

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

## BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

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THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 September 1<sup>st</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the vouchers as presented. The motion carried.

Vouchers Approved for Payment: AG HEATING & COOLING LLC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 999.39 AG HEATING & COOLING LLC, Jail Maintenance, 195.50 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Facilities Building Maintenance, 49.49 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Commissioner Supplies, 42.74 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, FRC Grant, 9,651.72 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PH Supplies, 48.73 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Inmate Trust Fund, 740.32 AMPED ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS, Facilities Building Maintenance, 265.80 ANN HARRIS, Election Salary, 115.00 ANN HARRIS, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 ANNA D BAKER, Election Salary, 62.50 ANNA D BAKER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 ARTISTIC CUSTOM BADGES & COINS LLC, Sheriff Uniforms, 106.50 ASHLEY M JOHNSON, Election Travel Expenses, 63.60 AT & T, 911 Phones, 75.19 BENZEL PEST CONTROL, Jail Maintenance, 155.00 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Inmate Trust Fund, 341.19 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Jail Maintenance, 59.98 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Sheriff Supplies, 341.19 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Detention Vehicle Repair, 488.40 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 508.19 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 3,032.87 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Fire Protection, 461.41 BONNIE E WEBER, Election Salary, 227.50 BONNIE E WEBER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 BONNIE LOCKHART, Election Salary, 227.50 BONNIE LOCKHART, Election Travel Expenses, 14.82 CALLAE J MCMANUS, Election Salary, 227.50 CALLAE J MCMANUS, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 CANDACE A WRIGHT LLC, Grant Administration, 1,687.50 CANDY WRIGHT, Election Salary, 115.00 CANDY WRIGHT, Election Travel Expenses, 27.42 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 595.49 CAROL COOK, Election Salary, 220.00 CAROL COOK, Election Travel Expenses, 23.40 CAROLYN E WILLIAMS, Election Salary, 286.25 CAROLYN E WILLIAMS, Election Travel Expenses, 20.00 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 1,178.85 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.77 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 349.46 CHARM-TEX, Inmate Trust Fund, 218.40 CHERI WARDELL, Election Salary, 220.00 CHERI WARDELL, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 CHERYL DEUEL, Election Salary, 235.00 CHERYL DEUEL, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 CHEYENNE KUBOTA, R & B Vehicle Repair, 180.69 CHRISTINE HARMON, Election Salary, 231.25 CHRISTINE HARMON, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 CONNIE THOMAS, Election Salary, 227.50 CONNIE THOMAS, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 CONNOR E MADSEN, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 100.00 CONVERSE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, PH Vaccinations, 100.00 DANIELLE RAGSDALE, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 DARLA TETER, Election Salary, 235.00 DARLA TETER, Election Travel Expenses, 26.89 DEBRA S TSCHOSIK, Election Salary, 220.00 DEBRA S TSCHOSIK, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 962.80 EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS, Treasurer Supplies, 45.49 ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC, Jail Maintenance, 11,785.00 FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, R & B Vehicle Repair, 858.00 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair Expenses, 2,028.65 FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, Fair Supplies, 540.36 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 700.74 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 1,387.35 FUSION CLOUD SERVICES LLC, Library Utilities, 878.91 GARY WEBER, Election Salary, 62.50 GARY WEBER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 GENEVA WITHROW, Election Travel Expenses, 55.56 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,671.06 GRAINGER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 304.01 HERC RENTALS INC, Fair Expenses, 1,060.00 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Custodial, 231.80 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Custodial, 314.29 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Board of Prisoners, 389.28 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 1,464.63 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Board of Prisoners, 87.99 JACQUIE WHITNEY, Family Resource Center (FRC), 500.00 JAMIE A HAZEN, Election Salary, 62.50 JAMIE A HAZEN, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 JAMIE HUNTER, Election Travel Expenses, 31.44 JILL K GOODRICH, Election Salary, 220.00 JILL K GOODRICH, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 JOAN C IBARRA, Election Salary, 115.00 JOAN C IBARRA, Election Travel Expenses, 39.48 JOANNA LAWRENCE, Election Salary, 250.00 JOANNA LAWRENCE, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KAITLYN BUFFINGTON, Election Salary, 227.50 KAITLYN BUFFINGTON, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KAREN FULLER, Election Salary, 220.00 KAREN FULLER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KATHERINE REDDING, Election Salary, 227.50 KATHERINE REDDING, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KATHLEEN M LAUCK, Election Salary, 235.00 KATHLEEN M LAUCK, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KELLIE R DEGLMAN, Election Salary, 235.00 KELLIE R DEGLMAN, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KELLY ATTERBURY, Election Salary, 115.00 KELLY ATTERBURY, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KELLY DELGADO, Election Salary, 62.50 KELLY DELGADO, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KENNETH TAYLOR, Election Salary, 227.50 KENNETH TAYLOR, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 104.25 KIMBERLY WILSON, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,273.90 LAURA BOOKOUT, Planner Travel, 104.40 LEWANA S WEST, Election Salary, 235.00 LEWANA S WEST, Election Travel Expenses, 51.54 LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 5,695.64 LORI IBARRA, Election Travel Expenses, 25.00 LORI IBARRA, Election Salary, 210.00 LORI IBARRA, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MADILYN M LANGE, Election Salary, 230.00 MADILYN M LANGE, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MARSHA K TILTRUM, Election Salary, 227.50 MARSHA K TILTRUM, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 166.16 MEDICO-MART INC, PH Vaccinations, 16,024.45 MELANIE KAUSHAGEN, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MELINDA D MELCHER, Election Salary, 62.50 MELINDA D MELCHER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MICHAEL TODD MULVANEY, Election Salary, 227.50 MICHAEL TODD MULVANEY, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MIRIAM DAPRA, Election Salary, 235.00 MIRIAM DAPRA, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 MYLA CUNDALL, Election Salary, 227.50 MYLA CUNDALL, Election Travel Expenses, 18.04 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 91.96 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 808.02 ONE STOP SAFETY SOLUTIONS, Recruiting, 35.00 ONE WAY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, CSBG Grant, 700.00 OXIDE-MAPPING LLC, Geographic Information System (GIS), 600.00 PALEN LAW OFFICES LLP, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 2,268.00 PATRICIA BILLING, Election Salary, 62.50 PATRICIA BILLING, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC, Fire Protection, 5,844.00 PLATTE COUNTY, Preparedness Grant, 2,086.10 PLATTE COUNTY RED-MIX, Jail Maintenance, 318.50 PLATTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Inmate Trust Fund, 9,569.50 PLATTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Inmate Trust Fund, 2,200.00 PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS, Recruiting,

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1,925.00 RED DANDELION CREATIVE INC, Library Printing, 98.26 REX E JOHNSON, Commissioner Litigation, 29,670.00 RICHARD GERINGER, Election Salary, 220.00 RICHARD GERINGER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 ROBERTA LOCKMAN, Election Salary, 220.00 ROBERTA LOCKMAN, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 SALLY MACK, Election Salary, 235.00 SALLY MACK, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 SHERMA F CUNDALL, Election Salary, 62.50 SHERMA F CUNDALL, Election Travel Expenses, 47.52 SHERRINEL CULLEN, Election Salary, 220.00 SHERRINEL CULLEN, Election Travel Expenses, 39.48 SIMPLY CLEAN, Inmate Trust Fund, 273.03 SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC, Inmate Trust Fund, 68.85 STERICYCLE INC, Facilities Building Maintenance, 536.54 SYDNEY ALLEN, Election Salary, 62.50 SYDNEY ALLEN, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 T-MOBILE, Phone, 344.53 TERRI J PINDELL, Election Salary, 177.50 TERRI J PINDELL, Election Travel Expenses, 20.00 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Travel Expenses, 245.00 THOMSON REUTERS - WEST, Attorney Supplies, 1,726.00 THORPE LAW OFFICE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 216.00 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 33.93 TIFFANY LANGE, Election Salary, 230.00 TIFFANY LANGE, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION, Facilities Building Maintenance, 6,218.29 TOM BRAMLET, Election Salary, 220.00 TOM BRAMLET, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 1,563.52 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Phase II Renovation, 174.17 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 302.23 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 11,810.45 TROY G WELLMAKER, Election Salary, 242.50 TROY G WELLMAKER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 US POSTAL SERVICE-NEOPOST POSTAGE, Treasurer Postage, 3,000.00 VERIZON WIRELESS, Phones, 159.15 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 VICKI MICKELSEN, Election Salary, 115.00 VICKI MICKELSEN, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 VISA-, Library Postage, 645.28 VISA-, Library Software, 38.00 VISA-, Library Supplies, 782.73 WACO, Attorney Travel Expenses, 300.00 WACO, Clerk Travel Expenses, 300.00 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 136,071.03 WEX, Fire Protection, 64.45 WEX, Detention Fuel, 2,749.70 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 5,575.11 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 56.07 WEX, Assessor Travel Expenses, 66.84 WEX, Coroner Travel Expenses, 95.78 WEX, Election Travel Expenses, 163.69 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 487.86 WEX, PH Travel Expenses, 195.74 WEX, Planner Travel, 50.81 WEX, R & B Fuel, 2,562.82 WEX, TANF Grant, 217.98 WHEATLAND GARAGE DOOR, Facilities Building Maintenance, 2,731.50 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 273.94 WILLIAM TETER, Election Salary, 235.00 WILLIAM TETER, Election Travel Expenses, 10.00 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 16,638.25 WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS, Fair Dues & Continuing Ed., 75.00 WYOMING FARM BUREAU, Fair Printing, 225.00 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 23,512.33 WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE, Inmate Trust Fund, 10.00 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19.  
Total: \$359,402.02

Commissioner Statement: Commissioner Baker made a statement regarding questions of whether the Board entered into nondisclosure agreements (NDAs). Commissioner Baker unequivocally denied that the Board had agreed to any NDAs nor have they been offered, or accepted, anything that could be considered future financial gain.

County Treasurer: Kristi Rietz, County Treasurer, presented the fiscal position of the county as of August 31, 2026. The Board also reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Rietz from August 27 through September 9, 2026, which totaled \$3,374,928.64 – of that, \$700,000 were transfers between investment accounts and the County's general fund.

Predatory Animal Board: Bill Klein, Predatory Animal Board Treasurer, presented the annual report to the Board pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 11-6-208. County Treasurer, Rietz, presented the state fees that her office collected and remitted to the board. Mr. Klein said they work with the Game & Fish to implement a new program, which would provide for a higher coyote bounty during the spring. Mr. Klein said the program was implemented to reduce pup population, but the program was not utilized as much as the predatory animal board hoped. Mr. Klein reported that the bounty for coyotes was set at \$35. He reported that their board meets on the first Monday of December for their annual meeting. There, the board will determine whether any changes to bounties should be made.

Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation: Ward Burton informed the Board that his foundation assists in the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program, which is designed to protect military readiness by removing and preventing outside conflicts near military bases and ranges. Mr. Burton said his foundation is working to secure conservation easements around Camp Guernsey, which would prevent the development of single-family homes, or structures exceeding 100' in height, from being developed around the camp. He clarified that landowners must be willing participants in the program and are compensated for granting a conservation easement. Mr. Burton said they have engaged a landowner adjacent to Camp Guernsey and are in the process of appraising the property. He told the Board he wanted to inform them of their mission, so they are informed of what the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation is doing in and around the County. Mr. Burton said they do not have a land trust in place for Wyoming to monitor the deed restrictions. He said the foundation could pay up to \$15,000 per project to entities who assist in monitoring the deed restrictions. As such, he asked that the County be open to considering being the entity that would monitor compliance.

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 Five Nine Design Group. The request is to construct an amplification station for an adjacent fiberoptic line that runs in the state highway right-of-way. The facility is proposed to be constructed in a Ranching, Agriculture & Mining (RAM) zoning District. The parcel in question is described as part of the NE ¼ NW ¼ of Section 22, Township 22 North, Range 67 West, Platte County, Wyoming. Laura Bookout, County Planner, informed the Board that the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on September 9, 2026 and recommended the request be approved with one condition. The condition recommended was: 1) This approval is only for the data and storage facility outlined in the above-mentioned application. Any additional structures may require another application.

Chairman Shockley opened the meeting to public comment, but none was received. The matter was brought before the Board. The Board clarified that a building already existed at the site and the request was to construct an identical second building. Furthermore, the Board asked whether any complaints had been received about the current building. Planner Bookout reported no complaints had been received. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the special use permit request made by Five Nine Design Group with one condition as recommended. The motion carried.

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Planning & Zoning By-Law Update: Planner Bookout presented by-law updates, which were recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commissioner on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Planner Bookout provided an overview of by-law changes as recommended by the Commission. Clerk Ervin expressed concerns that certain areas of the by-laws may be too specific, like Chapter III, Section 1. Clerk Ervin recommended that the timelines outlined in that section be amended to reference the Platte County Land Use Rules & Regulations. Planner Bookout clarified the section to read, “This deadline shall be in accordance with Platte County Land Use Rules & Regulations.” One of those changes was to implement public hearing rules, which have been utilized in large public hearings. The by-law change would make those rules a permanent operation of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Jolovich expressed concern that Chapter III, Section 3(e) was too restrictive. The Board proposed changing (e) to read, “The Commission may ask any questions at their discretion and then proceed to vote.” The balance of the proposed section was left unchanged. Planner Bookout said subsection (d) was redundant and unnecessary. As such, subsection (d) was struck and the remainder of the section was renumbered.

Town of Wheatland De-Annexation: Planner Bookout reported that Gary Weber intended to de-annex a portion of his property from the Town of Wheatland. Clerk Ervin expressed concern that W.S. § 15-1-421 had not been followed because the Board is required to prepare a report on the effects of that action. Furthermore, that statute prevents municipalities from taking action on the request until the Board prepares its report. Planner Bookout said she would work with the town and county attorney, as well as the town planner, on how to proceed.

Planning & Zoning Fees: Planner Bookout informed the Board that the Planning & Zoning Commission is working through a recommended fee schedule. She provided an overview saying she believes the fees currently assessed are too low in general, but certain actions are significantly lower than the number of hours required to process those actions.

Executive Session: At 10:48 AM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to call for an executive session for litigation pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(iii). The motion carried. At 10:40 AM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

Tax Cancellations: Danette Eppel, County Assessor, presented a tax cancellation for AGH Farms LLC for tax year 2025 in the sum of \$3,922.99. Assessor Eppel explained that the assessed value in 2025 was \$57,691 but was revised to be \$43,034. As such, a new tax of \$2,926.31 would be reissued upon the Board’s determination. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the tax cancellation as presented with the associated refund. The motion carried.

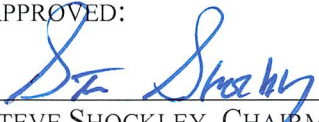
Courthouse Phase II Renovation: Clerk Ervin presented two change orders to the Phase II Renovation project. Change Order #4 would expand the scope of the restoration by including restoration of the 1970s addition, which houses dispatch and the circuit court office. That change order was in the sum of \$21,586.51. Change Order #5 would expand the scope of the project by adding two vestibules. One would be on the north end of dispatch, and one would add a vestibule onto the circuit court prisoner holding. That vestibule would extend from the holding room to the alleyway. That change order was in the sum of \$392,342. Clerk Ervin reported that if both change orders were approved the Courthouse budget would still be under the internal budget of \$4,000,000 for the Phase II Renovation. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Change Order #4 and authorize Clerk Ervin to sign. The motion carried. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Change Order #5 and authorize Clerk Ervin to sign. The motion carried.

Maintenance Department: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, and Dan Young, Maintainer, provided updates to the Board. Mr. DeWitt reported that the hallway carpets in the Public Health side of the Coleman Building needs replaced after it was stained by oil from the HVAC replacement project. Clerk Ervin said \$5,000 was withheld from the HVAC contractor’s payment, which would be used to replace the carpet. The Board discussed whether to extend that carpet replacement to the County Attorney side of the building. Mr. DeWitt will prepare an estimate for the Board to determine the cost of replacing hallway carpet throughout the building. He also informed the Board that the Wyoming Type 3 Incident Management Team utilized the Agriplex as incident command for the Moonshine Fire. He said the team would be vacating the Agriplex and moving to the Exhibit Hall as they downgrade the number of firefighters on scene.

Executive Session: At 12:16 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to call for an executive session for personnel matters pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(a)(ii). The motion carried. At 12:31 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

Road & Bridge Superintendent: Chairman Shockley asked if any further applications have been received. Clerk Ervin said only one more application had been received. The Board agreed to move forward with interviews with the applicants and agreed they should call a special meeting to facilitate those interviews.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 PM. 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

