

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WYOMING

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PLATTE COUNTY, WYOMING, met on the 16th day of June 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 Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to approve the June 2nd 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: 307 PROPERTY, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 1,800.00 AED EVERYWHERE, Emergency Mgt. Repair & Maint., 619.77 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 64.14 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 763.06 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, IT Peripherals, 91.10 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, Sheriff Supplies, 140.17 AT & T, 911 Phones, 150.32 BARNES LAW LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 1,413.73 BIG STATE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, R & B Materials, 334.80 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Building Maintenance, 473.94 BLOEDORN LUMBER, Facilities Capital Construction, 343.21 BOB RUWART MOTORS, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 2,318.38 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC, Printing, 84.52 CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC CHEYENNE, Printing, 450.70 CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING, Detention Board of Prisoners, 1,814.35 CENTURY LINK - PHOENIX, 911 Phones, 342.30 CENTURY LINK - SEATTLE, 911 Phones, 120.27 DELTA DENTAL, Medical Insurance, 3,031.20 DOOLEY OIL INC, R & B Fuel, 770.00 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, Facilities Fuel, 253.80 FRENCHMAN VALLEY COOP, R & B Fuel, 1,116.24 GO TO COMMUNICATIONS, Phones, 2,664.36 GORMAN FUNERAL HOME, Coroner Facility Rent, 1,500.00 GRAINGER, Jail Maintenance, 77.92 IDEAL LINEN & UNIFORM, Facilities Custodial, 303.11 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Detention Supplies, 207.00 IDEAL/BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, Facilities Supplies, 1,985.37 INDOFF INCORPORATED, 911 New Equipment, 2,171.25 INDOFF INCORPORATED, Courthouse Renovation, 4,787.75 JOHNSON LAW GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 84.00 KEYSTONE GROUP LLC, Sheriff Vehicle Repair, 116.50 KINSCO, Sheriff Uniforms, 265.00 KNIFE RIVER MATERIALS, R & B Materials, 825.13 KYCN-AM/KZEW-FM, PH Printing, 275.00 KYLE GROVES, Fair Expenses, 2,800.00 MISTER B'S HEATING AND COOLING, Courthouse Phase II, 95,593.73 NCIC, Inmate Trust Fund, 398.76 OFFENDER WATCH, Detention Training, 775.00 O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 9.99 PALEN LAW OFFICES LLP, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 216.00 PAMELA MERLINO, Library Postage, 93.33 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 1,977.25 PLATTE COUNTY, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 350.00 PLATTE COUNTY, Emergency Mgt. Facility Rent, 700.00 PROJECT SAFE INC, Victim Coordination, 5,000.00 RECORD TIMES, Printing & Publishing, 677.66 RECORD TIMES, Library Supplies, 900.00 REIC RENTALS, Jail Maintenance, 9.48 REX E JOHNSON, Commissioner Litigation, 19,887.50 ROCKY'S GRAPHICS, Facilities Vehicle Repair, 50.00 SAMPSON CONSTRUCTION CO INC, Courthouse Phase II, 39,920.00 SAS LEGAL GROUP LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 216.00 SHAMROCK CO FOODS AURORA, Detention Board of Prisoners, 12,255.71 SIMPLY CLEAN, Detention Supplies, 187.02 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, County Health Officer Grant, 800.00 STEVE P PEASLEY MD, PH Health Officer, 365.00 SYLVESTRI CUSTOMIZATION, Prevention Grant, 1,454.49 T & C RENTALS, WCF - FRC Services, 175.00 THE WANDERER ON GILCHRIST, Library Supplies, 183.00 THORPE LAW OFFICE LLC, Clerk of Court Court Costs, 84.00 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), 82.20 THRIFTY FOODS INC, Detention Board of Prisoners, 68.03 T-MOBILE, Phone, 2,014.72 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Library Utilities, 945.42 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Ag. Ext. Utilities, 247.05 TOWN OF WHEATLAND, Facilities Utilities, 8,163.70 US POSTAL SERVICE - POST MASTER, Attorney Postage, 184.00 VERIZON WIRELESS, Children's Trust Fund (Public Health), 117.57 VERIZON WIRELESS, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 77.53 VERIZON WIRELESS, PH Supplies, 77.53 VERIZON WIRELESS, Phones, 218.26 VERIZON WIRELESS, Prevention Grant, 77.53 VERIZON WIRELESS, Workforce Development, 20.02 VISA-, Ag. Ext. Supplies, 16.08 VISA-, Assessor Supplies, 150.00 VISA-, Clerk of Court Travel Expenses, 22.48 VISA-, Clerk Postage, 10.60 VISA-, Commissioner Travel Expenses, 469.98 VISA-, Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), 178.23 VISA-, Emergency Preparedness Grant, 73.60 VISA-, Facilities Building Maintenance, 83.64 VISA-, IT Peripherals, 336.74 VISA-, IT Software, 115.00 VISA-, PH Supplies, 661.23 VISA-, PH Travel Expenses, 21.01 VISA-, Planner Supplies, 27.39 VISA-, Planner Training, 48.61 VISA-, Prevention Grant, 93.61 VISA-, Sheriff Extradition, 318.25 VISA-, Sheriff Supplies, 191.28 VISA-, Sheriff Training, 298.00 VISA-, WCF - FRC Services, 72.52 VISA-, Workforce Development, 960.50 VISA-, Inmate Trust Fund, 3,303.00 VISA-, Library Child Programs, 292.05 VISA-, Library Postage, 411.03 VISA-, Library Printing, 70.90 VISA-, Library Software, 38.00 VISA-, Library Supplies, 1,582.47 VISA-, Maker Space, (413.98) WCAA, Assessor Travel Expenses, 245.00 WEBT, Medical Insurance, 127,121.44 WEX, Fire Protection, 244.99 WEX, Ag. Ext. Travel Expenses, 44.87 WEX, Assessor Travel Expenses, 189.18 WEX, Clerk of Court Travel Expenses, 56.38 WEX, Clerk Travel Expenses, 46.81 WEX, Election Travel Expenses, 164.03 WEX, Facilities Fuel, 473.06 WEX, Maternal & Child Health (SGF), 56.45 WEX, R & B Fuel, 1,335.46 WEX, Workforce Development, 96.61 WEX, Detention Fuel, 944.14 WEX, Sheriff Fuel, 7,769.89 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Facilities Building Maintenance, 431.40 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, Jail Maintenance, 221.62 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Materials, 78.23 WHEATLAND ACE HARDWARE, R & B Supplies, 16.19 WHEATLAND RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, R & B Utilities, 201.78 WYOLOGIC INC, IT Technical Support, 15,999.50 WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY, R & B Vehicle Repair, 697.05 WYOMING PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, PH Supplies, 44.00 WYOMING SECRETARY OF STATE, Clerk Supplies, 60.00 Y-O INVESTMENTS INC, R & B Utilities, 113.19. Total: \$395,214.36.

County Treasurer: Kristi Rietz, County Treasurer, presented the fiscal position of the county as of May 31, 2026. The Board also reviewed the daily receipts of Treasurer Rietz from June 1 through June 10, 2026, which totaled \$4,042,380.07 – of that, \$1,000,000.00 was a transfer from an investment account to the general fund.

Grant Agreement: The Board reviewed a grant agreement for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), which is administered by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. The grant would provide \$64,809.00 in funding to purchase a vehicle for the Emergency Management Coordinator. The funding is valid through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the 2023 SHSP grant agreement. The motion carried.

Budget Discussions: The Board heard from multiple departments regarding their budget requests for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Those departments were: County Treasurer, Public Health, Maintenance, Fair and IT.

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Temporary Closure of Courthouse Offices: The Board considered a resolution, which would authorize County offices to close at 3:00 PM on July 8th to allow employees to attend a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. This closure would also reduce the public's confusion in attempting to access County services during the ceremony. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve Resolution #2026-09 authorizing a temporary closure of County buildings. The motion carried.

PLATTE COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-09

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COUNTY OFFICES ON JULY 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute § 18-3-103 requires county officers to keep their offices open during the usual business hours of each day excluding Saturdays, Sunday, legal holidays and other days as established by the County Commissioners through resolution; and,

WHEREAS, this year marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, which declared a new nation composed of states whose just powers were derived from the consent of the governed; and,

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 10 will be reading the Declaration on the Courthouse steps on July 8, 2026, beginning at 3:30 PM; and,

WHEREAS, the event is designed to remember the ideals that our Founding Fathers fought for and rededicate ourselves to the same; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believe all citizens of the County should celebrate this momentous occasion and gather on the Courthouse steps to hear the Declaration of Independence be read aloud.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Platte County Board of Commissioners of Platte County Wyoming that all Platte County offices shall be closed at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 for the remainder of the day to allow employees of the County to be part of the semiquincentennial celebration. As such, all county employees will receive two (2) hours of paid time off.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those departments who are required to be in operation continuously due to their duties to maintain public safety shall be compensated pursuant to County Personnel Policy Section 9.8.

Given our hand and seal this 16th day of June 2026.

ATTEST:

/s/Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/Steve Shockley, Chairman

/s/Ian Jolovich, Commissioner

/s/John "Jeb" Baker, Commissioner

Lion's Club: Tom Bramlet presented on behalf of the Lion's Club. Mr. Bramlet presented to the Board about the proposed additions and alterations to the "Lion's Den" which is a playground at the fairgrounds. He said the Fair Board agreed to donate \$600 to effectuate those changes but estimated the project would cost approximately \$1,200 in total. Mr. Bramlet is not asking for additional financial support but wanted to give the Board an overview of the project.

Electronic Voting Equipment: Jill Kaufman spoke to the Board regarding electronic voting equipment and alleged the systems were not certified, or certifiable. She urged the Board to not utilize electronic voting equipment and said W.S. § 22-11-102 allows the Board to choose whether, or not, to utilize the systems.

Maintenance – Roof Discussion: Ryan Fischer, owner of Fischer Roofing, spoke to the Board about the Coleman Building and Library roofs. Mr. Fischer said he did not suggest replacing the Coleman Building roof. He said the roof was in good shape and believed any leaks had been fixed. The most recent leaks were due to the HVAC replacement project, which created a handful of penetrations in the roof, which have been fixed. Mr. Fischer then spoke about the Library roof and advocated the roof be completely replaced. Mr. Fischer provided a list of work, which showed many patches and repairs to the Library roof since 1977, but the entire roof had not been replaced in that timeframe. The Board inquired about water damage in the Library that occurred during a recent storm. Mr. Fischer did not believe mold would be an issue given the maintenance department would be opening the ceilings, which would provide airflow into the damaged areas. Mr. Fischer did offer that an anti-mold product could be sprayed into the damaged areas to ensure no mold growth. The Board requested that Mr. Fischer provide an estimate to replace the Library roof.

Maintenance Department – General Updates: Jim DeWitt, Maintenance Supervisor, provided updates to the Board about other maintenance operations. Mr. DeWitt and Dan Young, Maintainer, said they had completed the floor patch at the Agriplex. Mr. DeWitt said water damage caused the floor leveling compound not to adhere, which caused the floor to heave and damage the flooring. Mr. Young said there are other locations in the Grand Hall of the Agriplex that may be starting to show similar signs of damage.

Sybilie Creek Road: Resuming a discussion from March 17, 2026, Clerk Ervin reminded the Board that the Skyline Simple Subdivision was not approved at the March 17th meeting because Sybilie Creek Road did not follow its described right-of-way. The described right-of-way did not touch all proposed lots of the Skyline Simple Subdivision. Clerk Ervin reported that the affected landowners had signed easements, which provided an easement to the County where the physical road lays. As such, pursuant to W.S. § 24-3-108, the Board is authorized to declare the road due to having the consent of landowners. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to alter the Sybilie Creek Road and authorize the Chairman to sign an order to that effect on behalf of the board. The motion carried. That order was recorded in the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder under reception number 736783 (Book 591, Page 274).

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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WHEREAS, Wyoming Statute (W.S.) § 24-3-108 allows for the establishment of a county road, “without the appointment of a viewer, or without any other proceeding, than the order of the board of county commissioners; provided, that the written consent of all the owners of the land to be used for that purpose, be first filed in the office of the county clerk,”; and,

WHEREAS, that portion of Sybille Creek Road (CR-50) located in part of the South half (S ½) of Section 30 in Township 24 North, Range 68 West, Platte County, was originally declared by the Board of County Commissioners of Laramie County on January 5, 1889; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Exhibit A shows the currently described right-of-way, and Exhibit B shows the road as it physically lays; and,

WHEREAS, the physical road is not located where the right-of-way is described; and,

WHEREAS, the two affected landowners have agreed to alter the road’s right-of-way to ensure the physical road lays within the described right-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the affected landowners have signed easements allowing the right-of-way, which are recorded in the Office of the County Clerk as reception number 736713 (Book 591, Page 146) and 736753 (Book 591, Page 203); and,

WHEREAS, the road has been in use for over 137 years and the alteration of the road’s right-of-way ensures secure passage and legal access for landowners.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Platte County, Wyoming hold that the road is of sufficient importance for its right-of-way to be altered. As such, the Board of County Commissioners of Platte County, Wyoming do hereby order the easements conveyed to the Board as mentioned above be established as Sybille Creek Road.

DATED this 16th day of June 2026.
/s/Steve Shockley, Chairman of the
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:
/s/Malcolm Ervin, County Clerk &
Clerk of the Board

Skyline Simple Subdivision: Once the order altering the Sybille Creek Road right-of-way was signed by Chairman Shockley, the Board considered the Skyline Simple Subdivision. Planner Bookout presented a final plat to the Board, which she recommended for approval. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve the Skyline Simple Subdivision and authorize the Chairman to sign. The motion carried.

Board Appointments: The Board considered appointments to the Hospital Foundation and Planning & Zoning boards. Clerk Ervin reported that two positions on the Planning & Zoning board and one position on the Hospital Foundation board were due to be appointed by June 30th. Furthermore, Clerk Ervin said the incumbents to those boards were willing to continue their service and that no other applications were received to serve on those boards. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to appoint Levi Clark to the Hospital Foundation Board for a term expiring June 30, 2031. The motion carried. Commissioner Baker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jolovich, to appoint Bonnie Lockhart and Bill Klein to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2029. The motion carried.

Executive Session: At 1:55 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 2:28 PM, Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adjourn executive session where no decisions were made. The motion carried.

Housing Authority: The Board met with Paul Stille, Leo Riley & Co., regarding the Department of Audit’s requirement that the Housing Authority Board be part of the County’s annual audit. Mr. Stille, who conducts the County’s audit, presented two options: first, that the Housing Authority Board obtain its own audit and that data would be incorporated into the County’s audit; or, second, that the Housing Authority Board be part of the County’s financial audit. Mr. Stille estimated including the Housing Authority Board as part of the County’s audit would increase the audit fee by approximately \$6,000. Additionally, Mr. Stille said the County would be required to have a federal audit, which would also increase the audit cost by \$3,000. Clerk Ervin advocated that the County include the Housing Authority Board as part of its annual audit, and that the County would absorb that additional cost. The Board agreed.

Courthouse Phase II Renovation: Clerk Ervin presented two estimates from Asbestos & Technical Services, Inc., the first of which was for the removal of asbestos from contaminated roofing materials. That estimate was in the sum of \$47,360.75. Clerk Ervin also presented a second estimate for lead testing on an attic louvre on the east side of the Courthouse. That estimate was in the sum of \$925.00. Clerk Ervin explained that it was the responsibility of the County to obtain a contract for asbestos removal for Phase II of the project. Commissioner Jolovich motioned, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to approve two estimates for testing and abatement services as presented. The motion carried.

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Communications Tower: To remove the radio antennas from the roof of the Courthouse during the Phase II Renovation, the Board had discussed building a communications tower on the north side of the Courthouse. The Board met with Rick Derr, Action Communications, who is the contractor tasked with constructing the tower. Mr. Derr introduced Russ Reisig who he said would be doing the concrete foundation that the tower would be mounted on. Mr. Derr said he had ordered a 75' tall single pole tower. That tower offered a greater wind rating and required a smaller footprint. The Board toured the site with Mr. Derr and Mr. Reisig. Mr. Derr is hopeful the tower can be erected by September 15th, but the timeline for completion depends on Mr. Reisig's schedule.

There being no further business for board consideration, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 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