

Approved Minutes
Board of Commissioners of Converse County
May 2 and 3, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. on May 2, 2023. Present in person were Commission Chairman Jim Willox; Vice-Chairman Rick Grant; Commissioners Robert Short, Mike Colling, and Trent Kaufman; and County Clerk, Karen Rimmer.

The Commission discussed current insurance costs and rebid timelines for CCJJC Phase I and II with Mr. Shelby Means, Agent, HUB International; the current rates will carry through to September 1, 2023, and once Phase II is complete, the policy will need to be rebid.

Departmental updates were provided by Mr. Chris Caskey for Special Projects, Maintenance, Survey, and IT departments, including upcoming subdivision regulation changes; subdivisions in progress; industrial activity and applications; completed minor construction projects at various County properties; septic inspections; services and assistance provided to other departments; completed, added, and open IT tickets; major projects at CCJJC; and ongoing various approved projects for all departments. A thirty-day outlook was provided, and all departmental budgets have been submitted.

The draft version of the Converse County Property Tax Relief Program Rules was reviewed with Mr. Joel Schell, Treasurer. His office has received multiple applications for the State Property Tax Relief program. It was determined that the Commission was in favor of the Rules as written but that the document should be adopted via Resolution, which will be drafted and reviewed by the County Attorney prior to approval.

Ms. Dru Palmer, DRU Consulting, provided an overview of various federal agency interactions and ongoing projects, including Converse County Oil and Gas EIS; Sage-grouse Implementation Team (SGIT); BLM Conservation and Landscape Health Proposed Rule; Prairie Dog Hunting Closure in Management Area 3.67; Thunder Basin National Grasslands Working Group; WCCA issues; and ongoing action items.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Lisa Adelman, Douglas Budget, presented the “Adventure Guide” magazine, which is planned to be printed and distributed before Memorial Day. The Commission agreed to contribute \$1,000 for the guide, which will be invoiced per usual procedures.

Mr. Russ Dalgarn, Emergency Management Director, provided departmental updates, including spring runoff levels, which have increased significantly in a brief period of time. LaPrelle Dam snowpack levels; completed and upcoming trainings; a wind tower collapse east of Douglas; and communications with Emergency Management from other entities was discussed. A walk through of the Courthouse will occur once Courts and Court Security move out of the building to determine needed security measures.

Mr. Todd Matson and Mr. Kenny Sisson, HDR Engineering, provided updates on the Boxelder Road Reconstruction Project; it is estimated that bids can be opened in early June with state approval of easements by mid-July. There is a private consideration for a temporary

construction easement for one landowner, which includes a caveat for a new easement once the project is complete. The Commission authorized HDR to move forward with the negotiations for a temporary construction easement. The existing power poles owned by Rocky Mountain Power that must be moved were discussed; those impacted will be discussed further. Jenne Trail updates were provided, including access for surveys, and flying the area soon. There is a large number of underground utilities; they anticipate a map in approximately one month. The separate phases of Jenne Trail were reviewed; the middle phase is the most complicated. The RAISE grant was also discussed; this project is moving forward.

Mr. Jason Wilkinson, Road & Bridge Superintendent; Mr. Shawn Kornegay, Foreman; and Mr. Cal Twiford, consulting engineer, provided departmental updates including lengthy discussion regarding paving a “weights and measures” pull-out area on Jenne Trail, which the Commission approved. Deer Creek Road was also discussed at length; Knife River, as part of their Road Use agreement, will overlay the road to their entrance. Fuel prices were reviewed; Road and Bridge were authorized to move forward with fuel cards for both gas and diesel and only use dyed diesel in Glenrock as needed. Updates were provided for 55 Ranch Road: Road and Bridge is self-performing the gravel work. Cold Springs Road is still drifted in; will reevaluate next week; work on that road was also discussed; it is an expensive road for little usage. A flag ceremony honoring the WWII fighter plane crash site will be held at Road and Bridge on May 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Colling moved to approve a Right of Way permit between Converse County and Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission LLC for an electrical service line of CR9/Chalk Buttes Road; Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried. Brief discussion followed regarding the drainage pond along Brownfield Road.

Representatives and supporters of the request from Wyoming Downs for approval to conduct pari-mutuel activities provided an overview of Wyoming Downs operations across the state and explained business standards; history; support of state and local organizations, causes, and events; partnerships; involvement with the state; and an overview of the racetrack in Evanston. Owners and management of the Douglas Inn expressed their gratitude for the consideration and the benefits this enterprise would provide for them and the community in general. The business arrangement is a leased space between Douglas Inn and Wyoming Downs. Lengthy discussion followed, including the process for approval with the Wyoming Gaming Commission; the County’s ability to rescind approval once granted; and general considerations for approval or denial. Mr. Colling moved to approve the following, contingent upon receipt from Mr. Eric Nelson on behalf of Wyoming Downs of acknowledgement of term limits imposed within the Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING WYOMING DOWNS, LLC, TO CONDUCT PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING ON LIVE HORSE RACING, HISTORIC HORSE RACING, AND SIMULCAST EVENTS WITHIN CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Legislature passed, and the Governor of the State of Wyoming signed into law, changes to Wyoming Statutes, Title 11, Chapter 25, to permit pari-mutuel wagering on historic races; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Converse County voted to allow pari-mutuel wagering within the County as a result of the General Election on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Gaming Commission has adopted rules and regulations regulating pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast events, including historic races; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Downs, LLC (also referred to as the “Permitee”) currently holds the necessary and appropriate permits issued by the Wyoming Gaming Commission to operate simulcasting facilities, historic horse racing, and live horse racing in the State of Wyoming, including but not limited to within Albany, Campbell, Hot Springs, Laramie, Natrona, Sheridan, Sweetwater, and Uinta Counties; and approved in Johnson County but not yet operational; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming (Commission) recognizes the economic and community benefits to Converse County through live horse racing, historic horse racing, and simulcasting within Converse County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the benefit to the horse industry of Converse County through live horse racing, historic horse racing, and simulcasting within Converse County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that it is through revenue derived from simulcasting at locations off the permitted live horse racetrack premises that allows a live horse racing operator to conduct the live racing days required under W.S. 11-25-104(m) and WY Rules and Regulations 038.0001.10 § 3 within the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Downs, LLC is a live horse racing operator that is both (i) licensed to conduct the minimum live race days required under W.S. § 11-24-104(m) and Chapter 10 of the Rules and Regulations of the Wyoming Gaming Commission within Uinta County on an annual basis and (ii) is conducting said live horse racing in Uinta County (excepting days that are cancelled for good cause due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances); and

WHEREAS, Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 11-25-102(a)(vii)(B) provides that “Simulcasting may be conducted off the permitted premises only if the board of county commissioners of the county in which such simulcasting will be conducted grant [grants] its approval.”; and

WHEREAS, said permitted premises is located at 1450 North Riverbend Drive, Douglas, WY 82633.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, that:

1. Pursuant to W. S. § 11-25-102(a)(vii)(B), the Board of Commissioners hereby approves Wyoming Downs, LLC (“operator”) to conduct pari-mutuel wagering on historic horse racing and simulcast events within Converse County at the permitted premises.
2. This license to operate is issued to Wyoming Downs, LLC and may not be transferred in any manner without the approval of the Converse County Board of Commissioners.

3. The hours of operation shall not exceed the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. closing.
4. The number of authorized terminals shall not exceed a maximum of fifty (50) terminals.
5. This license to operate granted by this resolution shall be for a term of four (4) years from the date of this Resolution.
 - a. The operator shall submit a renewal application no later than sixty (60) days prior to expiration of this resolution.
 - b. Renewal applications shall include a presentation of the financial and community benefits of the operation.
 - c. The renewal term shall be for no less than three (3) years if granted.
 - d. The renewal application may only be denied for good cause.
 - e. If the Commissioners have intent to deny the renewal, the Commissioners shall provide written notice to the Permittee and provide an opportunity to be heard at a hearing in front of the Commissioners. Any denial shall be supported by specific written findings.
 - f. During any Term, the Commissioners shall have the right to revoke this or any other subsequent Resolution for the Permittee only for good cause.
 - g. Wyoming Downs, LLC shall update the Commissioners on a semi-annual basis regarding its operations including tax revenue and any operational issues during the initial term of approval.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May 2023.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ James H. Willox, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Rimmer, Converse County Clerk

Mr. Kaufman seconded; motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on May 3, 2023.

Mr. Clint Becker, Sheriff, and Mr. Nate Hughes, Undersheriff, requested the ability to purchase a new computer forensics program Cellebrite versus the current program in use to improve their ability to conduct forensic investigations on cell phones and any other units with third-party apps. The current program expires in June 2023; costs of the new program exceed the current program by approximately \$4,500 but greatly exceeds the functionality of the existing program. This expenditure would not result in the need for a budget amendment due to other factors associated with Watchguard, which will be budgeted again in FY2024. The Commissioners authorized the purchase of the new program, and requested justifications to certain payroll increases for three Sheriff's Deputies; following the discussion, the Commission authorized the pay increases.

A general County business meeting of elected officials, department heads, and supervisors began at 9:03 a.m. to discuss several topics including health insurance and open enrollment; jury trials; Natural Bridge Park updates and overnight camping; 4-H and Extension programs; County-wide personnel; collaboration with Wyoming Health Fairs; fraud cases and

investigations; industrial applications including Cedar Springs IV and Pronghorn H2; committee meetings; and ongoing projects. No action was taken.

Ms. Hannah Swanbom, Consultant for the ACT Workforce Community program in Converse County, reported that Converse County is the first ACT-Certified County in Wyoming, which helps ensure that there is a prepared workforce via standardized testing and skillset determinations. The program also assists high school students with ACT testing. Ms. Swanbom and Ms. Kerry Stewart have been selected to present at the national ACT Conference in October, and the ACT Leadership Program will begin again in September. Local meetings, “Coffee Conversations” in Glenrock and “Brown Bag Lunch” in Douglas, are scheduled and occurring soon.

Mr. Preston Farnsworth and Ms. Rebecca Bryam, Devon Energy, provided industry and company updates for their operations within Converse County, including water; water production; impacts of Cedar Springs IV; upcoming drilling operations and market projections; and inflation impacts. The Converse County Oil & Gas EIS was discussed at length, as were filed APDs (Application for Permit to Drill) and the period for APD approvals out of the Casper BLM office. Further updates were provided on the Converse County Raptor Study and impacts on Devon; Converse County is being flown now, and producers in the area are cooperating with this process.

Mr. Willox opened a public hearing at 11:36 a.m. to consider the transfer of a retail liquor license from FBS Glenrock LLC DBA Franks @ Ft Diablo to Kevin Tate DBA Fort Diablo. An overview was provided by Clerk Rimmer; the application has been approved for compliance with the Wyoming Liquor Division, and the approval date of May 3, 2023 versus May 12, 2023 has been approved by the Liquor Division as well. No concerns or issues were reported by the County Sheriff or County Attorney, and there were no public or written comments in favor or opposition of the application. The public hearing closed at 11:43 a.m. Mr. Short moved to approve the transfer of a retail liquor license from FBS Glenrock LLC DBA Franks @ Ft Diablo to Kevin Tate DBA Fort Diablo for a term from May 3, 2023 to May 11, 2024; Mr. Kaufman seconded; no further discussion and motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Paul Martin, Focus Clean Energy, lead consultant for the Clean Hydrogen project, provided an overview of Phase I of the Pronghorn H2 Project in Converse County. Other stakeholders include Aspen Consulting, Nordex, Acciona/Acciona Nordex Green H2, and HDR Engineering. The process of producing green hydrogen was provided, as was the reasoning behind choosing Converse County; project goal size and lease types; no application has been filed with the County to date. Wind is the primary energy source, but solar is also a large component and is intermittent with the wind in order to maximize capacity. Water is a major component of project as well and is a sensitive topic due to scarcity of the resource. Water engineering studies are being conducted by a private firm in consultation with the State Engineer’s Office. Comparisons to other fuel types were discussed as well as project timeline; environmental studies being conducted; and community benefits such as revenue for

landowners, compatibility with existing oil and gas operations; and economic impacts, such as increased tax revenues and job creation. Lengthy discussion of water impacts and impacts on raptors and sage grouse followed, and the associated data was recommended to be shared with various governmental agencies, such as WYNDD/Wyoming Natural Diversity Database and Wyoming Game and Fish. The notification letters regarding state lands were discussed; Mr. Martin stated that Focus Clean Energy regrets the way that these letters were sent as well as the misrepresentation made that this is a State project, which is not. He stated that persons associated with that misrepresentation are no longer working on the project and a correction was sent to those impacted landowners. Carbon dioxide utilization was reviewed: this is a wind and solar project, but the electricity is processed in the state to create other projects and could include a “syn-fuel” plant, which would likely be located right next to the hydrogen plant; footprint needs are 35-acres site and a 5-acre facility. Underground hydrogen storage discussed, as was electricity storage and connection to the power grid. Project timeline includes an environmental review, which has begun, with permitting in 2025, construction in 2026, and completion in 2028. The project primary target is synfuel, sustainable aviation fuel, and potentially some fertilizer. Estimated completion prior to 2028 is preferred due to demand. Product is typically shipped via rail or truck, but pipeline infrastructure could be utilized. Mr. Martin stated the target output per year is 4,500 barrels per day of synthetic fuel. The electricity used to produce the synthetic fuel would be subject to generation tax due to wind and solar components. Pronghorn H2 would build their own transmission lines per their business model between the wind/solar and the plant to provide power for the plant. For power generation comparison, this project would be about the size of Cedar Springs with a thirty-five-acre plant site next to it. Phase II of this project could include another hydrogen plant and solar farm in Niobrara County, which would be connected to the first plant via pipelines. Commissioners shared a public concern regarding inadequate water to complete this project; Mr. Martin stated they are currently trying to determine what the area can sustain but feel justified in moving forward. Following final comments, the Commission requested that Mr. Martin stay in Communication with them. No action was taken.

Mr. Paul Herrera presented a request for a lease of a portion of the John Lambert Subdivision for mud racing on parallel tracks. He explained how the tracks are created and safety measures that would be implemented. The race dates requested are June 10th and August 19th, 2023, which does not conflict with approved race dates for Central Wyoming Motor Sports. Following discussion, the need to perform reclamation and reseed was added to the lease agreement, and Mr. Herrera was reminded or required City of Douglas approvals. Mr. Grant moved to approve the lease agreement between Converse County and Mr. Paul Herrera for mud racing on the John Lambert Subdivision; Mr. Short seconded; motion carried.

Sean Gifford, Consultant; and Michelle Skinner and Erin Matury, Account Managers, HUB International, provided a detailed overview of the insurance renewal recommendations from the Converse County and the Health Insurance Advisory Committee, as well as HUB recommendations, for medical, dental, and vision benefits; employee and employer premiums;

HSA contributions; and ideas for improving the Plan in the future. Following lengthy discussion, Mr. Kaufman moved to concur with the Health Insurance Advisory Committee (HIAC) recommendations as follows: remain at \$55,000 Individual Stop Loss; adjust HSA deductibles to comply with IRS regulations for HDHP and increase to \$3,000/\$6,000; increase out-of-pocket/out-of-network maximums for both plans to \$10,000/\$20,000; increase physical therapy and chiropractic visit allowances to 40 visits per year each; continue with employer/employee contributions at 83% Employer and 17% Employee; increase both Plans equally by 5.3%; increase HSA match contributions to Employee \$125 and Employee- plus to \$250; to direct the HIAC explore and research a Health Retirement Plan (HRA) for future consideration; to increase dental coverage to be 5% above anticipated claims and include dental implant coverage; and change vision carriers from VSP to VSP Principal; Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried.

The minutes of the April 17 work session, April 18, 2023, regular meeting, and April 18, 2023, Executive Session were approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Colling moved to approve warrants in the amount of \$2,588,273.87: 2K Services 900 Tires; 307 Signs 156 Laminate Backing; 7 Stones Electric 576.70 Surge Protection; A Diamond Trucking 14040 Gravel Haul; AT&T Mobility 2418.29 Service; Alcohol & Drug Testing 535 Pre Employ; All Fiber and Tile Carpet Cleaning 1250 Cleaning; Alley, Linda 1200 Cleaning; ALSCO 1318.27 Floor Mats; Atlas Office Products 7912.43 Fireproof file; Atlas Premier 1559.20 Service; B&B Leasing Co 1175.32 Leases; Bar-D Signs 1310 Sign; Barnes Law 486 Juvenile Admin; Big Country Rehab 4344.95 Inmate Services; Bison Pump & Supply 902.15 Supplies; Black Hills Energy 12300.85 Billing; Blackburn Cattle 49075 Gravel Haul; Bliss, Mary 157.20 Mileage; Bloedorn Lumber 1025.98 Supplies; Blomberg, Kelli 199.16 Mileage; Bob Ruwart Motors 433.50 Maint; Body Shop 300 Wellness; Bomgaars Supply 508.58 Supplies; Bonanza Earth Relocators 40365 Gravel Haul; Bright, Joe 659.74 Gravel; Brothers Propane 187.50 Trenching; Brown, Kenneth 40 Juvenile Admin; Bryan C Cropper DMD 353 Inmate Services; ByteSpeed 270 Supplies; Carquest Douglas 1994.87 Supplies; CDW 13954.09 Supplies; Central Wy Neurology 125 Inmate Services; CenturyLink 9160.95 Services; Cigna Health 189834.52 Admin/Claims; Cincinnati Ins Co 5987 Policy Ext; City of Douglas 3137.23 Service; City Shoe & Saddle 150 Safety Boots; Clerk of District Court 30000 Jury Fund; Clover Propane 19.60 Propane; CMI-TECO 89.19 Supplies; Colling, Mike 141.48 Mileage; Converse County Airport 85703.25 Allocation; Converse County Firewise 15500 May Expense; Converse County Predator Mgmt District 15000 Allocation; Converse County Search & Rescue 1434.91 Retirement; County of Larimer 9.50 Copies; Cowboy Chemical 419.70 Supplies; Cytocheck Lab 102 Supplies; Dalmatian Fire Equip Inc 20 Supplies; Decker Auto Glass 756.34 Maint; Delta Dental 13937.98 Admin/Claims; Desperado Trucking 28470 Gravel Haul; Dilts, Jerry 1800 Rent; Dodge Co 813.56 Supplies; Douglas Broadcasting 1080 PSA; Douglas Budget 5060 Legals; Douglas Business Center 21.36 Supplies; Douglas Feed 54.99 Uniforms; Douglas Grocery 38.48 Supplies; Douglas Hardware 558.79 Supplies; Douglas Med Spa 120 Wellness; Douglas Tire Center 34.59 Maint; Douglas Youth Hockey Assoc 2500 Allocation; Edwards,

Joanna 300 Wellness; Emery Septic 600 Service; Eye Institute of WY 200 Inmate Services; Fastenal Company 564.90 Supplies; Fire Supp Auth 306999.77 Allocation; Fitness Repair Solutions 339 Maint; Galls 62.89 Uniforms; Glenrock Hardware 9.99 Supplies; Gorman Funeral Homes 3000 Allocation; Grainger 5068.15 Supplies; Granite Telecommunications 1136.68 Service; Grant, Richard 39.30 Mileage; GreatAmerica Financial 242 Leases; Greenwood Mapping 171 Service; Greiner Ford 215.93 Maint; GSG Architecture 33652.97 Service; H&J Trucking 28015 Gravel Haul; H&H Electric 4022.94 Maint; Hansuld, Tia 390 Clinic Hrs; Harbor Freight Tools 479.98 Supplies; HDR Engineering 27403.19 Service; High Country Behavioral Health 7212.50 Allocation; Homax Oil Sales 57905.35 Fuel/Supplies; HR Performance Solutions 5003.64 Renewal; HUB Intl 2500 Consulting; Human Resource Council of Converse Co 1160 Allocation; Hutchinson, Hal 6054.75 Services; Inland Truck Parts Co 6750.76 Supplies; Inner Strength Therapeutic Massage 120 Wellness; Intab 472.58 Supplies; Interstate Batteries 539.80 Supplies; Jerry s Welding-Steel Fab 1782.53 Maint; Joyful Living Massage & Wellness 340 Wellness;K2 Technologies 3765.84 Services; KCK 8255 Gravel Haul; Kelly's Alignment and Brake Service 232 Maint; Kenkel, April 32.75 Mileage; Knife River 48375 Services; Koss Eric 489.89 Copies; Laramie Peak Humane Society 1250 Allocation; Laramie Range Water Treatment & Plumbing 657.50 Supplies/Maint; Lexisnexis 940.16 Subscription; Lifemap Assurance Co 1000.90 Admin; Master's Touch 404.88 Supplies; McKesson Medical 854.64 Supplies; McKillip Trucking 2665 Gravel Haul; MHCC 251451.04 Services; Moore's Heavy Equip 390.24 Supplies; Motion and Flow Control Products 220.97 Supplies; Motorola Solutions 4216.44 Supplies; Mountain States Lithographing 731.30 Supplies; Mutchler, Tricia 16.50 Transcript; NAPA-Glenrock 102.62 Supplies; Naval Surface Warfare Center 600 Lease; Niobrara Electric 99.75 Services; NMS Labs 846 Services; Norco 1186.93 Supplies; North Bill Disposal 2122.86 Water; Northwest Community Action Programs 4822.85 Services; O Reilly Automotive 164.91 Supplies; ODP Business Solutions 214.21 Supplies; OffenderWatch 114.73 Services; Office Ally 35 Services; OK Wrecking 517.35 Services; Olsen, Christie 12805 Gravel Haul; One Stop Auto Plex 215.08 Maint; Otto, Michael 9.99 Safety Boots; Palen Law Offices 1390 Juvenile Admin; Peak Fitness 275 Wellness; Peterbilt of Wy 2448.31 Maint; PMCH 28746 Audit Final; Powder River Basin Chapter 35 Membership; Price Pumping Service 22490 Gravel Haul ; Price Trucking 13260 Gravel Haul; Quill Corp 127.53 Supplies; R&R Rest Stops 168 Rentals; R&S Northeast 492.74 Supplies; Range 1396.48 Services; Reaper Logistics 17095 Gravel Haul; Record Supply 162.44 Supplies; Renegade Off-Road & Driveline Repair 3443.06 Maint; Rimmer, Karen 2 Reimb; Rocky Mountain Power 14805.71 Service; Rocky Mountain Wash 363.50 Service; Rons Supply 335.98 Supplies; Safeway Pharmacy 28.92 Inmate Services; Sams Club 982.46 Supplies; Sampson Construction 719971 Service; Sanofi Pasteur 179.59 Supplies; Schell, Joel 98.25 Mileage; Secretary of State 60 Notary; Severson Supply 15872.40 Supplies; Shattos Frontier Drug 2047.65 Inmate Services; Shaw, David 15.99 Reimb Meal; Shuler Kristy 32.75 Mileage; Shumway, Nathan 127.08 Mileage; Six Robblees 51.84 Supplies; Smith Psychological Services 400 Inmate Services; Specialized Pathology Consultants 1360 Autopsy; State of Wy 49.54

Reg/Archive Access; Stearns, Jane 3100 Emerg Pers; Stericycle 59.44 Service; Stotz Equipment 20700 Equipment; Summit Food 19903.07 Meals/Adj; Surplus Center 62.94 Supplies; Thunder Basin Orthopedics 2096 Inmate Services; Top Office Products 56.70 Supplies; Town of Glenrock 919.80 Rents; TrueNorth Steel 5244.10 Supplies; Tyler Tech 5123.10 Services; US Postmaster 1429 Postage; UW 4-H in Converse County 533.65 Supplies; Verizon Wireless 974.83 Service; Visa 14257.77 Supplies/Service; VSP 3018.18 Admin; Visionary 1302.77 Service; Vrooman, Kyra 32.75 Mileage; Vyve 213.98 Service; WACERS 2300 Service; Weidenhamer, Leslie 5560 Cleaning; Western D Services 295 Rental/Cleaning; Western Sunset 52779.65 Road Base; Wheatland Garage Door 160.50 Maint; Wright, Kim 142.71 Safety Boots; WW Trucking 11765 Gravel Haul; WY All Hazards Assoc 50 Membership; WY Behavioral Institute 754 Inmate Services; WY Child & Family Development 416.67 Allocation; WYDOT 123.23 Service; WY First Aid & Safety Supply 37.46 Supplies; WY LGLP 97667 Renewal/Deduct; WY Machinery 39404.07 Maint; WY Public Health Laboratory 579 Service; WY Rigging & Industrial Supply 897 Supplies; WY T2/LTAP Center 950 Training; Xerox Financial 1383.15 Leases; Youth Development Services 3750 Allocation; Z Lazy Y Trucking 15275 Gravel Haul; monthly reports for April: Clerk \$38,211.07; Clerk of District Court: \$5,720.64; Road & Bridge \$76,735.46; VOID Warrant #65421 \$41.00 and #65565 \$125.00; Mr. Short seconded, the commission abstained from voting on warrants issued to themselves; motion carried.

Mr. Grant moved to reschedule the June 20, 2023 regular Commissioner meeting to Monday, June 19, 2023, in order to allow Commissioner involvement in the Cedar Springs IV Industrial Siting Hearing at the CC Library occurring at the same time; Mr. Short seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Kaufman moved to approve and adopt:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-23

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CONVERSE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF PROGRAM RULES**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Converse County, Wyoming, has seen the necessity for implementing a Property Tax Relief Program as authorized under W.S. §39-13-109(c)(vi)(H) in order to assist property owners within Converse County adjust to increased overall property values; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, drafted according to the parameters as established by the Wyoming Department of Revenue, were duly reviewed by the County Attorney, County Treasurer, County Assessor, and County Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, that the Converse County Property Tax Relief Program Rules are hereby adopted and incorporated at attached herein as “Exhibit A.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that if any provision of this Resolution or rules document is found invalid or inapplicable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Board reserves the right to amend any portion of the Rules as the necessity arises. The effective date of this Resolution is the 3rd day of May 2023.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of May 2023.

FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

/s/ James H. Willox, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen Rimmer, Converse County Clerk

Mr. Colling seconded; motion carried.

Mr. Short moved to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Land Management and Converse County as Cooperating Agencies for Solar Energy on Public Lands; Mr. Grant seconded; motion carried.

The Cedar Springs IV project was further discussed, including consensus for what to include in the County's request for impact considerations.

Mr. Short moved to approve the Participating Board Agreements between Converse County and the Converse County Library, and Converse County and Converse County Weed and Pest; Mr. Grant seconded; motion seconded.

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of this Board will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted, at the Converse County Courthouse within Commission Chambers, located at 107 N. 5th Street, Douglas, Wyoming. The public is invited to attend. To get on the agenda, call the Clerk's Office by the Thursday before the meeting. Per W.S. §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at www.conversecountywy.gov or by calling the County Clerk's Office at (307) 358-2244.

James H. Willox, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Rimmer, County Clerk

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