

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Annual Update to the Final Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards plan filed by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) pursuant to the provisions of Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102 and Chapter 3, Section 38 of the Commission's rules, 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 March 24, 2026, RMP filed the 2026 Annual Update to its Final Low-Carbon Energy Portfolio Standards Plan (Plan) pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 37-18-102, Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 38, and Docket No. 20000-616-EA-22 (Record No. 17032). It addresses progress towards implementation of the Plan as it relates to Dave Johnston Unit 4 and Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4. These units are utility owned, coal-fired generation facilities.

3. RMP states it has continued, in the past calendar year, to implement its 2024 Final Plan. The Company is in the process of converting Naughton Units 1 & 2 to natural gas fired generators. It completed Phase 1, and is past the midpoint of Phase II, in its three-phase Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) study at Jim Bridger to evaluate the addition of a full-scale amine-based carbon capture system. The Company continues to advance the Jim Bridger FEED study and AFC project, stay apprised of technological developments and funding opportunities in the CCUS field, and provide annual updates to the Commission.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. The complete Application is available at the Commission's offices or online at <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 18092), or RMP's website at www.pacificcorp.com.

5. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a hearing must do so in writing, on or before May 6, 2026. Public comments should be submitted to wpsc_comments@wyo.gov. 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. 20000-704-EA-26 in all correspondence with the Commission.

6. 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 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay by dialing 711.

Dated: April 8, 2026.

Pub. April 16 & 23, 2026 No. 2072

STATE OF) IN THE
 WYOMING) DISTRICT COURT
) ss.

COUNTY OF) FIFTH JUDICIAL
 HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT
 No. 2026-CV-0000019

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MICHEL GORDON)
 SUTHERLAND,)
 also known as)
 MICHEL G. SUTHERLAND,)
 also known as)
 MIKE SUTHERLAND,)
)
 Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE

TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID PROPERTY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application for Decree of Ownership of Real Property pursuant to W.S. §2-1-201 & 2-1-205, for the real property described below has been filed in the Fifth Judicial District Court in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, where David James Sutherland and Anne K. Talmadge claim to be the sole heirs under the Last Will and Testament of Michel G. Sutherland who died in Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, on February 11, 2026. In said application David James Sutherland and Anne K. Tal-

madge claim they are entitled to the real property further described as follows:

Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 1, Hillberry's Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming;

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to W.S. §2-1-205(f) an objection to the Application shall be filed with the Court before the expiration of the later of twenty (20) days after the mailing if the Notice is mailed to a recipient, or thirty (30) days after the date of first publication of this Notice, and if such objection is not filed, it will be forever barred.

Direct Inquiries To:
 Jerry D. Williams
 Williams Law Office
 339 Arapahoe
 Thermopolis, WY 82443
 307-864-2517

Pub. April 16 & 23, 2026 No. 2071

NOTICE FOR CALL FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 requests bids for contracted occupational therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year. The party meeting the requirements will work with students of various ages and grade levels according to Individualized Education Programs, as determined by the IEP teams, and will also be required to complete the necessary IEP/Special Education paperwork and attend relevant IEP/Evaluation meetings. The contractor will be responsible for accurately logging and submitting hours for both direct services and time spent completing required paperwork.

The contract will be for up to 14 hours per week for 38 weeks (146 school days). The schedule may vary, but will average no more than 14 hours per week. Depending on student needs, additional hours may be requested during the school year, to be determined cooperatively by the Director of Special Services and the contracted party.

Bids submitted for this position should include the following:

1. Letter of interest marked BID on the envelope;
2. Proof of certification for public school work in Wyoming; and
3. Proposed hourly rate for the duration of the contract.

All bids should be submitted by 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026, to the Superintendent's Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Pub. April 9, 16 & 23, 2026 No. 2067

NOTICE FOR CALL FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES: PHYSICAL THERAPY

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 requests bids for contracted physical therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year. The party meeting the requirements will work with students of various ages and grade levels according to Individualized Education Programs, as determined by the IEP teams, and will also be required to complete the necessary IEP/Special Education paperwork and attend relevant IEP/Evaluation meetings. The contractor will be responsible for accurately logging and submitting hours for both direct services and time spent completing required paperwork.

The contract will be for up to ten hours per week for 38 weeks (146 school days). The schedule may vary, but will average no more than ten hours per week. Depending on student needs, additional hours may be requested during the course of the school year, to be determined cooperatively by the Director of Special Services and the contracted party.

Bids submitted for this position should include the following:

1. Letter of interest marked BID on the envelope;
2. Proof of certification for public school work in Wyoming; and
3. Proposed hourly rate for the duration of the contract.

All bids should be submitted by 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026, to the Superintendent's Office, 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Pub. April 9, 16 & 23, 2026 No. 2066

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

IN THE MATTER)
 OF THE ESTATE)
)
 OF) 2026-CV-0000016
)
 KAY P. WIECKI,)

)
 Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A DECREE OF SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven F Wiecki 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 her death, the above-named Decedent owned, as her sole and separate property, both personal property and the following described real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, to-wit:

Legal Description:
 Lot 5 in Block 1 of Cedar Ridge Subdivision
 First Filing, as per Plat thereof recorded in
 Plat Book 1, Page 27R, of the Public Records of
 Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

The above referenced property is commonly known as 108 Mountain View Drive, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

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 6th day of April 2026

/s/ Steven F Wiecki

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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 one seat.

Land Use Planning Commission (Term thru April 30th, 2029)

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. Applications will be considered and appointments made at the Hot Springs County Commissioners meeting on April 21st, 2026.

Becky Kersten
 Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. April 9 & 16, 2026 No. 2068

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
 WYOMING) BOARD OF
) COUNTY
 COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
 HOT SPRINGS) THERMOPOLIS, WY
) March 3, 2026

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Bob Aguiar, Paul Galovich and Tom Ryan. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, Assistant to the Commissioners Kim Lindseth, and Clerk Deputy Stefanie Ireland. Chairman Aguiar led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda- The Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of Other Business item #3 – Change March 17, 2026 meeting date.

Approval of Minute- The Commissioners approved the minutes from February 17, 2026.

Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants Register- The Commissioners approved the AP warrant register for Warrants 68772 through 68879 totaling \$637,307.84 with payroll totaling \$217,612.61.

Emergency Management Update-Emergency Management Coordinator- Emergency Management Coordinator, Sady Mounts, provided an update. The Emergency Preparedness flipcharts which have been distributed to all county departments. She is currently reviewing the Hot Springs County Emergency Operations Base Plan. Once completed, she will submit the plan to the BOCC for review. Mrs. Mounts also reported on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) which meets monthly and is open to the public. The LEPC is currently discussing potential county safety concerns and will be hosting various emergency preparedness trainings. These include, Bystander CPR, Weather Spotter Training, Stop the Bleed, and N95 mask fit testing. Mrs. Mounts reported the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) budget proposal has been submitted [to the state] for review and is currently waiting on a response. The

SHSP and the EMPG grants have been approved and are awaiting signature from the Interim Grant Officer. Commissioner Galovich made the suggestion of possibly making 72-hour survival kits for people and more Stop the Bleed classes.

FBO Monthly Report - FBO Manager, Nate Messenger, reported there were 118 total recorded operations at the airport. Fuel sales included 574.41 gallons of Avgas and 957.0 gallons of Jet fuel. Mr. Messenger reported he completed his renewal of his Class A Operators License for the DEQ and completed hose and filter changes on the Jet A truck. Mr. Messenger reported there is an upcoming annual DEQ operator's annual inspection, at which time he plans to change the filter on the Avgas self-serve system. Mr. Messenger reported he received a reply to the letter sent regarding the TAF station at Washakie County Airport. Mr. Messenger shared public comment will continue to be accepted.

Road & Bridge Monthly Report - Road and Bridge Supervisor, Shane Rankin, reported the department continues blading of roads as weather permitted, some snow plowing, and continued work in the pit. Sign inventory has been completed. There are some signs that need replacing. Mr. Rankin reported that they also hauled sand for the fair ground, completed maintenance on trucks, and started some of the summer projects.

Mr. Rankin presented Right-of-Way (ROW) permits for Tri-County Telephone; all fees have been paid. The permits included: ROW No. 2026-0001 (W. Cottonwood Creek Rd (CR 15-3) and ROW No. 2026-0002 (Hamilton Dome Rd (CR 15-15). The Commissioners approved 2026-0001 - W. Cottonwood Creek Rd (CR 15-3). The Commissioners approved 2026-0002 - Hamilton Dome Rd (CR15-15). Mr. Rankin will meet with the University of Wyoming regarding a speed study for Black Mountain Road next month. Mr. Rankin shared with Ardurra he would like to wait to place signs until after right-of-way work is complete. Ardurra was going to contact S & L to discuss temporary curve signs until work is complete. Chairman Aguiar inquired about increased traffic on Kirby Creek Road.

Maintenance Monthly Report - Maintenance Supervisor, John Dorman, report there was a flood in the County Annex building that was the result of a mechanical failure on the drinking fountain. Mr. Dorman reported an invoice was received for the clean-up. Mr. Dorman and Clerk Kersten are working with insurance to get the claim paid. Chairman Aguiar thanked Mr. Dorman, Clerk Kersten, and Meri Ann Dorman for working over the weekend to remove the water from the building. Clerk Kersten also thank IT contractor Dean Peranteaux for his assistance. The Commissioners inquired about costs to repair versus replacing the damaged drinking fountain unit. Mr. Dorman reported he was unsure if he would be able to repair the unit and estimated cost would be between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

Mr. Dorman reported that parts for the compressor unit in the Law Enforcement Center are arriving. Once all parts have arrived the project should take between two and three weeks to complete.

Public Health/Prevention Update - Public Health Nurse Manager, Shawn Mohr, reported Public Health had to close for a week due to the flooding in the Annex building. Mr. Mohr reported teaching BLS (Basic Life Support) classes for local officers and have several more classes scheduled for community members.

Mr. Mohr reported there have been CWC nursing students doing clinical rotations in the office to gain Public Health experience. Mr. Mohr also reported some staff have completed the PROSPR training for suicide prevention.

Mr. Mohr also provided the Prevention update. Community Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Cheney, taught vaping prevention classes to all sixth graders and taught a QPR Suicide Prevention class at the Learning Center. Mrs. Cheney will be offering another class later this month. The Prevention Coalition will have a table set up at the upcoming "Education at the Table" event on March 8, 2026 at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds. The next Prevention Coalition meeting is March 8, 2026 at 4 p.m.

Planner/Project Manager Update - Planner/Project Manager, Les Culliton, reported the Natural Resource Planning Commission (NRPC) held its monthly meeting on February 11, 2026 covering several subjects with further discussion planned for next meeting.

The Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) held a public hearing on February 18, 2026 for Owl Creek Gravel Productions, LLC's application for a gravel pit. The LUPC recommended do not pass. Mr. Culliton would like to hold the BOCC public hearing in April to allow the planner and applicant time to provide additional information.

Projects - Mr. Culliton has been in contact with Carson at Ardurra regard-

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ing cleanup and DEQ requirements at the old airport. Mr. Culliton requested a work session with Ardurra to discuss cleanup project and Brownfield project. A date was not set.

Mr. Culliton received a tower notification from Union Wireless. Union will be replacing a tower in order to increase the solar field. This will be located on private property and should not affect any surrounding neighbors. Mr. Culliton will get information together to present at the next meeting.

Youth Alternatives Monthly Report - Youth Alternatives Director, Barbara Rice, reported there are currently four juveniles in the program on referral through the legal system, two boys and two girls. There are 20 total students at The Learning Center engaged in educational activities of which five are students through the high school. On January 25, 2026, 25 students completed the QPR training. Upcoming events include an Alive at 25 class on March 13, in Powell, two ECHO family stations on March 4 and March 18, participation in the upcoming Prevention Coalition event on March 8 with an information table and panelist, and hosting the Historical Society event on March 14. Seventeen individuals completed community service under the supervision of Youth Alternatives and The Learning Center, totaling 340 hours. Chairman Aguiar inquired about how to get information out to the public regarding Youth Alternatives and The Learning Center. Mrs. Rice shared that they are working with CWC on press releases and a web link.

Wyoming Department of Audit Letter - County Treasurer, Julie Mortimore, reported on the letter addressed to the Commissioners from the Wyoming Department of Audit regarding missing monthly updates on withheld disbursements for special districts out of compliance [with state statute reporting deadlines]. She stated the disbursements had been withheld as required, but no correspondence had been sent to the State. Treasurer Mortimore requested permission to email the required information to the address provided by the Department of Audit. The Commissioners agreed that sending the information by email was acceptable.

Acceptance of Resignation of HSC Travel & Tourism Board Member - The Commissioners accepted the resignation of Jess Weber from the HSC Travel & Tourism Board effective April 21, 2026. The County will advertise for the unexpired term ending 5/31/2027. The advertisement will list qualifications and specify the position is not available until after April 21, 2026.

WCDA - Arapahoe Street Property Demolition Letter - Connie Guntly, contract grant administrator, reported the Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) requested a letter detailing the environment report and recommendations. Mrs. Guntly composed the letter outlining the recommendations stating Hot Springs County will coordinate with the project engineer and contractor to ensure compliance during demolition. The WCDA reviewed and approved a draft of the letter. Mrs. Guntly reported this was one of the last tasks to get approved for the grant. Commissioner Ryan moved to sign the letter to WCDA. Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Ryan thanked everyone that had been involved in the process of getting grant the approved. Mrs. Guntly said she is hopeful to have an agreement in April.

Other Business:

1. Grant Administration March 2026 Update - Connie Guntly provided an update on grants.

Overlook at Roundtop - Mrs. Guntly reported that Only Co. has been running their social media campaign for one month and it will continue for an additional two months. Meri Ann Dorman has created a shareable spreadsheet to keep track of people making contact with project questions. To-date there have been six people who have reached out. Mrs. Dorman also created a LoopNet real estate posting.

Mrs. Guntly emailed the Wyoming Business Council ("WBC") regarding the Commissioner's decision to proceed with water infrastructure for this project. Mrs. Guntly also requested a grant extension. An amendment is expected but may take a couple weeks to receive approval from the Attorney General's office.

Community Development Block Grant - Mrs. Guntly reported the County received the final environmental report. Kaycee, CDBG representative, is inputting information into the HUD Environmental Questionnaire System. Mrs. Guntly will email the letter previously approved by the Commissioners to the CDBG.

2. Children's Outdoor Resource Center TAP Grant - Commissioner Ryan moved to approve RFR No. 23 for \$1,253.72 (WYDOT pays \$1,002.98; BHB Nature Discovery Center pays \$250.74 with no cost to County). Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Clerk Kersten reported this is the final RFR for this project.

Commissioner Galovich moved to

accept the Certification of Final Reimbursement Request. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Galovich moved the chairman's signature on the final acceptance certification. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Change March 17, 2026 meeting date - Commissioner Galovich made a motion to cancel the March 17, 2026 due to several schedule conflicts. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding Planner Culliton's request for a work session prior to March 17, 2026 meeting. Clerk Kersten and Planner Culliton will work together to find a date for the work session.

Correspondence

1. HSC Land Use Planning Commissioner Minutes 1-21-26

2. Hot Springs Co Rural Water JPB Board Meeting Information

3. Governor Gordon appointment letters:

a. Part-time contract Assistant Public Defender

Fallon Clay - Hot Springs & Washakie Counties

Shawn Johnson - Hot Springs & Washakie Counties

Marshall Keller - Hot Springs & Washakie Counties

b. Part-time contract Appellate Counsel for Appellate Division

Donna Domonkos

Dina Hardwick

Brittany Thorpe

Adjourn - Commissioner Galovich moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on April 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person, or view the meeting via Zoom through the link provided on the County website. To be placed on the Agenda please email Becky Kersten, County Clerk at commissioners@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/Bob Aguiar,
Chairman

/s/Becky Kersten,
County Clerk

BILLS

SIGNSOLUTIONS USA, LLC 525.38 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 42.87 / UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 6,981.00 / WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 18,077.55 / TOMMERUP MACHINE SHOP INC. 227.91 / WYOMING TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOC. 145.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. CEMETERY DISTRICT 50.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 14,500.00 / VERNON W. MILLER, M.D., PC 1,350.00 / SMITH OILFIELD SERVICE INC 120.00 / STATE OF WYOMING 53.55 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 111,823.30 / ARDURRA GROUP, INC. 48,950.08 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 139.98 / BIG HORN WATER 198.75 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. 369.20 / CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 171.25 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 1,718.65 / CAMPBELL COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 15.00 / CHENEY LAW OFFICE LLC 1,420.00 / CITY SERVICE VALCON LLC 16.00 / U.S. POSTAL SERVICE 3,000.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 673.04 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 122.66 / CONSTANCE GUNTLY 1,125.00 / DAWNETTE M. PEIL 252.10 / FASTENAL COMPANY 61.50 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 47,229.03 / US. FOODS 3,469.77 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 300.00 / GOTTSCHER THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 90.00 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 540.80 / HOT SPOT COLLISION 1,318.50 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 6,000.04 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 73,856.87 / HOT SPRINGS HEALTH RED ROCK 195.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 3,733.80 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 1,593.42 / INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE 12,399.05 / FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER WY 175.08 / JADECO, INC. 5,544.36 / JEFFERSON COMBINED COURT 21.00 / JENNIFER CHENEY 131.32 / KELLY OWEN 565.50 / KRISTINAD. MCNEFF 959.55 / KRISTEN SCHEUERMAN 35.53 / LESLIE T. CULLITON 145.49 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 194.58 / THE MASTER'S TOUCH, LLC 2,505.60 / MCMASTER-CARR 317.74 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 390.36 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 11,041.66 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 535.99 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 6,190.92 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 647.45 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 4,268.00 / WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY 40.00 / CENTURY LINK

440.47 / RANAE BALDES 77.00 / RDO EQUIPMENT CO. 2,464.54 / WYOMING DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 10.00 / ROBERT A. AGUIAR 448.05 / RANGE 2,934.25 / SADY MOUNTS 70.00 / SANOFI PASTEUR, INC. 929.98 / SERLOKAY 329.94 / SHAWN MOHR 30.00 / SIX ROBBLEE'S INC 78.00 / STATE OF WYOMING OFFICE OF STATE 650.00 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 2,131.97 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 24,627.58 / CHEYENNE STAY-BRIDGE SUITES 1,326.00 / TEPEE POOLS 162.00 / THOMAS J. RYAN 569.85 / T-MOBILE 33.56 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,250.10 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 14,796.24 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 650.22 / NORCO, INC. 487.75 / VERIZON WIRELESS 48.00 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.53 / HOT SPRINGS PHARMACY 620.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA-CARD TWO) 28.77 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD THREE) 4,914.79 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 116.72 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 1,278.86 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 818.78 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 578.57 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD NINE) 401.87 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 200.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 472.84 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 357.79 / WEDGWOOD & COMPANY LLC 205.00 / WEX BANK 83.09 / WILSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION INC. 124,093.03 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 3,367.95 / WYOMING DIVISION OF 15.00 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 4,355.00 / WYOMING GAS 1,844.00 / WYONET INC. 517.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 40,868.64 / 036-NCPERS GROUPLIFE INS. 304.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 300.00 / WYO TEE'S 73.99 / WYOMING WASTE SERVICES - RIVERTON 86.28 / YOUTH ALTERNATIVES 200.00

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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) THERMOPOLIS, WY
) March 16, 2026

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in a special session Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Purpose of the special meeting was to discuss Hot Springs County applying for USDA financing in order to construct a new hangar at the airport. Present were Commissioners Bob Aguiar, Paul Galovich, and Tom Ryan. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, Clerk Deputy Stefanie Ireland, and Commissioner's Administrative Assistant, Kim Lindseth. Chairman Aguiar led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Aguiar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Loan Overview and Financing

Commissioner Aguiar explained the County is seeking financing of \$1.3M to help fund the construction of a new 100 ft. x 90 ft. hangar at the Hot Springs County Airport. Commissioner Ryan explained he visited with local lenders about the project because USDA has a requirement the County obtain interim financing for the construction phase. Commissioner Ryan stated that in his conversation with John Coyne from Big Horn Federal, Mr. Coyne had talked with a bonding company out of Cheyenne and stated that the County could sell their own revenue bonds, keeping the money local, and possibly be able to obtain the hangar financing cheaper with Big Horn Federal. The Commissioners also discussed the idea of banking locally for the long term financing versus with the USDA. Due to the project timeline, the County needs to move forward with a bond attorney to aid in obtaining the interim financing. County Clerk, Becky Kersten, asked if the County would pursue both long-term financing options, stating the County could always withdraw from the USDA loan process if a better option presented itself.

County Attorney Jill Logan stated she reached out to bond attorney, Nathan Bilyeu, who stated the USDA requires the County to use a nationally recognized and accredited bond attorney. Mr. Bilyeu suggested the County use one (1) airport revenue bond. Ms. Logan stated that USDA requires that a bond attorney charge a fixed fee, and she negotiated Mr. Bilyeu's fee down considerably by offering to assist him as much as she can. Ms. Logan expected a commitment letter from Mr. Bilyeu and added that the bond process is quite complicated and it would be good to have him onboard. Ms. Logan conveyed Mr. Bilyeu stated most county attorneys want nothing to do with the bond process and that is why his fee is high. Ms. Logan stated she will work with him as best she can in an effort to save money; his fee started out at \$50,000 and she negotiated it down to \$7,500. Ms. Logan asked the Commissioners if they would

like to take action and sign the letter from Mr. Bilyeu once it is received; it was her understanding the letter would be received today [3/16/26], but was not by the time of the meeting. Ms. Logan also advised that Mr. Bilyeu said the USDA can be very slow and that is something we should keep in mind as we consider financing options. The Commissioners commended Ms. Logan on her negotiation efforts. Commissioner Ryan moved that the letter from Mr. Bilyeu be signed by Chairman Aguiar (or his signature stamp used) once it is received, Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion, motion carried.

Carson Rowley from Ardurra addressed the Commissioners on zoom. Due to audio issues, others in the room besides Commissioner Ryan, Ms. Lindseth and Ms. Ireland, were not able to hear Mr. Rowley's comments. Due to audio difficulties, Commissioner Ryan reiterated for the room what Mr. Rowley discussed explaining the County receives \$150K a year in airport entitlement funds and that the County was able to save up the entitlement funds as well as three years of BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) funds. The County will be eligible in 2028 for an additional \$150K in entitlement funds, which could be used to pay down the USDA loan if there are no maintenance items for the airport. The funds could serve as a type of cushion until the County starts generating revenue from the new hangar. Commissioner Ryan also discussed Fund 30, airport fuel sales and FBO Nate Messenger clarified the County receives one dollar and the FBO receives 35 cents from the fuel mark up. Commissioner Ryan stated those monies go into Fund 30, which is an enterprise fund. It is a source of revenue, which does not go into the County's General Fund. Commissioner Galovich asked if we would have to generate any income for the first year in order to make the loan payment or if we already have those funds. Commissioner Ryan said there is enough to get started. Clerk Kersten recommended the County continue to keep a reserve in the Fund 30 for any issues that may need addressed in the future. Commissioner Ryan asked FBO Messenger how much fuel we sell a year and he responded about 50,000 gallons a year.

Commissioner Aguiar reiterated for the public the County currently has no way of protecting transient jets and other aircraft that land at our airport. Commissioner Aguiar stated hopefully the new hangar would generate quite a bit of revenue from people bringing in out-fitters and fisherman, as well as doctors that fly in. Commissioner Ryan stated the hangar would also cover LifeFlight, who cannot always land during the winter because we can't de-ice planes. Commissioner Ryan continued there would be many benefits, and a loan prepayment is something the County needs to pay attention with local lenders, as the USDA does not have a prepayment penalty. Clerk Kersten stated another thing she liked about the USDA loan is the rate will never go above 4.625%, but if a lower rate becomes available, the USDA would change to the lower rate. Chairman Aguiar reiterated the USDA has no pre-payment penalty and that is why it was so easy for other lenders to reject us. Commissioner Ryan agreed, saying between that, the rate, and the 30-year term, it scares other potential lenders, but the County can continue to investigate both options going forward. Clerk Kersten suggested the Commissioners sign the USDA application so the County can move forward with both processes. Commissioner Galovich said he agreed 100% with pursuing both options and thanked Commissioner Ryan for all his work with the local lenders.

Commissioner Ryan moved that from SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance be signed. Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion, motion carried. Commissioner Ryan moved that RD form 1942-54 Applicant's Feasibility Report be signed, Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion, motion carried. Commissioner Ryan asked about the USDA's debt service requirement that the County have 10% of the annual payment in reserves and asked if the County could use Fund 30 for that requirement. Clerk Kersten explained that particular form didn't need a signature and the County won't know the actual percentage required for reserves until the loan process is further down the road with the USDA, but yes, the County should be able to move those funds from Fund 30 to a specific account to meet the requirement. Commissioner Ryan asked what the Assurances for Construction Program was; Carson Rowley explained it is similar to grant assurances already in place with the FAA, where the County has to follow rules for eligibility throughout the FAA grant process. Commissioner Ryan moved to sign form SF-424D-Assurances for Construction Program, Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion, motion carried.

Commissioner Ryan stated many people may be concerned about the cost of the USDA loan, but the County is already working with the FAA and the

