

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 20th day of August 2026 in the county seat of Wheatland. Those present for the meeting were Steve Shockley, Commission Chairman; Ian Jolovich, Commissioner; John “Jeb” Baker, Commissioner; and Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk.

Chairman Shockley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the August 20th meeting minutes. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion carried.

Vouchers Approved for Payment: ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC, Phase II Renovation, 78,089.35 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, FRC Grant, 1,254.83 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, FRC Grant, 1,098.33 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 7.01 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, WCF Chronic Health Grant, 227.55 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Library Supplies, 14.65 ANTELOPE GAP FIRE DISTRICT, Fair Expenses, 25.00 AT & T, 911 Phones, 127.95 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, Library Utilities, 54.25 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 337.95 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 315.22 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 1,110.94 BOB RUWART MOTORS, New Equipment, 3,053.29 BOB RUWART MOTORS, SHSP Short Term, 64,809.00 CANDY WRIGHT, Grant Administration, 1,950.00 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 247.73 CARA REAMS, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 69.12 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 1,393.20 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.61 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 120.62 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 261.49 CHEYENNE KUBOTA, R & B Vehicle Repair, 398.72 CLAY CUNDALL, Fair Discretionary Fund, 125.00 CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 123.74 CONTROL SOLUTIONS, PH Vaccinations, 157.50 CREED FUELS LLC, R & B Fuel, 18,786.00 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 3,293.30 DJ MAGIK, Fair Expenses, 937.50 DOUBLE AM&H/CINEMA WEST, Gambling Prevention Grant, 125.00 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Inmate Trust Fund, 459.92 ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS INC, R & B Materials, 644.00 ERGON ASPHALT & EMULSIONS INC, County Road Fund (SCRF), 332,620.74 EXCLAMATION POINT!, Fair Expenses, 306.00 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 3,483.46 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 694.93 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 2,590.38 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 878.10 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,671.06 GRAINGER, Jail Maintenance, 301.27 I-CON SYSTEMS INC, Jail Maintenance, 2,193.30 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Custodial, 231.80 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Board of Prisoners, 155.96 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 1,282.75 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Inmate Trust Fund, 686.85 IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 4,394.00 INDOFF INCORPORATED, Clerk of Court Supplies, 324.00 JENNI NIEFT, Fair Expenses, 143.57 JG CUSTOM FABRICATION & WELDING, Facilities Building Maintenance, 517.00 KAITLYN BUFFINGTON, Fair Expenses, 100.00 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 125.50 KTGA/KBDY, Fair Printing, 330.00 LARAMIE PEAK MOTORS, R & B Vehicle Repair, 67.78 LARAMIE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 750.00 LAURA BOOKOUT, Planner Travel, 120.35 LOU'S GLOVES, Inmate Trust Fund, 440.00 MCCANDLESS TRUCK CENTER, R & B Vehicle Repair, 1,052.52 MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL, PH Supplies, 93.14 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 437.75 MENARDS - CHEYENNE, Jail Maintenance, 29.76 MHC KENWORTH - CHEYENNE, R & B Vehicle Repair, 39.14 MOUNTAIN STATES LITHOGRAPHING LLC, Election Supplies, 115.18 NICOLE CIFUENTES, Fair Expenses, 300.00 NMS LABS, Coroner Autopsies, 289.00 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Clerk Supplies, 183.76 ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC, Election Supplies, 277.37 OVERDRIVE INC, Library Supplies, 3,535.03 PBR PRINTING, FRC Grant, 905.10 PITNEY BOWES INC, Inmate Trust Fund, 221.46 PLATTE CO RADIO, FRC Grant, 2,500.00 PLATTE COUNTY, Preparedness Grant, 2,086.10 PLATTE COUNTY 4-H, Fair Expenses, 300.00 PLATTE COUNTY PARKS & REC, FRC Grant, 1,880.00 PRIMO BRANDS, Dispatch Supplies, 129.33 PRIMO BRANDS, Sheriff Supplies, 129.33 PRIMO BRANDS, Inmate Trust Fund, 129.34 RECORD TIMES, FRC Grant, 5,500.00 RECORD TIMES, Printing, 338.83 RECORD TIMES, Printing & Publishing, 579.29 RECORD TIMES, Publishing, 87.44 RECORD TIMES, Election Printing, 1,052.01 RECORD TIMES, Printing, 999.00 RECORD TIMES, Publishing, 76.51 REIC RENTALS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 509.50 REIC RENTALS, Jail Maintenance, 654.50 REX E JOHNSON, Commissioner Litigation, 20,267.50 SAMPSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC, Phase II Renovation, 398,975.00 SHAMROCK CO FOODS AURORA, Detention Board of Prisoners, 4,988.25 SHOWORKS LLC, Fair Expenses, 895.45 SIERRA GEHO, Fair Expenses, 50.00 SLATER GATORS, Fair Expenses, 100.00 SOUTH STREET PHARMACY, Detention Medical Care, 605.19 SOUTHEAST WYOMING WEED CONTROL LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 175.80 STERICYCLE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 555.70 T-MOBILE, Phone, 840.00 T-MOBILE, Phone, 344.53 TEAM LAB, R & B Materials, 7,159.00 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Supplies, 740.94 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 14.09 TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION, Facilities Building Maintenance, 100.00 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Phase II Renovation, 1,723.00 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 1,280.00 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Courthouse Phase II, 148.36 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 220.30 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 10,200.52 US POSTAL SERVICE-NEOPOST POSTAGE, Clerk of Court Postage, 1,000.00 VERIZON WIRELESS, FRC Grant, 117.59 VERIZON WIRELESS, MCH Operation, 77.55 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 77.55 VERIZON WIRELESS, Phones, 40.01 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Operations, 77.55 VERIZON WIRELESS, Workforce Grant, 20.02 VISA-, Library Child Programs, 641.93 VISA-, Library Postage, 357.84 VISA-, Library Software, 277.00 VISA-, Library Supplies, 951.75 VISA-, Ag. Ext. Supplies, 55.28 VISA-, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 787.45 VISA-, Assessor Postage, 2.17 VISA-, Assessor Supplies, 44.93 VISA-, Assessor Travel Expenses, 1,043.65 VISA-, Clerk of Court Supplies, 12.99 VISA-, Clerk of Court Travel Expenses, 220.00 VISA-, Clerk Supplies, 84.39 VISA-, CSBG Grant, 460.12 VISA-, Election Travel Expenses, 10.22 VISA-, Facilities Building Maintenance, 427.18 VISA-, Facilities Supplies, 66.40 VISA-, FRC Grant, 776.00 VISA-, Gambling Prevention Grant, 1,363.99 VISA-, IT Software, 3,262.60 VISA-, Recruiting, 18.01 VISA-, Sheriff Extradition, 295.89 VISA-, Sheriff Supplies, 82.05 VISA-, Sheriff Training, 1,386.70 VISA-, Sheriff Uniforms, 49.70 VISA-, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, (415.93)VISA-, Training Grant, 144.00 VISA-, WCF FRC Services Grant, 59.36 VISA-, Workforce Grant, 19.52 VISA-, Fire Protection, 500.00 VISA-, Inmate Trust Fund, 203.69 WACO, Commissioner Dues & Continuing Ed., 300.00 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 133,918.53 WEX, Detention Fuel, 1,363.63 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 6,907.59 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 78.01 WEX, Assessor Travel Expenses, 45.04 WEX, Clerk Travel Expenses, 84.41 WEX, Election Travel Expenses, 60.01 WEX, Emergency Mgt. Travel Expenses, 101.96 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 912.63 WEX, PH Vaccinations, 42.99 WEX, R & B Fuel, 2,568.41 WEX, TANF Grant, 42.54 WEX, Training Grant, 100.54 WEX, Fire Protection, 555.85 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 2,370.63 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Fair Expenses, 124.68

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County Treasurer: Kristi Rietz, County Treasurer, presented the fiscal position of the county as of July 31, 2026. The Board also reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Rietz from August 3 through August 11, 2026, which totaled \$1,825,488.84 – of that, \$950,000 were transfers between investment accounts and the County’s general fund.

Sick Leave Donation: Clerk Ervin presented a request for sick leave donations and offers to donate said hours. The purpose is to allow the employee to remain on maternity leave. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve a sick leave donation from three employees to one in the sum of 138 hours. The motion carried.

Road & Bridge Superintendent: Don Hale addressed the Board regarding the Road & Bridge Superintendent vacancy. He encouraged the Board to not promote from within the department because he believed that could continue “bad habits” within the department. The Board addressed the difficulties in hiring the position, which included wages compared to industrial employers. Clerk Ervin asked the Board how long the application period should remain open. The Board agreed to leave the application open until the position is filled. The Board requested that the position be advertised in multiple locations.

Inmate Housing Agreement: The Board reviewed an agreement with the Town of Guernsey, which would allow the town to house municipal arrestees at the Platte County Detention Center (PCDC). The town would be charged \$120 per day per inmate housed at the facility. Anthony Krotz, County Sheriff, said the agreement mirrored an agreement the County has in place, currently, with the City of Cheyenne. The Town of Guernsey approved the agreement in May. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve an inmate housing agreement with the Town of Guernsey. The motion carried.

Detention Center Medical Proposal: Sheriff Krotz presented a proposal from Dr. Steve Peasley to provide medical services at PCDC. Currently, PCDC has a Registered Nurse on staff who provides general medical services. Dr. Peasley proposal is to serve in a medical director role, which would give further medical guidance and formalization of medical procedures within the facility. The proposal anticipates a monthly cost of \$3,600 - \$5,000. The Board agreed the position was necessary. The next step in the process is to obtain a contract with Dr. Peasley.

Maintenance Department: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, provided updates to the Board. Mr. DeWitt informed the Board his department replaced approximately 23 feet of sewer line in the detention center and multiple p-traps. The line, and traps, had rotted thereby requiring replacement. The Board questioned why the pipe had failed after only 26 years when the pipe should have lasted many decades more. Dan Young, Maintainer, talked about grease deposits in the pipe that were found in the pipe. He said those deposits were extremely hard but still expressed concerns about why the pipe failed prematurely. Mr. DeWitt also provided updates regarding water damage at the Library, which was sustained due to a leak in the roof. The damage has been repaired, and insurance is responsible for costs associated with interior restoration but is not responsible for the roof repairs. The roof repairs were previously approved by the Board. Chairman Shockley asked Mr. DeWitt to elaborate on how he plans to address damaged carpet in the Coleman Building, which was damaged by HVAC installation. Mr. DeWitt said his department cleaned the carpet and will update the Board at a future meeting as to whether the carpet needs replaced. Unfortunately, the carpet in question is no longer produced, which would require a complete carpet replacement on the public health side of the building.

Phase II Renovation: The Board discussed the status of the exterior preservation of the Courthouse. Clerk Ervin informed the Board they needed to prioritize potential additions to the project scope. Clerk Ervin presented six potential additions to the project scope and asked that the Board prioritize those additions. Those additions were: Request For Information (RFI) #10 Parapet Reinforcement, estimated between \$75,000 and \$100,000; Proposal Request (PR) #2 Vestibule Additions, estimated between \$362,000 and \$393,000; RFI #9 West Entry Stairs/File Room Waterproofing, estimated between \$35,000 and \$ 44,000; PR #3 South Elevation Interior Restoration & Monuments, estimated to be \$85,000; 1970s Addition Brick Repairs/Cleaning, estimated to be \$20,250; and Coal Chute Repairs, estimated to be \$2,070. The Board prioritized those items in the following order: RFI #10, RFI #3, 1970s Addition, PR #2, PR #3 and Coal Chute Repairs. Clerk Ervin said the list would be provided to Sampson Construction to begin preparing change orders.

Planning & Zoning Updates: Planner Bookout informed the Board that the Planning & Zoning Commission started the rule making process at their August 11th meeting. In short, the rule would require that data centers obtain a special use permit prior to construction, which is not currently outlined in the Land Use Rules & Regulations. Public hearings for those proposed regulations will be held on September 16th and October 7th. Planner Bookout also informed the Board she intends to propose by-law changes for the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider. Those changes would outline rules for conduct associated with Commission meetings.

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Public Hearing – Planning & Zoning: Chairman Shockley called a public hearing to order at 10:00 AM for the purpose of accepting public comment on a Special Use Permit request made by Rocky Mountain Tower. The request is to construct a 104' tall cellphone tower in a Ranching, Agriculture & Mining (RAM) zoning District. The parcel in question is described as part of the NE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 18, Township 24 North, Range 67 West, Platte County, Wyoming. Laura Bookout, County Planner, informed the Board that the request was reviewed by the Governing Body of the Town of Wheatland due to its proximity to municipal boundaries. Planner Bookout also reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on August 11, 2026 and recommended the request be approved with eight conditions. The conditions recommended were:

1. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation" letter with the correct height of tower and approval.
2. Prior to construction, the applicant/permittee is to provide the Planning Office with the final survey and legal description prepared by a licensed Wyoming State surveyor for review and approval.
3. Tower location will be setback 110% of full tower height from property lines. The facility, as a whole, will be setback 30 feet from public roadway easements or rights-of-way and 10 feet from adjacent property lines.
4. Platte County reserves the right to place emergency communications equipment on the tower, or within the leased area of the tower site, contingent to a license agreement between applicant/permittee and Platte County; and that Platte County equipment may not interfere with existing equipment on the tower; and that Platte County equipment may not hinder the tower's structural integrity.
5. That this installation is in compliance with, and has approval from, all required Federal and State agencies.
6. The applicant/permittee must notify the Planning Department of any structural, locational, or operational changes to the installation.
7. This approval is for the facility outlined in the above referenced application. Any additional structures may require another application.
8. This request to be reviewed on a complaint basis only.

Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comment. Ed Meyer, an adjacent landowner, read a letter that stated he and his wife, Mary, were opposed to the proposed location of the tower. The letter cited health hazards to humans, agricultural and pollinators. The letter also cited fire concerns. In the letter, Mr. & Mrs. Meyer request that the tower move 350 feet east of its proposed location. Mr. & Mrs. Meyer also provided approximately 324 pages of material to the Board as evidence of their concerns. Chloe Butler echoed concerns regarding fertility. She cited a Marine Corps battalion that her husband served in, which she said had high levels of infertility. As such, Mrs. Butler asked the Board to consider the request to relocate the tower. Lucinda Houtchens provided an overview of the August 11th Planning & Zoning Commission meeting saying the Commission did not conduct sufficient research regarding health concerns associated with cellphone towers. Steve McGuire, on whose land the tower is proposed to be built, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. McGuire said cellphone usage was prevalent and to provide adequate service the tower was necessary.

Shelley Neace said she had been involved in cellphone tower siting for 32 years, and that her husband has been involved in Verizon wireless for more than 30 years. Ms. Neace said in that time, she had been involved with more than 1,000 public comment meetings, and a "not in my backyard" response is typical in each instance. Ms. Neace explained the siting process – specifically how cellphone companies select sites, landowner involvement in the siting process, and how federal and local regulations determine tower sites. Ms. Neace said the tower emitted nonionizing radiation, and that no instances of cancer as a result of that radiation had been documented.

Mary Meyer, an adjacent landowner, countered Mr. McGuire's points saying not all individuals have cellphones. She also spoke about the documents provided to the Board saying they showed health concerns associated with cellphone tower equipment. Barb Fletcher informed the Board she could remember when smoking was considered good for health but did not elaborate further. Mrs. Houtchens asked that the Board postpone their decision until the Board had sufficient time to review the documents provided by the Meyer family. No further public comment was received.

The Board discussed the request. Commissioner Jolovich stated a need for greater cellphone service, Commissioner Baker cited cellphone towers near his home and said cattle had not displayed any fertility issues. Chairman Shockley spoke about a presentation made to the Town of Hartville regarding wildfire concerns around the town. He said a major point in the presentation was the need for additional cellphone infrastructure, which could get overloaded in the event of a major wildfire event. Commissioner Jolovich asked that a condition be added requiring that the applicant work with the Planning Office to obtain a construction certificate because construction costs are expected to exceed \$1,000,000. Commissioner Jolovich also asked that condition number eight be amended to remove the word, "only". Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve a special use permit for Rocky Mountain Tower with nine conditions, and a revision to condition number eight, as discussed. The motion carried.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 AM. This proceeding was recorded by Clerk Ervin pursuant to Wyoming statute §18-3-402(a)(i)(C).

APPROVED:


STEVE SHOCKLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD




MALCOLM ERVIN, COUNTY CLERK
& CLERK OF THE BOARD

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