

INDUSTRY DAY
Greybull Valley Irrigation District,
WY –Upper Sunshine Outlet Works
Gate Replacement

DETAILS:
Greybull Valley Irrigation District
(GVID) has an upcoming project for a
gate replacement of the Upper Sunshine
Reservoir outlet works intake structure.
This project is currently in design, so the
GVID encourages contractors interest-
ed in this project to come to the indus-
try day for an overview of the potential
work and provide input on constructa-
bility. Bidding for the project will begin
in April 2027 with construction estimat-
ed to begin spring of 2028.
Date: September 4th, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: At the Upper Sunshine
Reservoir Dam, Rd 5Xs, Meeteetse,
WY 82433
Agenda:
10:00 AM: Project Overview Presen-
tation
10:30 AM: Site Tour and Q&A
Contact: Uriel Shelby
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Email: uriel.shelby@hdrinc.com

Pub. Aug. 13, 20 & 27, 2026 No. 2168

**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
CHEYENNE, WYOMING
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF
AND
FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR
HIGHWAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Wy-
oming Department of Transportation
has accepted as completed according
to plans, specifications and rules gov-
erning the same work performed under
that certain contract between the State
of Wyoming and **S & L Industrial**, The
Contractor, on Highway Project Num-
ber **B255011, in Fremont, Park and
Washakie Counties**, consisting of **ther-
moplastic pavement markings** and
the Contractor is entitled to final set-
tlement 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
September 23, 2026

The date of the first publication of this
Notice is **August 13, 2026.**

Pam Fredrick
Senior Budget Analyst
Budget Program
Wyoming Department of
Transportation

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**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF
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CHEYENNE, WYOMING
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AND
FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIGH-
WAY WORK**

Notice is hereby given that the Wy-
oming Department of Transportation
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plans, specifications and rules govern-
ing the same work performed under that
certain contract between the State of
Wyoming and **K’s Construction, Inc.,**
The Contractor, on Highway Project
Number **B255021, in Fremont, Park
and Hot Springs Counties**, consist-
ing of **guardrail upgrades involving
guardrail, grading, traffic control
and aggregate surfacing work** and
the Contractor is entitled to final set-
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Transportation

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2161

NOTICE

STATE OF) IN THE
WYOMING) DISTRICTCOURT
) ss.

COUNTY OF) FIFTHJUDICIAL
HOT SPRINGS) DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER of the)
CHANGE OF NAME OF)
Lisa A. Reesy)
Petitioner)

Case Number 2026-CV-0000034

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF
NAME OF AN ADULT**

Notice is hereby given that a Petition

for Change of Name of an Adult, Case
Number 2026-CV-34, has been filed in
the 5th Judicial District of Wyoming Dis-
trict Court by a Petitioner whose current
full name is Lisa Anne Reesy. The ad-
dress of the District Court is 415 Arap-
ahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

The object and prayer of the Petition
is to change the Petitioner’s full name
to Lisa Anne Goton.

Any objection to this action must be
filed with the District Court within 30
days following the final date of publica-
tion of this notice. If no objection is timely
filed, an Order granting the name change
may be issued without further notice.

Dated July 21, 2026

Clerk or Deputy Clerk
of District Court

Chalice Weichman, Deputy

Pub. July 30, Aug. 7, 14 & 21 No. 2152

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT
SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING**

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
)
ROBERT HOWARD GALYAN,)
)
Deceased.)

Probate No. 2026-CV-30

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED
IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that
on the 2nd day of July, 2026, the Last
Will and Testament of the above-named
decedent was admitted to probate by
the above-named Court, and that Kris-
ten Monasmith was appointed Personal
Representative thereof. Any action to set
aside the Will shall be filed in the Court
within three months from the date of the
first publication of this notice or there-
after be forever barred.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that
all persons indebted to the decedent or
to his Estate are requested to make im-
mediate payment to the undersigned at
Thermopolis, Wyoming.

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 (3) months af-
ter 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 24th day of July, 2026.

/s/Marshall Keller
Marshall E. Keller, WSB #7-6406
Atty. for Personal Representative
Keller Law Firm, P.C.
P.O. Box 111
Thermopolis, WY 82443-0111
(307) 864-2318
marshall@kellerlawpc.com

Pub. July 30, Aug. 6 & 13 No. 2154

**Notice Cancellation of
Regular Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the regu-
lar meeting of the Hot Springs County
Board of Commissioners, scheduled for
August 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. has been
canceled.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13, 2026 No. 2169

**NOTICE SETTING PUBLIC
HEARING**

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Adminis-
trative Procedure Act and the Wyoming
Public Service Commission’s (Commis-
sion) Rules, notice is hereby given that
a public hearing is scheduled regard-
ing Rocky Mountain Power’s (RMP or
the Company) request for approval of
its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for
2025. **The public hearing is set to
commence on Tuesday, August 25,
2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commis-
sion’s hearing room located at 2515
Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Chey-
enne, Wyoming.**

2. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an
Oregon corporation, engaged in the busi-
ness 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 31, 2024, RMP filed
its draft 2025 IRP. On March 31, 2025,
the Company filed its final 2025 IRP. On
April 11, 2025, the Company filed the
supporting workpapers. The Company
states the Preferred Portfolio, derived

from the IRP demonstrates reliable ser-
vice requires: investment in transmis-
sion infrastructure; 3,782 MW of new
wind and 5,912 MW of new solar re-
sources; 7,524 MW of storage resources;
the conversion of four coal-fired genera-
tion units to natural gas-fired peaking
units; significant demand response and
energy efficiency programs; the addition
of carbon capture technology to specific
coal-fired resources; the addition of 500
MW in advanced nuclear resources; and
the addition of other energy resources.

4. Wyoming Industrial Energy Con-
sumers (WIEC) and Sierra Club (Sierra)
filed petitions to intervene in this matter,
which the Commission granted by Or-
ders issued on June 17, 2025. Wyoming
Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA)
timely petitioned to intervene by matter
of right. W.S. § 37-2-402(a).

5. This is not a complete description
of RMP’s Application. You may review
the Application and its supporting testi-
mony and exhibits at the Commission’s
office during business hours or online
at: [https://dms.wyo.gov/external/public-
users.aspx](https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx) (enter Record No. 17741).

6. All interested persons are encour-
aged to attend the public hearing which
will be conducted in accordance with
the Wyoming Administrative Procedure
Act, Wyoming Public Service Commis-
sion Rules. All interested persons may
appear and be heard, in person, by vid-
eo or telephone conference, or through
counsel appearing in person or by video
or telephone conference.

**Attend Zoom Meeting and active-
ly participate at:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933449233>

**Or by dialing: 1 669 900 9128 Meet-
ing ID: 993 344 9233**

7. If you wish to attend the hearing
and you require reasonable accommoda-
tion for a disability, please contact the
Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or
TTY) in Cheyenne during regular busi-
ness hours or write them at 2515 War-
ren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wy-
oming 82002, to make arrangements.
Communications impaired persons may
also contact the Commission by access-
ing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing
711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-
676-EA-24 in all correspondence with
the Commission.

Dated: July 27, 2026.

Pub. Aug. 6 & 13, 2026 No. 2155

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL
APPLICATION FOR COUNTY
MALT BEVERAGE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that on the
17th day of July 2026, Bailey Enter-
prises Inc., dba Pit Stop #10, filed an
application in the office of the Clerk of
the County of Hot Springs for renewal
of a County Malt Beverage Permit for
the following described place and prem-
ises to wit: ROOM APPROXIMATELY
24’X48’ IN THE SOUTH WEST COR-
NER of the BUILDING in Lot 4, Section
2 and Lot 1, Section 11, T42N, R95W PM
and protests, if there be, against the is-
suanace of such license will be heard at
the hour of 9:05 a.m. on the 1st day of
September 2026. The Hearing will be in
the Meeting Room of the Governmental
Annex Building 117 North 4th Street,
Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2156

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL
APPLICATION FOR RETAIL
LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that on the day
of 21st of July 2026 the Legion Town and
Country Club, Inc. dba Thermopolis Golf
Course, filed an application in the office
of the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs
for renewal of a County Retail Liquor Li-
cense for the following described place
and premises to wit: S/2NW N/2SW
SWSW FR, Section 25, T43N, R95W;
SESE FR Section 26, T43N, R95W;
NWNW FR Section 36, T43N, R95W;
NWNW FR Section 26, T43N, R95W PM
and protests, if there be, against the is-
suanace of such license will be heard at
the hour of 9:10 a.m. on the 1st day of
September 2026. The Hearing will be in
the Meeting Room of the Governmental
Annex Building 117 North 4th Street,
Thermopolis, WY 82443.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2157

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL
APPLICATION FOR RETAIL
LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th

day of July the Thermopolis Lodging
Group, LLC, dba Fairbridge Thermop-
olis, filed an application in the office of
the Clerk of the County of Hot Springs
for renewal of a County Retail Liquor
License for the following described place
and premises to wit: a 24’X 14’ Room
on the north east of a building in, Lot
1, Section 11, T42N, R95W PM and pro-
tests, if there be, against the issuance of
such license will be heard at the hour of
9:15 a.m. on the 1st day of September
2026. The Hearing will be in the Meet-
ing Room of the Governmental Annex
Building 117 North 4th Street, Ther-
mopolis, WY 82443.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2158

**NOTICE OF RENEWAL
APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LI-
QUOR LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th
day of July 2026, SonRise Operations,
LLC dba SonRise Operations filed an
application in the office of the Clerk of
the County of Hot Springs for renewal of
a County Retail Liquor License for the
following described place and premises
to wit: a 24’ x 14’ room, on the south end
of a building in Section 23, T46N, R99W
PM and protests, if there be, against the
issuance of such license will be heard at
the hour of 9:20 a.m. on the 1st day of
September 2026. The Hearing will be
in the Public Meeting Room in the Hot
Springs County Governmental Annex
Building, 117 N 4th Street, Thermopo-
lis, WY 82443.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2159

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:

Fair Board – One seat open due to
resignation. (Term through January
1, 2029)

Residents of Hot Springs County in-
terested in applying to serve on the Board
should submit their County Board Ap-
plication (available on the County web-
site www.hscounty.com or at the County
Clerk’s Office) to the Hot Springs Coun-
ty Clerk’s Office. Applications will be
considered and appointments made at
the Hot Springs County Commissioners
meeting on September 1, 2026.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2164

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:

Museum Board – One seat open due
to resignation. (Term through June 30,
2029)

Residents of Hot Springs County in-
terested in applying to serve on the Board
should submit their County Board Ap-
plication (available on the County web-
site www.hscounty.com or at the County
Clerk’s Office) to the Hot Springs Coun-
ty Clerk’s Office. Applications will be
considered and appointments made at
the Hot Springs County Commissioners
meeting on September 1, 2026.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2165

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

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE)
)
OF)
)
MARY ESTHER BELL,)
f/k/a MARY FRIX BELL,)
Deceased.)

2026-CV-0000037

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
A DECREE OF SUMMARY
DISTRIBUTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
Joshua Matney has filed an *Application
for a Decree of Summary Distribution*

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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, the following real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, to-wit:

Lot Six (6), Block Two (2), Waldorf Acres Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

The above-described property is commonly known as 111 Circle Dr., 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 August 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

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2166

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY,
WYOMING
2026 GENERAL ELECTION
PROCLAMATION

Notice is hereby given, that a **General Election** will be held in Hot Springs County, Wyoming on **November 3, 2026** between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Registering to Vote - October 19, 2026 is the **last day to register** to vote for the **General Election**. After this date, voters need to both register and vote absentee simultaneously in the County Clerk’s office or register and vote at the polls on Election Day. ***Proof of Identity, proof of US Citizenship, and proof of Wyoming residency is required to register to vote; a Wyoming Driver’s License satisfies all three of the registration requirements.***
ID to Vote: Proof of identity is required to vote.

Absentee Voting - A qualified elector may apply for an Absentee Ballot for Primary and General elections after January 1 2026 by applying either in person, in writing, or by telephone, ***except*** on Election Day. ***If the ballot will not be picked up by the elector, the address to which the absentee ballot is to be mailed, or the name of the individual the elector designates in writing to pick up the elector’s ballot, is required.*** Ballots must be returned to the County Clerk’s office by 7 p.m. November 3, 2026, General Election Day, to be counted.

2026 GENERAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE FILING
See Filing Dates below
Judicial Offices Seeking Retention

- File with Secretary of State’s Office - No Filing Fee

- Justice of the Supreme Court - Two (2) - 8-Year Term
 - Judge of the Chancery Court - One (1) - 6-Year Term
 - District Court Judge A of the 5th Judicial District - One (1) - 6-Year Term
- School District** - File with County Clerk August 5 - August 24, 2026 - No filing fees
- School District #1 Trustee - Three (3) - 4-Year Term
- Special Districts** - File with County Clerk August 5 - August 24, 2026 - No filing fees
- Cemetery District Director - Three (3) - 4-Year Term
 - Conservation District Rural Supervisor - Two (2) - 4-Year Term
 - Conservation District At-Large Supervisor - One (1) - 4-Year Term
 - Rural Fire Protection District Director - Two (2) - 4-Year Term
 - Hospital District Director - Three (3) - 4-Year Term
 - Senior Citizens Service District Director - Three (3) - 4-Year Term

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS,
INITIATIVES, REFERENDUMS
AND BALLOT PROPOSITIONS
PROPOSED INITIATIVE PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

“People’s Initiative to Limit Property Tax in Wyoming Through a Homeowner’s Property Exemption”

Shall a law be enacted: Establishing a property tax exemption for qualified homeowners’ primary residence in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the dwelling: AND

Defining “homeowner” and “primary residence”; providing that no more than one exemption shall apply to a single property or be claimed by a single owner per year; requiring a homeowner to be a resident of Wyoming for at least one year and to have occupied the pri-

mary residence for at least six months of the previous tax year to qualify; requiring an initial sworn claim to be filed with the county assessor by the fourth Monday in May; providing for continuing the exemption in subsequent years through annually confirming eligibility; providing a penalty for false claims; clarifying that the exemption applies to the residential structure; and specifying applicability?

Estimated Fiscal Impact:
Anticipated Revenue / (decrease)
Fiscal Year 2028 (\$92,614,266)
Fiscal Year 2029 (\$95,855,766)

The above estimate is based on residential property assessed value and property tax data from the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system provided by the Department of Revenue in 2023. The future fiscal impact estimates are derived by using the January 2023 Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) report, estimating annual growth of 3.5% for properties in future years. This is an estimate of fiscal impact to the State of Wyoming only and does not include an estimate of any impact upon political subdivisions. The proposition references a beginning date of 2025, but if passed in 2026 the earliest applicable tax year would be 2027, with impacts to the state beginning in 2028. Fiscal impact will apply to each year so long as the exemption is in place. Future impacts depend on unpredictable economic conditions.

2026 GENERAL CAMPAIGN
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Wyoming State Statute (W.S.) §22-25-106, all campaign committees, Political Action Committees (PACs), organizations and candidates (whether successful or not) must file a statement of contributions and expenditures as set forth below.

Contributions & Expenditures Report - All candidates, PACs, committees and organizations:

General - file **October 20 - 27, 2026 by 5:00 pm**

Amended Contributions & Expenditures Report (if applicable):

General - File **not later than November 13, 2026 by 5:00 pm**

Candidates for State office file reports with Secretary of State. Candidates for County and Municipal offices file reports with the County Clerk’s Office. Those who fail to file a report required by law may be subject to civil penalties prescribed in W.S. §22-25-108 et seq. Precinct committee persons are not required to file a campaign finance report pursuant to W.S. §22-25-107(a)(vi).

Voter Assistance: A voter requiring assistance at the polls to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write, may be given assistance by a person of the voter’s choice other than the voter’s employer or agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the voter’s union (W.S. §22-13-113(a). If you have questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place or use of ADA equipment to mark your ballot, please contact the County Clerk at (307) 864-3515.

Proclaimed this 5th day of August 2026 in accordance with Wyoming State Statute §22-2-109 by:

Becky Kersten,
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13, 2026 No. 2167

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board:

Predatory Animal Control Board – **One At-Large** seat open due to resignation. (Term through January 6, 2027)

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 September 1, 2026.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

Pub. Aug. 13 & 20, 2026 No. 2160

STATE OF)OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING)BOARD OF
)COUNTY
COUNTY OF)COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS)THERMOPOLIS, WY
)July 20, 2025

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.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, and Assistant to the Commissioners Kim Lindseth. Chairman Aguiar led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Galovich moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Ag Department discussion to be held by the Commissioners prior to the Public Hearing. The Commissioners approved the agenda. Commissioner Galovich moved for the transfer of \$30,000 to the 4-H program for a part-time office manager position, working 24 hours a week as a County employee. The Commissioners approved the new position. County Clerk, Becky Kersten, clarified it would not be a transfer, but a change to the budget; bringing the Ag Extension office budget to a total of \$49,950, and reducing the Emergency Expenditures by \$30,000.

Public Hearing
The Public Hearing commenced at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Aguiar read housekeeping rules for the meeting. Commissioner Ryan stated he was happy to see all of the public in attendance and wanted to explain the County budget process started out \$885,000 short this fiscal year. That amount was on top of the \$1.2 million cut last year. He reported the County took \$560,000 out of the rolling stock, reduced capital improvements to \$100,000, reduced the fair’s capital project by \$20,000, reduced the Law Enforcement Center’s depreciation by \$20,000, the assessor, library, and museum budgets were also reduced. Commissioner Ryan reported over \$2 million dollars has been cut out of the County budget in the last two years, and the County is statutorily obligated to ensure essential services are covered. Commissioner Aguiar opened the Public Hearing for Final Budget Approval for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at 1:05 p.m. and stated the Commissioners were ready for public comment, and announced all comments would be limited to three minutes each. After hearing over an hour of public comment with individuals from the community showing strong support of the 4-H program, Commissioner Ryan made a motion to pass Resolution 2026-2027 adopting the Hot Springs County 2026-2027 budget. The Commissioners approved the budget. The Public Hearing ended at 2:19 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the minutes from July 7, 2026. The Commissioners approved the minutes.

Approval of Special Account Payable Warrants

Commissioner Galovich moved for the approval of the Special Accounts Payable for Warrants numbers 69325 through 69327 in the amount of \$227,638.19. The Commissioners approved the Special Accounts Payable. Clerk Kersten explained the reason for the special accounts payable was to pay for the County’s commercial insurance and because the County is self-funded for health insurance, a PCORI fee has to be paid to the IRS by the end of the month. In addition, the County was closing on the Arapahoe Street properties requiring warrants.

Search and Rescue
Search and Rescue submitted information on some grants they want to pursue for gear and training, none of the grants will require a County match. Commissioner Ryan moved for Search and Rescue to move forward with applying for the grants. The Commissioners approved applying for the grants.

Sheriff Kraushaar
Sheriff Kraushaar requested approval of two grant agreements between the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) and Hot Springs County, neither of which require a County match. The grants will pay for upgrades to Law Enforcement radios and seven new AED (automatic external defibrillator) Plus units for patrol vehicles. Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the WOHS grant in the amount of \$27,374 for radio upgrades. Commissioner Galovich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Galovich moved to approve the WOHS grant in the amount of \$15,883 for new AED units. The Commissioners approved the grant agreements.

Sady Mounts
Sady Mounts, Hot Springs County Public Health Response Coordinator, asked for approval of the 2026-2027 grant agreement between Wyoming Department of Public Health Division and Hot Springs County. The grant is for Public Health Preparedness and Response Services (PHPR) in the amount of \$73,000, with an In-kind match of 10% required from the County. Commissioner Ryan moved to approve the grant. The Commissioners approved the grant.

County Planner
County Planner, Les Culliton, presented a timeline of the Tipi Retreat Application process. Mr. Culliton reported he received an information packet and application labeled The Tipi Ranch Development in August of 2025. He reported the developer did not follow Land Use Plan Chapter 4, section 4.9. In September 2025, the Planning Office received two more information packets and applications, for a total of three (3) applications. Mr. Culliton reached out to the developer to determine which application they wanted to move forward. Later in September, the developer elected to proceed with the second application, which was The Tipi Ranch short-term vacation rental. In November of 2025, the

developer attended a teleconference with the Land Use Planning Commission. In December of 2025 a work session was held with the County Commissioners and Mr. Culliton, the work session was dealing with the Wyoming Department of Environmental (DEQ) Quality Water Quality Division for small wastewater systems (septic systems). The group also discussed the Tipi Ranch application and the Owl Creek Gravel Production, LLC. The board of County Commissioners stated they would take the Tipi Ranch application and Mr. Culliton was to pursue setting up a meeting with the Board and the DEQ regarding the Owl Creek Gravel proposal. At an unknown date, the Commissioners requested the County Attorney to determine if the parcel for the Tipi Retreat was in litigation. In April of 2026, there was a judicial ruling regarding the fine forgiven by two of the Commissioners when they signed an agreement with the developer in 2025. In May of 2026, the County Planner requested a work session with the Commissioners, which was denied by the Chairman. Mr. Culliton stated the County Attorney was in support of a work session. On July 7, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners stated during a regular meeting the Tipi Retreat application would be moving back to the County Planner’s office. On July 15, 2026, the Chairman met privately with the Planner before the Land Use Planning (LUPC) meeting stating the Board of Commissioners had agreed to take the application back. During the LUPC meeting, the Chairman shared his opinion on conflict, expertise, and not following the Land Use Plan. The Chairman stated the Board had an engineer who had agreed to help the LUPC through the process. Mr. Culliton asked the Commissioners how they were going to move forward with the application. Commissioner Ryan stated he was going to make a motion to hire a contract planner out of Washakie County to assist with this divisive issue, stating a neutral person taking a fresh look at the situation would be beneficial. Commissioner Ryan made a motion for the County to contract with Mike Robinson, LLC a consultant and project engineer. The Commissioners approved contracting Mr. Robinson.

Commission Ryan asked Mr. Culliton to assist Mr. Robinson. Mr. Culliton expressed concern that this process couldn’t be completed before the next LUPC Board meeting on August 19, 2026. Commissioner Ryan said he did not disagree but thought it (the process) would be acceptable since it (the process) was actively moving forward and suggested a timeline of September 2026.

Mr. Culliton stated that during his private discussion with the Commissioner Chairman on July 15, 2026, the Chairman told him September 1, 2026 was his last day of employment with Hot Springs County. Mr. Culliton asked this board how that would work with the contracted planner and the application. Commissioner Aguiar countered explaining he stated if the County contracted with an engineer, the goal would be to get it done as soon as possible, possibly by the 1st of September. Commissioner Galovich made a motion to prepare a RFP (Request for Proposals) for contracted people to fill the role of County Planner. Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion. Commissioner Aguiar asked if there was any discussion and audience member Philip Scheel asked the Commissioners if Les would continue to work on major projects for the County stating he knew Les takes care of septic systems and Land Use Planning for the County. Commissioner Aguiar stated no decisions had been made. Commissioner Ryan stated those questions were up for discussion. Mr. Scheel stated he thought Mr. Culliton does an exceptional job in his current role and in his past role for the County in maintenance and regardless of what happens with the Planner role, Mr. Culliton is a valuable asset to Hot Springs County. Audience member, Mr. Lee Campbell addressed the Commissioners expressing concern for contracting outside people, saying they do not keep good public records. Mr. Campbell explained when he was the County Planner, there were no public records for septic tanks and applications. He stated he obtained those records from the DEQ and brought them to the courthouse and he and Les are the people who built up those public records. Mr. Campbell said there has to be a mechanism for preserving public records. Commissioner Aguiar asked for a vote on the motion. Commissioners Aguiar and Commissioner Galovich voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Ryan voted against the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Culliton stated he had one more item regarding a letter he prepared for the Chairman’s signature addressed to Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT). The letter was offering WYDOT thirty-five boxes of crack sealing material left over from the old airport. Mr. Culliton stated the city and county road departments do not have the equip-

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