

Hot Springs County School District No. 1 Notice of Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will hold a special meeting in the Board Room, located at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY, at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2025. The purpose of the special meeting will be to participate in a new board member training work session.

/s/ Justin Budd
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Act of 1973 (W.S. 11-5-101 through 11-5-303), notice is hereby given to solicit nominations for appointments to the Hot Springs County Weed and Pest Control District. In accordance with W.S. 11-5-104, district board member must be qualified electors and bona fide residents of Hot Springs County.

Appointments are for a four (4) year term with openings in Districts one (1), three (3) and four (4).

Prior to appointment, the nominee for Director shall submit a petition (available from the Weed & Pest Office) signed by at least ten (10) landowners, to the Office of County Commissioners no later than 5:00 pm January 2, 2025. The Commissioners will review petitions at their January 7th meeting.

Becky Kersten
Hot Springs County Clerk

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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
OF) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSIONERS
HOT SPRINGS) Dec. 3, 2024

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Thomas Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The Commissioners approved the Agenda with the following changes:

Add Item 10 Letter from the Department of Audit Districts Failure to Comply

Approval of Minutes – The Commissioners approved November 19, 2024 meeting minutes.

Approval of Bills Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register - The Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register for bills was submitted for approval (see end for listing). The Commissioners approved all three Commissioners signature on the Accounts Payable Warrant Register with bills totaling \$486,944.33, and payroll totaled \$226,297.70, Commissioner Scheel recused himself from Warrant 67101.

GIS Monthly Update – In November Ardurra drew and attributed 2024 septic permits, and land use change tracts in the ArcGIS online data platform. The ArcGIS mobile worker license was purchased for the Sheriff Department, and she worked on the NextGen 911 data layers. Anticipated work for the coming months include: updating parcels and septic permits, providing training to the Sheriff's office for the NextGen 911 layers, and continuing to work on the NextGen 911 layers.

Fixed Base Operator (FBO) Monthly Report – There were a total of 116 recorded operations at the airport. Fuel sales included 1,072.79 gallons of Avgas and 336.19 gallons of Jet Fuel. WYDOT Aeronautics division will be conducting another economic impact study and will be using the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast. The services will be covered by WYDOT for the first 2 years. Mr. Messenger reviewed the energy audit performed by Home Energy Assessment of Lander, for the Wyoming Energy Authority WYLite program grant applied for by the County. The summary from the report states insulating the SRE building may not be economically beneficial but suggests the County implement a building energy code.

Road and Bridge Report – The month of November consisted of blading roads, installing new fire numbers, and assisting the Town of Thermopolis with a culvert install. Mr. Rankin stated updates and repairs to equipment were completed at the shop and the snow plows are ready. The Black Mountain Road construction update was presented from Ardurra, there is no new updates from last month.

Maintenance Monthly Report – A generator with a blown muffler and will be worked on in December; the new generator at the Law Enforcement Center has a leak and the maintenance team is investigating the issue. Chairman Ryan inquired about the lights in the parking lot at the court house, Mr. Dorman stated lights at the Detention Center were being replaced so he

decided to do all of them at the same time and this also allowed for a connection to be available if lights in the back parking lot are installed in the future. Commissioner Scheel also inquired about the new keys at the Common Ground building, Mr. Dorman confirmed this has been completed.

Youth Alternatives Month Report – 4 youth had been released from the Youth Alternatives program in November. There are a total of 13 participants, 9 males and 4 females. The program helped facilitate the Thanksgiving meal, and started the Christmas basket pickup program. County Attorney Logan inquired about the total participants assigned from the County and the Town, Mrs. Rice stated it is almost an even split.

Emergency Management Report – The access control grant that was approved by the Commissioners at the November 19, 2024 meeting was reviewed and amounts for the project were presented. Mrs. Conrad stated if all locks are considered and the wall, project costs will exceed the granted amount. Chairman Ryan inquired as to if the total project cost was budgeted for, Mrs. Conrad stated it was not. County Clerk Kersten stated funds were set aside from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) for court house upgrades, which can assist with finishing the project. Mrs. Conrad stated the Historical Study for the Court House is required before funds can be expended. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the total amount of \$28,214 (federal match) \$28,214 (County Match) for emergency management services.

Request for Approval of Opioid Abatement Funds – An Opioid Abatement Settlement fund request was presented to the Commissioners to purchase a TruNarc device, by the Sheriff and Prevention Coordinator. This device is a handheld narcotics analyzer that identifies and analyzes narcotics and controlled substances through plastic or glass containers. The device can identify more than 500 substances including fentanyl, heroin, and opioid based substances. The Commissioners authorized the purchase of the TruNarc device in the amount not to exceed \$45,000.

Planner/Project Manager Monthly Report – There was a push in November to complete septic systems, and for 2024 the County permitted 12 septic systems, completed 14 inspections, permitted 1 through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), there are 2 incomplete applications, and 6 applications are being processed. The Natural Resource Planning Commission met on November 13th, a Game and Fish representative provided an update about big game herds and non-water fowl birds. The Land Use Planning Commission met on November 20th, no business was conducted so the group did a work session about the Land Use Plan. The Commission does not want to proceed with changes to the Land Use Plan until the new County Commissioner is in office and the current court case is settled. Mr. Culliton presented the 518 Arapahoe asbestos test results and stated there may be possible funding from DEQ to get the asbestos abated and is looking into abatement companies and options.

Prevention/ Public Health Update – Flu season vaccines have slowed down, and the amount of tests administered are slightly less than last year. Public Health is now providing rapid Covid, Flu and Strep testing. The flu and Covid test is a combined test at \$25 per test, and the Strep test is \$20 per test, for both tests \$40. Mr. Mohr also presented the Cash Handling Policy for Public Health that is approved yearly. The Commissioners approved Chairman's signature on the Cash Handling Policy for Public Health.

Letter from the Department of Audit Districts Failure to Comply – The Department of Audit sent a letter on December 2, 2024 stating the Special District, Kirby Ditch Irrigation District, failed to file their annual reports. Per State Statute 9-1-507(j)(iv) County Commissioners need to place a public notice in the newspaper indicating the special district in danger of being dissolved. Clerk Kersten stated she will put an ad in the newspaper and the district has until the end of December to file the annual reports.

Other Business – No Other Business was presented

Correspondence – 1) Wyoming Game and Fish Commission – 2025 Meeting Dates; 2) Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Agenda – November 2024; 3) Northern Arapahoe Letter – Community Development Block Grant Response; 4) Land Use Planning Commission Minutes – October 2024; 5) Bureau of Land Management Announcement – Temporarily Closes Worland Offices During HVAC Replacement; 6) Letter from CRCI, LLC Roof Asset Management – Letters of Reference; 7) Chamber of Commerce Newsletter – December 2024 (Basket)

The Commissioners reviewed the foregoing correspondence. Commissioner Scheel wanted to point out item number 6 of the Correspondence in regards to the letters from CRCI. The County utilized this company for roof inspections in the past, however it is unclear if this company is still being used. Commissioner Scheel feels these services are worthwhile for maintaining the roofs' integrity. The Commissioners requested Planner Culliton to look into this service and get back to the Coun-

ty about the amounts. No further action was required.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on January 7, 2025 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 Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners at connie.guntly@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

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman
County Clerk

Becky Kersten,
County Clerk

Bills – November 2024

SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 1,301.00 / MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC. 212.10 / KONE PASADENA 2,249.19 / HOT SPRINGS VETERINARY CLINIC 12.00 / HASCO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY 7.22 / S & H GLASS, INC. 1,030.00 / SUSAN M. NICHOLS 199.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. CEMETERY DISTRICT 50.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 21,666.67 / VERNON W. MILLER, M.D., PC 1,350.00 / ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 44.67 / ALEXA A. HANSON 180.00 / ALICE J. BUNCH 221.78 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 62,465.89 / ANITA WEISBECK 21.44 / ARDURRA GROUP, INC. 16,320.47 / ARIKKAN, INC. 4,000.00 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 139.98 / BENJAMIN E. ARTHUR 224.86 / BEVERLY J. KOERWITZ 199.00 / BIG HORN WATER 347.25 / BLOEDORN LUMBER-WORLAND 789.21 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. 333.20 / CAROL M. DOWDY 84.00 / CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 9.33 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 8,997.94 / CAROL M. SLAGLE 251.85 / CAROL A. WIDMAN 228.00 / CHENEY LAW OFFICE LLC 1,620.00 / CHRISTOPHER J. KING, P.C. 100.00 / CINDY L. DENTON 218.00 / CYNTHIA E. LONGWELL 218.00 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 16.00 / CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL 200.00 / COLLEEN R. ANDERSON 213.98 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 2,097.12 / COLORADO HUNTSMAN TRANSPORT, LLC 2,400.00 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 243.89 / VERIZON WIRELESS 281.49 / CONSTANCE GUNTLY 14.00 / CR LOCK AND SAFE 90.00 / DAWNETTE M. PEIL 3,243.41 / DEBORAH C. MULLINS 218.00 / DORIS ANN READY 219.00 / THRIVE THERMOPOLIS 280.00 / ENGINEERING DESIGN ASSOCIATES 1,000.00 / ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 501.25 / FALINA M. HILL 219.39 / FASTENAL COMPANY 4.37 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 48,006.45 / US. FOODS 3,485.03 / FRANDSON SAFETY INC. 95.83 / MORTIMORE FUNERAL HOME 500.00 / GAYLA D. MEAD-ELLIS 208.00 / GOTTSCHIE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 110.00 / GRAINGER 856.36 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 485.51 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 5,831.15 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 91,356.55 / HOT SPRINGS HEALTH RED ROCK 380.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 2,735.58 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 2,480.80 / JADECO, INC. 3,508.57 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 873.01 / KATHERINE L. CARLSTROM 199.00 / KELLER LAW FIRM, PC 200.00 / KELLY K. STRAMPE 199.00 / KIENLEN ACE HARDWARE 549.46 / KIM E. BRESLIN 199.00 / KIM A. KIEFFER-HERZING 219.45 / KRISTINA D. MCNEFF 254.79 / LEA A. SCHOENEWALD 39.00 / LEVI J. SHINKLE 84.00 / LEYANN F. GOMEZ 199.00 / LYNN S. ALLEN 257.75 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 33.06 / MARY ANN JAGER 199.00 / MARGIE L. JACKSON 199.00 / MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL 760.30 / MCGARVIN MOBERLY CONST. CO. 10,056.00 / HIGH COUNTRY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 20,000.00 / MERI ANN DORMAN 228.00 / MONICA CULLITON 208.00 / MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 7,367.73 / NAPA MOTOR SUPPLY, INC. 64.58 / NORMA J. SMITH 199.00 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 458.85 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 30.90 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 953.34 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 11,041.66 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 493.15 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 5,030.85 / PACIFIC STEEL AND RECYCLING 1,262.05 / PAMELA K. KERR 208.00 / PAMELA K. OLSON 199.00 / PERFORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 910.06 / PHILLIP E SCHEEL 1,015.80 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 3,512.03 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 4,869.00 / POSTMASTER 219.00 / RACHEL S. MOON 160.00 / RAWHIDE MECHANICAL, INC. 33,084.80 / RAY E. BAIRD 209.37 / RAYMOND E. SHAFFER 209.75 / RDO EQUIPMENT CO. 1,171.62 / RIVERTON TIRE AND OIL 803.88 / ROX-ANNE M. BAIRD 209.37 / RANGE 2,955.16 / RUSSELL W. MULLINS 199.00 / SADY MOUNTS 50.00 / SHARON K. JOHNSON

211.68 / SHAWN MOHR 640.84 / SHELLEY DEROMEDI 208.00 / SMITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES 400.00 / STATE OF MONTANA 1,300.00 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 2,304.67 / STAR PLUNGE 315.00 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 500.00 / STEPHANIE CONRAD 71.19 / SUSAN M. RAGLAND 199.00 / TATUM EPPERSON 652.18 / TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL, LLC 1,154.75 / TEPEE POOLS 216.00 / T-MOBILE 28.06 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,298.25 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 3,923.56 / THOMAS Y PICKETT 2,000.00 / NORCO, INC. 447.74 / VERIZON 30.52 / VERIZON WIRELESS 50.71 / HOT SPRINGS PHARMACY 355.04 / VICKY J. MCDERMOTT 209.48 / VICKI M. NICHOLS 208.00 / VIRGINIA F. ARTHUR 224.86 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FIVE) 1,029.44 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 573.53 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 176.25 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 20.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD NINE) 19.65 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 10) 727.16 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 131.02 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 264.88 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 383.59 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 4-SHERIFF) 500.37 / SHANNON M. WALKER 218.24 / WYOMING CO COMMISSIONERS ASSOC. 276.60 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 4,865.27 / WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY 150.00 / WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE 754.00 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 5,250.00 / WYOMING GAS 2,704.00 / WYONET INC. 509.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 41,220.40 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 384.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 225.00 / WYO TEE'S 1,056.59 / WYOMING WASTE SERVICES - RIVERTON 80.60 / YOUTH ALTERNATIVES 200.00

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on December 17, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy (via phone), John Dorman Sr. (via phone), Rachel Hughes, and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett, and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda as written.

RESOLUTION 582: BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve and adopt Resolution 582, which adjusts the budget to reflect actual costs.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the financial statement for November 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: GOOSE'S LIQUOR – CATERING PERMIT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve a catering permit for Goose's Liquor for a PRCA Rodeo party on December 31, 2024, at the Fairgrounds, from 4pm to 2am. Permission was given from the City of Worland and the Fair Board.

PUBLIC HEARING: HOME OCCUPATION – FIREARM SALES – 414 N. 8TH: The public hearing was opened at 7:04 pm. The mayor called for public comment three times. No comments were made, and the hearing was closed at 7:05 pm. Lewis made a motion to approve the home occupation permit, seconded by Hughes and carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Barnett discussed lead service lines and noted federal funding is available, however the rules have not been finalized (potentially only funding for potholing on water service lines). Jeunehomme noted the town is working on getting photo documentation of water service lines coming into buildings/homes. The information will be used to develop a water service line inventory as required by federal EPA rules. Barnett presented close out paperwork on the chip seal project. Hughes made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the paperwork, seconded by Lewis and carried.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: MERCHANT MCINTYRE SERVICE AGREEMENT: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried, to approve a 3-month contract at \$8,000 per month to pursue congressional earmarks. The town would be the sponsor for the senior center kitchen remodel and for a town project. The town will meet with Merchant McIntyre to determine a project that fits into federal guidelines. The re-construction of 14th street has been discussed.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: WILLIAM H. MALLOY PROCLAMATION: Estenson read the proclamation honoring Bill Malloy for his service as a mayor and council member. At 7:27pm Hughes made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to adjourn. The next Council meeting is January 7, 2025, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Clerk/Treasurer
Adam R. Estenson, Mayor

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