

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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January 5, 2026

In Attendance: Ernie King, Tom Henry, Rick Wilbur, Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor, Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier

Visitors: Melody Traver, HR Director

Commissioner Wilbur opened the Meeting at 10:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Commissioner Wilbur made a motion to remove the transfer of Valarie Valvano from the Register/Recorder Office to the Treasurer Office as the Deputy Treasurer. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

There was no public comment made on agenda items.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the December 30, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Solicitor Report- None

Chief Clerk Report- Welcomed the new Wyoming County HR Director, Melody Traver.

Commissioner King made a motion to reappoint/appoint the following individuals to the following Boards:

- Housing Authority
 - Mary Sherry
- Redevelopment Authority
 - Mary Sherry
- Salary Board
 - Judy Barziloski
- Pension Board
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Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

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Commissioner King made a motion to adopt the 2026 IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.725 per mile. Commissioner Henry second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 to accept the TAN and allow Chief Clerk Franko to submit all necessary paperwork to DCED. Commissioner King second the Motion. All members in favor. Motion carried.

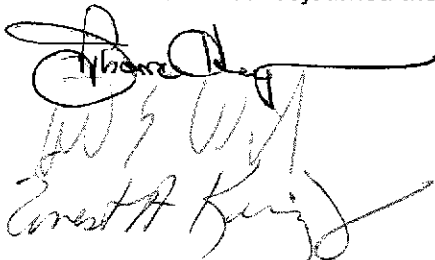
The agenda item to transfer Valarie Valvano from the Register/Recorder Office to Deputy Treasurer, was removed from the agenda as it was not a necessary approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment made on any additional items.

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Solicitor Report- None	
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