

RESOLUTION # _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE THE ONE PERCENT (1%) SPECIFIC PURPOSE SALES AND USE TAX IN LARAMIE COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR SPECIFIC AMOUNTS; THE PROPOSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii), 39-15-204(a)(iii), 39-16-203(a)(ii), 39-16-204(a)(ii), and 39-16-202(e) counties may impose an excise tax not to exceed two percent (2%) upon retail sales of tangible personal property, admissions and services made, and upon storage, use and consumption of tangible personal property, within the county, for specific purposes and in specific amounts as authorized by the qualified electors of the county (hereinafter the "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Commissioners") of Laramie County, State of Wyoming, (the "County"), in response to the needs of the County and requests received from the City of Cheyenne, the Town of Pine Bluffs, the Town of Burns, and the Town of Albin (hereinafter, being sometimes individually referred to as "Sponsoring Entity" and collectively referred to as the "Sponsoring Entities"), has determined to make a source of funding available through imposition of an excise tax not to exceed one percent (1%) in the following specific amounts for the following specific purposes (the "Projects"):

Proposition 1

- A. \$21,118,500 and interest earned thereon to Laramie County for the remodel and expansion of the existing Laramie County Courthouse to provide courtroom and office space for a 4th District Court judge authorized by the Wyoming

legislature along with building systems and physical plant upgrades, repairs and replacement and, as said remodel replaces the space currently used by Municipal Court, with the construction of a new annex addition to the Laramie County Courthouse to house the City of Cheyenne Municipal Court and include future expansion space for Laramie County.

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A. \$16,176,680 and interest earned thereon to Laramie County to construct an addition on the existing Laramie County Detention Center for the purpose of expanding inmate capacity, for any additional administrative space and for updating and improving existing infrastructure of the current facility.

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A. \$15,000,000 and interest earned thereon, to the City of Cheyenne to construct Christensen Road between Commerce Circle and US Highway 30 including a new bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad.

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A. \$9,885,000 and interest earned thereon to the Laramie County Fair Board to be used for the design, construction, equipping, and furnishing of a multipurpose facility at the Laramie County Archer Complex. The proposed facility will be an open-span building that will host a variety of events year-round for both residents and visitors, including trade shows, expositions, sporting events, RV rallies, concerts, horse and stock shows. The Archer Complex was purchased in 2004 by Laramie County for as a multifunctional campus for citizens to use and enjoy year-round.

Proposition 5 To collect a total of \$11,970,000 and interest earned thereon for the following projects, for the Town of Albin, Town of Pine Bluffs, Town of Burns, City of Cheyenne, Laramie County and Fire District # 1:

A. \$200,000 to the Town of Albin to provide adequate

housing expansion.

- B. \$200,000 to the Town of Burns to construct a gravel road, address parking, watering issues and other needed improvements.
- C. \$950,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs to make electric infrastructure repairs and upgrades.
- D. \$2,350,000 to the City of Cheyenne for downtown core projects including improvements of alleys and a water feature.
- E. \$3,800,000 to the City of Cheyenne for planning, design and construction of the Greater Cheyenne Greenway, of which no less than \$800,000 be designated for operations and maintenance of existing and future pathways and system.
- F. \$80,000 to the Town of Albin to purchase, install, operate and maintain emergency generators for emergency shelter (Community Center) an emergency water source (water well) to be used during extended electrical outages and other emergency situations.
- G. \$2,000,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs as funds needed to complete Phase 1 of the Clean Water System Renovation.
- H. \$390,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs to construct and maintain a new Public Works facility.
- I. \$2,000,000 to Laramie County Fire District #1 for the construction of a new fire station located at the Archer Complex to provide increased fire protection and emergency medical services to the eastern portion of Laramie County.

Proposition 6 To collect a total of \$11,969,000 and interest earned thereon for the following projects for the City of Cheyenne, Town of Albin, Town of Pine Bluffs, Town of Burns and Laramie County:

- A. \$6,750,000 to the City of Cheyenne to design and

construct a multipurpose indoor turf facility suitable for youth and adult games, practices and regional athletic tournaments, of which no less than \$750,000 will be designated for operations and maintenance.

- B. \$550,000 to the Town of Burns for remodeling, maintenance and operations for town owned buildings.
- C. \$80,000 to the Town of Albin for operation and maintenance of the new water meter system.
- D. \$1,014,000 to the Town of Burns for completion of drainage and elevation mapping; maintenance and reconstruction of town streets.
- E. \$3,500,000 to Laramie County for the purchase, operation and maintenance of radio towers and radio equipment to improve Laramie County radio coverage.
- F. \$75,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs to refurbish recreational facilities.

Proposition 7 To collect a total of \$11,870,000 and interest earned thereon for the following projects for the City of Cheyenne, Town of Albin, Town of Pine Bluffs, Town of Burns and Laramie County:

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- B. \$200,000 to the Town of Burns for the purchase of a dump truck and attachments.
- C. \$200,000 to the Town of Albin to replace parking lot surface at the Town Hall/Community Center building.
- D. \$40,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs to upgrade the town cemetery.
- E. \$1,000,000 for Laramie County for emergency services storage and medication distribution facility for

Emergency Management and Cheyenne/Laramie County Public Health.

F. \$7,050,000 to the City of Cheyenne to design and construct basketball and volleyball courts and gymnastics facilities at the Ice and Events Center and consolidate staff offices into one location, of which no less than \$750,000 will be designated for operations and maintenance.

G. \$300,000 to the Town of Burns to complete the 4th Street sewer line, including operation and maintenance of town sewer system.

H. \$3,000,000 to the City of Cheyenne for the repair and refurbishment of the existing Fire Stations and fire engines.

Proposition 8 To collect a total of \$11,848,000 and interest earned thereon for the following projects for the City of Cheyenne, Town of Albin, Town of Pine Bluffs and the Town of Burns:

A. \$53,000 to the Town of Albin to purchase a utility pickup truck with toolboxes, training, and other equipment for the town's Maintenance Department.

B. \$2,500,000 to the City of Cheyenne to establish public access to the Belvoir Ranch and Big Hole properties and to build and maintain non-motorized recreational trails.

C. 800,000 to the Town of Albin for completing the replacement of deteriorating sewer lines dating from the 1950s.

D. \$1,050,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs for debt reduction.

E. \$3,200,000 the City of Cheyenne to purchase and preserve land for a future community park located in East Cheyenne, any remaining funds to be allocated to initial design and development of the park.

F. \$195,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs to replace town equipment.

G. \$4,000,000 to the City of Cheyenne for replacement of Fire Station #5 located at 2014 Dell Range Blvd.

H. \$50,000 to the Town of Burns for the purchase of new radios, pagers, and other equipment needed for communications.

Proposition 9 To collect a total of \$11,700,500 and interest earned thereon for the following projects for the Eastern Laramie County Solid Waste Disposal District, Laramie County Fire District #2, City of Cheyenne, Town of Albin, Town of Pine Bluffs, Town of Burns and Laramie County:

A. \$950,500 to Eastern Laramie County Solid Waste Disposal District for the purchase of a new scraper and an addition to current equipment shop.

B. \$3,000,000 to Laramie County to enhance computer-based technology that will allow city fire, county fire districts and county emergency medical services to operate on the same computer system as the city police department, county sheriff's office, and the Combined Communications Center (911 dispatch).

C. \$2,000,000 to Laramie County Fire District #2 for the construction of a new fire station located at I-25 and Iron Mountain Road. The station will increase protection and decrease response times. It will allow for firefighter quarters and housing for modern fire trucks.

D. \$4,000,000 to the City of Cheyenne's West Edge District to construct infrastructure and enhancements and apply for additional grant monies supporting redevelopment, including the Reed Avenue Rail Corridor.

E. \$450,000 to Laramie County for the purpose of updating Sheriff's Department video recording systems and for additional needs related to technology updates.

F. \$300,000 to the Town of Pine Bluffs to assist in a four-year street maintenance and repair plan.

G. \$200,000 to the Town of Albin to replace existing waterlines with newer, up-to-date lines throughout the town.

H. \$200,000 to the Town of Albin for repairs and maintenance to the Community Center, including shelving, gym bleachers, and kitchen and bathroom upgrades, etc.

I. \$200,000 to the Town of Burns for improvements to town owned parks including Liberty Park to completion.

J. \$400,000 to the Town of Burns for improvements to town water and sewer systems as needed, to include operations and maintenance.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that a one percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax should be imposed within the County pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii), 39-15-204(a)(iii), 39-16-203(a)(ii), 39-16-204(a)(ii), and 39-16-202(e) in order to fund the planning, construction, furnishing, equipping, acquisition and improvement of land and, to the extent necessary and allowed by law, the pledge to or payment of operation and maintenance, debt service and/or lease service payments thereon, and, if necessary and/or available, to be used to leverage or match federal/and or state grant funds, for the above-referenced Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined it is necessary to submit the proposition for imposition of the Tax to the qualified registered electors of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii)(A) and 39-16-203(a)(ii)(A), before any proposition to impose the Tax shall be placed before the electors of the County, the Commissioners and the governing bodies of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the incorporated municipalities within the County shall adopt a resolution approving the propositions, setting forth a procedure for qualification of a ballot question for placement on the

ballot, and specifying how excess funds shall be expended;
and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LARAMIE COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING THAT:

Section 1. At the election to be held in Laramie County, State of Wyoming, on May, 2, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., there will be submitted to the qualified registered electors of the County the proposition of imposing a one percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use tax for the exclusive purpose of funding the planning, construction, furnishing, equipping, acquisition and improvement of land and, to the extent necessary and allowed by law, the pledge to or payment of operation and maintenance, debt service and/or lease payments thereon, for the above-referenced Projects, and, if necessary and/or available, to be used to leverage or match federal and/or state grant funds as more particularly set forth in the ballot question at the election and in the Laramie County Election Proclamation, to be published by the Laramie County Clerk in accordance with law.

Section 2. The election on the proposition shall be held at those Election Districts, Precincts and Polling Places as more particularly set forth in the Election Proclamation, to be published by the Laramie County Clerk in accordance with law.

Section 3. The votes, including absentee votes, shall be registered on official ballots. The ballots shall set forth the following propositions:

Nine (9) propositions are proposed for funding with a one percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax. Each proposition stands alone. You may vote for or against each proposition. Each proposition must receive a majority of the votes cast on it to be approved.

Shall Laramie County be authorized to impose an additional one percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use Tax, within Laramie County, to be used for funding the planning, engineering, construction,

remodeling, furnishing, equipping, supplying (including maintenance equipment), acquisition and improvement of land (if necessary) and, to the extent necessary and allowed by law, a pledge or payment of operation and maintenance, debt service, lease payments thereon and, if necessary and/or available, to be used to leverage or match federal and/or state grant funds, in the specified amounts and for the specified purposes provided below:

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Section 4. The County Clerk shall cause the Laramie County Election Proclamation to be published in accordance with law.

Section 5. The election on the propositions shall be held, conducted and the results canvassed as provided by the Wyoming Election Code of 1973, more particularly the

Political Subdivision Bond Election Law (Wyo. Stat. §§22-21-101 to 22-21-112, inclusive).

Section 6. In the event that any or all of the nine (9) propositions shall be approved by the qualified electors of Laramie County, the Tax shall commence on the first day of the calendar quarter after sixty (60) days' notice has been given to the vendors in accordance with Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii)(E) and 39-16-203(a)(iii)(E) or after one hundred and twenty (120) days' notice has been given to the vendors selling from a printed catalog in accordance with Wyo. Stat. §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii)(E) and 39-16-203(a)(iii)(E). Upon receipt of proceeds of the Tax from the Wyoming Department of Revenue, the Laramie County Treasurer shall distribute said proceeds, monthly, to each entity in the same proportion as its cost is to the total cost of all purposes approved in accordance with Wyo. Stat §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii) and 39-16-203(a)(ii) on the May, 2, 2017 election ballot.

Upon distribution of total approved amount in Tax funds to the Entities (or such lesser amount if the Entities have agreed to terminate the Tax pursuant to Wyo. Stat §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii)(G) and 39-16-203(a)(ii)(G)), excess Tax funds shall be retained by the Laramie County Treasurer for one (1) year for refund of overpayments. After one (1) year, the excess Tax funds (less any refunds), plus any interest earned thereon, shall be transferred to the sponsoring entities in the same proportion as its cost is to the total cost of all purposes approved in accordance with Wyo. Stat §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii) and 39-16-203(a)(ii) on the May 2, 2017 election ballot. The excess Tax funds, and interest earned thereon, shall be used for operation and maintenance of the Projects or for any other legal purpose with respect thereto.

Section 7. Before the proposition may be placed before the qualified electors of Laramie County, the Commissioners and the governing bodies of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the incorporated municipalities within the County must adopt resolutions as required by Wyo. Stat §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii)(A) and 39-16-203(a)(ii)(A).

Section 8. The passage of this resolution shall

constitute written notification to the County Clerk, in accordance with Wyo. Stat § 22-21-103, specifying the date of the election and the proposition, and shall further constitute approval as required by Wyo. Stat §§ 39-15-203(a)(iii)(A) and 39-16-203(a)(ii)(A).

Section 9. Should any part or provision of this resolution ever be judicially determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the remaining parts and provisions hereof, the intention being that each part or provision of this resolution is severable.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED as of the ____ day of _____, 2016.

LARAMIE COUNTY, STATE OF WYOMING

(SEAL)

K.N. Buck Holmes, Chairman
Board of Laramie County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Debra Lee
Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form:

Mark T. Voss
Laramie County Attorney