town and Country Supermarket Li-

quors Facebook post made Monday, development of the center will begin immediately. Maurice "Maury" Brown was the former owner of

Town and Country Supermarket Liquors, just south of Outlaw Saloon on South Greeley Highway. He died Oct. 30, 2023, but is remembered for his philanthropic efforts in the community, which continue after his death through the foundation.

#### Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters named to prestigious New York Times list CASPER (WNE) — Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters,

the Casper institution that has been a mainstay of the city's downtown for decades, is one of America's top 50 clothing stores, according to The New York Times. The business is run by six Taubert siblings — Ani-

ta, Carlene, Frieda, Louis Jr., Robert and Kurt, all children of the namesake Lou — who are third-gener-

ation Wyomingites.

The four floors open to shoppers feature everything from children's toys and outfits, boots and hats, western suits and denim to saddles and other tack.

"This is a special honor," Anita Taubert said. "We are very grateful."

"That's a feat we just don't take lightly," her brother, Louis Taubert Jr, added. Though Lou Taubert Ranch Outfitters isn't the only

Western store to be featured in the list, it was the only business from Wyoming that made the cut. Taubert Jr. said he caught wind of the store making The New York Times list through a phone call with a

California-based vendor who offered congratulations. Taubert Jr. and Anita Taubert each said they've been congratulated by shoppers and other vendors in

The duo attributed their business's success to several factors but especially credited how they source their products from primarily American vendors. They credit their emphasis on quality products for

the listing, in addition to the smell of leather, creak of the wooden floors and lack of computerized checkoutas all sales are rung up on mechanical cash registers that have been with the business's flagship 2nd Street location for decades — all of which attest to the store's age and add to its ambiance.

# **Public notices**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to the Wyoming Adminis-

trative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the report of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) of a major event from a loss of power near the Platte substation on August 24, 2025, through August 25, 2025, as more fully described below.

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.

1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an

- 2. On October 6, 2025, RMP filed a report detailing the effects from the loss of power near the Platte substation in southern Wyoming beginning August 24, 2025. The Company states in the report a lightning strike near the Platte substation located in the Rawlins, Wyoming area resulted in the failure of a 115 kilovolt (kV) lightning arrestor and both high-side transformer lines and created a cascading outage impacting 5,756 customers through August 25, 2025. Attempts to isolate and re-energize affected areas initially failed due to internal arcing and failed insulators inside the Platte substation, but service
- 3. The Company states the outage is a major event as defined by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., Standard 1366-2012. The Threshold of Major Event Day (TMED), State System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), and Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI) service interruption thresholds were exceeded, which precipitates a major event report.

has been restored.

- 4. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect it at the Commission's office or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/ external/publicusers.aspx (Enter Record No. 17984).
- 5. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before January 2, 2026. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-694-EA-25 in all correspondence with the Commission.
- 6. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: December 2, 2025.

Pub. Dec. 11 & 18, 2025 No. 1991

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 Com-

missioners, 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.

Pub. Dec, 4 & 11, 2025 No. 1989

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to the Wyoming Adminis-

trative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to maintain a common equity percentage of less than 44 percent, as more fully described below. 1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an

- Oregon Corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112. 2. On September 24, 2025, RMP filed an Application requesting authority to allow its direct parent company, PPW
- Holdings, LLC, (PPW Holdings) to maintain a common equity percentage below the 44 percent minimum equity level. The current equity percentage is 45.9 percent in accordance with the Commission approved 2006 merger in Docket No. 20000-EA-05-226. Due to accrued wildfire liabilities for the PacificCorp net of insurance, projections of increased long-term debt, and lower earnings for 2025 through 2026, PPW Holdings' consolidated actual capital structure equity level will reach below the 44 percent minimum equity percentage. To maintain enough capital to support the RMP and PacifiCorp system and investments in system reliability and wildfire mitigation plans, the common equity percentage needs to be temporarily reduced below 44 percent.
- 3. The Company states that while the debt will contribute to PPW Holdings' equity percentage decrease, RMP's planned investments are necessary and consistent with PacifiCorp's obligation to provide safe, reliable service to its
- 4. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect it at the Commission's office or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/ external/publicusers.aspx (Enter Record No. 17980).
- 5. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before January 2, 2026. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-692-EA-25 in all correspondence with the Commission.
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Dated: December 1, 2025. Pub. Dec. 11 & 18, 2025

No. 1990

STATE OF OFFICE OF THE WYOMING BOARD OF COUNTY COUNTY OF COMMISSION

HOT SPRINGS ) November 18, 2025

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 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 Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan 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.

Approval of Minutes - The Commissioners approved the minutes from November 4, 2025. <u>Approval of Revenue and Expen-</u>

<u>diture Reports</u> – The Commissioners approved the Revenue and Expenditure report. Approval of Special Account Pay-

<u>able Warrant</u> – The Commissioners approved (Ratify) the Special (Pre-Paid) AP Warrant No. 68458 in the amount of \$16,090.11 for fuel. Clerk Kersten explained in 2023 the Commissioners approved a policy for pre-payment of fuel bills without Commissioner approval if the amount was under \$60,000, so the County would not be charged late fees.

Fixed Based Operator (FBO) Monthly Update - There were 222 total operations at the airport. Fuel sales included 693.28 gallons of Avgas, and 2,819.3 gallons of Jet Fuel. Mr. Messenger changed the filters in the Jet A self-serve tank and the two fuel trucks, winterized the mowing equipment, and attended the Wyoming Airport Coalition Conference in Jackson.

<u>Planner Projects</u> – a. Discussion of Red Rim Ranch Bond-Planner Les Culliton and Road and Bridge Supervisor, Shane Rankin, have been monitoring the roads at Red Rim Ranch and they both agree the bond should be released. Owl Creek Engineering verified some information regarding the rock check dams. Mr. Culliton stated a citizen reached out about concerns for the roads, however Mr. Culliton explained the roads are up to the scope of work. The Commissioners approved to release the bond as discussed and authorize the County officials to move forward with the process to release it. b. Discussion of Owl Creek Gravel Pit - Chairman Ryan explained this it is not specifically about Owl Creek Gavel Pit; this agenda item is about the process of gravel pits in general. Mr. Culliton explained the 2022 Amendment to the Land Use Plan included gravel pits, which now requires a permit. This permit process is same as a Land Use Change, the pre-application goes to the Land Use Planning Commission for a pre-review, an application then goes to the LUPC for a Public Hearing where it is voted on and brought forward to the Commissioners for review and Public Hearing. Commissioner Galovich inquired about the DEQ, Planner Culliton stated DEQ does their own public process, which takes place after the County's process. Further discussion ensued about the process.

Review and Possible Approval of Request for Proposals (RFP) <u>for Realtor Services at Overlook at</u> Roundtop (Marketing) - The County has a grant for the former airport property (Overlook at Roundtop) to reuse the property. Within the marketing plan it was suggested to get a realtor to list the property; this is a Request for Proposals for that service. The Commissioners approved the RFP for Realtor Services for Listing the Overlook at Roundtop property.

Discussion of Supplemental and Approval of Tax Rebates – Three tax rebates (Rebate #4-25, 5-25 and 6-25) for parcel #3033, for tax years 2023, 2024 and 2025 were presented. Assessor Webber explained the rebates are needed due to personal property for the DeVries was unknowingly billed to Thomas and Debra Christensen. Assessor Webber in-

formed both parties and they are aware.

The supplements do not need approval; it was presented just informational purposes. The Commissioners approved Rebate #4-25 (total \$158.66), Rebate #5-25 (total \$130.43) and Rebate #6-25 (total \$135.82).

<u>Discussion of the Fair Grounds In-</u> <u>Door Barn Roof</u> – A letter and pictures regarding the in-door barn roof that is leaking was presented to the Commissioners. The Fair Board has concerns with liability, and would like to start a conversation with the Commissioners about looking into this issue. The Commissioners agreed and ask the County Planner/Project Manager to look into this issue and report back. County Clerk stated there is a budget of \$241,000 in the Fair Building depreciation account; however, some has already been spent. Other Business – 1) Request for Fi-

nal Plat Approval for DeVries Subdivision – This subdivision has been in the works for a year, due to boundary line adjustments on outside parcels. The plat layout is still the same as originally presented. The Commissioners approved the final plat for the Devries Subdivision. 2) Request for Approval of Support Letter to Hot Springs Heritage Foundation, for the 250 Year Anniversary State <u>Grant Funds</u> – The Commissioners approved the support letter for the Discovery Days, 250 Year Anniversary State grant application. 3) Request for Approval of SLIB Grant Draft Request No. 3, Black Mountain Road Construction in the Amount of \$1,026,121.12 (SLIB Reimburses \$266,791.49; WYDOT/County Pays \$759,329.63) - The Commissioners approved the SLIB Grant Draft Request No. 3, Black Mountain Road Construction total \$1,026,121.12. 4) Request for <u>Approval of WYDOT Reimbursement</u> No. 16, Black Mountain Road Construc-<u>tion</u>, in the Amount of \$759,329.63 – The Commissioners approved the RFR No. 16, Black Mountain Road Construction

\$645,460.19; County Pays \$113,899.44). Correspondence - 1) National As**sociation of Counties** – January 2026 High Performance Leadership Course; 2) State Lands and Investments-Final County and Municipal Roadway List and Request for Additional Information: 3) Memo from County Planner Office-Cell Tower; 4) Natural Resource Planning Committee Minutes - September 10, 2025; 5) Wyoming Game and Fish Commission – List of Meeting for 2026 6) Big Horn Basin Nature and **Discovery Center Meeting Agenda** November 2025

total \$759,329.63 (WYDOT Reimburses

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

Adjourn - The meeting adjourned

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on December 16, 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.guntlv@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:

/s/Thomas J Ryan, /s/Becky Kersten, Chairman County Clerk

### Pre-Paid Accounts Payable Fuel <u>Bill</u>

Vendor

City Services Valcon Description Jet Fuel Amount

\$16,090.11

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