

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF COUNTY
) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) THERMOPOLIS, WY
) December 16, 2025

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 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, 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 December 2, 2025.

Approval of Revenue and Expenditure Reports – The Commissioners approved the Revenue and Expenditure report.

Approval of Special Account Payable Warrant – The Commissioners approved the Special AP Warrant No. 68571 in the amount of \$2,281.92. Clerk Kersten explained it is for tax assessments on two County properties.

Discussion of Long Repair Proposal for Compressor Replacement - A proposal from Long for the compressor replacement at the Law Enforcement Center was presented. Chairman Ryan asked if the compressor is completely out of commission, Mr. Dorman stated it has completely quit, and this item was not budgeted. Clerk Kersten reviewed the budget for available funds and stated the LEC depreciation has \$174,000 available. The Commissioners approved the Long proposal dated November 19, 2025. Discussion: Chairman Ryan stated the amount was \$24,292.

Discussion of Public Defenders Appointments for the 5th Judicial District – The Commissioners reviewed the letters from the State Public Defenders Office in regards to appointing Assistant Public Defenders and Appellate Counsels. The Commissioners reviewed the letters and resumes and had no additional comments.

Appointment of County Health Officer – Only one application from Dr. Miller was received for the County Health Officer. The Commissioners appointed Dr. Vernon Miller as the County Health Officer.

Discussion of Holiday Schedule for 2026 – The County elected officials presented some recommendations in regards to the holiday schedule. The Commissioners are ok with the days presented and will approve the Resolution at the first meeting of the year.

Request for Approval of Senior Citizens Services District LGLP Agreement – Kathy Sorensen was not present at the Commissioners meeting. However, Clerk Kersten reached out to LGLP and inquired about this agreement, LGLP informed her the County was not supposed to sign on behalf of the Senior Citizen Service District, the Commissioners did not take action on this. Clerk Kersten will reach out to Mrs. Sorensen and inform her.

Request for Approval of Rebate No. 7-25 – Rebate No. 7-25, for Parcel #721, tax year 2025 (District 109), Shumway, Beverly was presented – The Homeowner exemption was mistakenly applied instead of the Long-Term Homeowner exemption. This necessitates a rebate of taxes for 2025 on parcel #721 of \$281.43. The Commissioners approved Rebate No. 7-25.

Discussion of Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants – The Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants was presented to the Commissioners for publication as follows:

WARRANT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
58511	08/06/2019	SECRETARY OF STATE	\$30.00
60313	10/06/2020	PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF)	-\$16.77
60575	12/01/2020	PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE)	\$32.10
61603	08/03/2021	PIERA G NESMITH	\$30.00
62365	02/01/2022	STEPHANIE HOFFMAN	\$44.26
62938	06/30/2022	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$139.98
63085	08/02/2022	RAMS HEAD FINANCIAL SERVICE CORP	\$100.00
65335	12/05/2023	BRETT JACOB KLEIN	\$30.00
65377	12/05/2023	GARY A FRAZIER	\$30.00
65403	12/05/2023	JOHNNY L MEDINA	\$46.38
65460	12/05/2023	SUSAN D SMITH	\$30.00

Other Business – 1) Ratification of Approval for SLIB Grant Draft Request No. 4, Black Mountain Road Construction, for \$2,455,128.83 – The Commissioners ratified the SLIB Grant Draft Request No. 4, for \$2,455,128.83 (SLIB Reimburses \$859,295.09; County and WYDOT Pays \$1,595,833.74). 2) Ratification of Approval for WYDOT Request for Reimbursement No. 18, Black Mountain Road Construction, for \$1,595,833.74 – The Commissioners ratified the WYDOT Request for Reimbursement No. 18 for \$1,595,833.74 (WYDOT Reimburses \$1,356,458.68; County Pays \$239,375.06). 3) Ratification of Approval for WYDOT Reimbursement No. 19, Black Mountain Road Engineering, for \$128,156.93 – The Commissioners ratified WYDOT Request for Reimbursement No. 19 for \$128,156.93 (WYDOT Reimburses \$108,933.39; County Pays \$19,223.54). 4) Appointment of Fairboard Member (1 opening, 1 applicant) – The Commissioners appointed Travis Collins to the Fair Board. 5) Appointment of Predatory Animal Control Board Member, Sportsman (1 opening, 1 applicant) – The Commissioners appointed Jim Lash to the Predatory Animal Control Board. 6) Request for Approval of Facility Use Form, Annex Meeting Room, Lucerne Pumping Plant Canal Co. Monthly Meetings – The Commissioners approved the Facility Use Form for Lucerne Pumping Plant Canal Co. monthly meetings, second Monday of the month from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. 7) Request for Approval of Public Health Cash Handling Policy – The Commissioners approved the Public Health Cash Handling Policy and Procedures. 8) Request for Approval of Grant Agreement with Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources in the Amount of \$10,000 for the Semiquincentennial Event, Trailblazer Days, Opening the Last Frontier – Assistant Guntly informed the Commissioners the agreement will not be signed today due to insurance terms needing to be reviewed. Once the insurance terms are corrected the agreement will be returned for approval. 9) Appointment of Natural Resource Planning Committee (2 openings, 2 applicants) – The Commissioners appointed Kelly Owen and Dan Wychgram to the Natural Resource Planning Committee.

Correspondence – 1) **Wyoming Aeronautics Commission** – December Meeting Agenda; 2) **Wyoming Gas Company** – Pipeline Safety Request; 3) **Hot Springs County Fair Board Meeting Agenda** – December 2025; 4) **Hot Springs County Natural Resource Planning Commission Meeting Minutes** – November 2025; 5) **Wyoming Business Association Listening Tour** – December 17, 2025; 6) **Christmas Card** – Range (Basket); 7) **Christmas Card** – Ardurra (Basket)

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

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on January 20, 2026, 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:

/s/Thomas J Ryan,
Chairman

/s/Becky Kersten,
County Clerk

Special Accounts Payable		
Vendor	Description	Amount
Hot Springs County Treasurer	Property Taxes on Ingle Prop Web Rd Gravel Pit	\$2,281.92
Pub. Jan. 15, 2026		No. 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Croell Inc. has requested approval for a Gravel Pit Permit on a parcel of land owned by Brown Trust. The parcel is located on the NWNW Section 7 & SWSW Section 6, Township 43 North, Range 96 West, and is part of a non-contiguous parcel more commonly known as 1293 Owl Creek Rd.

A public hearing on this matter will be held before the Hot Springs County Land Use Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in the Commissioners’ meeting room of the County Annex Building located at 117 North 4th Street, Thermopolis, WY. Anyone requiring additional information should call the County Planning Office at 864.2961. Those unable to attend are invited to comment in writing to: County Planning Office, 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443, or by e-mail at planner@hscounty.net.

Pub. Jan 8 & 15, 2026No. 2007

Public Notice
There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00pm. At Town Hall to review the Home Occupation of Darlene Axtell, for yoga classes and massage therapy, at 1130 Arapahoe St., in LDR. For further information, please contact Codes Admin. 864-4442.

Pub. Jan. 15, 2026No. 2009

STATE OF) IN THE
WYOMING) DISTRICTCOURT
) ss.

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

Case Number 2025-DR-0000022

Plaintiff/Petitioner:)
Gwendolyn Carol Hamm)
vs.)
Defendant/Respondent:)
Richard Joseph Hamm)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT/
RESPONDENT: Richard Joseph Hamm
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT’S
CURRENT ADDRESS: Unknown
You are notified that a case, Case Number 2025-DR-22 has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the 5th Judicial District located at 415 Arapahoe St., Thermopolis, WY 82443.
The nature of the case is: Compliant for Divorce
The Plaintiff is seeking: A Divorce and Decree of Divorce
Unless you file an Answer or Response or otherwise respond to the Complaint or Petition referenced above within 30 days following the last day of publication of this notice, a default judgment may be taken against you and the Court may grant to the Plaintiff/Petitioner: A Decree of Divorce.
Dated this 18th day of December, 2025

BY CLERK OF COURT:
KRISTINA MCNEFF
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT/DEPUTY

Pub. Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 2026
No.2012

NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

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 enter and participate in the California Independent System Operator’s (CAISO) Extended Day-Ahead Market (EDAM). **The public hearing is set to commence on Thursday, February 5, 2026, 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 December 30, 2024, RMP filed a “Notice” that RMP was in the process of preparing to enter and participate in the EDAM. The Company filed the “Notice” based upon a Commission directive to file an Application after discussions with the Company at open meetings held on October 10, 2024, and October 17, 2024.

4. On February 18, 2025, RMP submitted an amended filing pursuant to the provision of Commission Rule, Chapter 3, Section 21(f)(i). The Amended Application seeks Commission approval to allow RMP authority to enter and participate in the CAISO’s EDAM stating that the Company’s participation will re-

sult in certain reliability, economic and environmental benefits to its Wyoming Customers. The EDAM is an extension of CAISO’s Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) RMP has participated in the WEIM since its inception in November of 2014.

5. Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) and Interwest Energy Alliance petitioned to intervene in this matter, which the Commission granted by Order issued on May 14, 2025. The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) intervened on March 27, 2025, as a matter of right.

6. 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 during business hours or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (enter Record No. 17731).

7. 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

8. 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. 20000-675-EA-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

Dated: January 6, 2026.

Pub. Jan. 15 & 22, 2026No. 2010

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01
Ordinance 2026-01. Now Therefore Be It Ordained By the Governing Body Of The Town Of East Thermopolis: An Ordinance establishing minimum requirements of square footage of residential dwellings. This ordinance will have its First Reading at the Regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of East Thermopolis, 112 E. Warren, on February 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Angela Chism, Town Clerk

Pub. Jan. 15, 2026No. 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for a Deferred Accounting Order to record a regulatory asset associated with the differences in incremental costs and revenues between the 2020 PacifiCorp Inter-Jurisdictional Allocation Protocol (2020 Protocol) and the 2026 PacifiCorp Inter-Jurisdictional Allocation Protocol (2026 Protocol), 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 December 31, 2025, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 37-2-112 and 37-2-115, the Company filed an Application requesting the Commission issue a Deferred Accounting Order to record and defer a regulatory asset associated with the differences in incremental costs and revenues between the 2020 Protocol and the 2026 Protocol cost allocation methodologies, effective January 1, 2026.

3. The 2020 Protocol expired December 31, 2025. The 2026 Protocol Application is set for hearing on May 26, 2026, in Docket No. 20000-690-EA-25. The 2026 Protocol proposes a new cost allocation methodology across RMP’s multiple state service territory that includes Wyoming. The Company requested the deferral to address costs incurred during this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before February 9, 2026. Any intervention request filed

