

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON BUDGET: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed budget for Weston County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, which is now being considered by the Board of Commissioners, will be held at the office of the County Commissioners at Newcastle, Wyoming, on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., per W.S. 16-4-109 (b). At which time, any and all interested persons may appear and be heard regarding said budget. The entire budget is available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ASSESSED VALUATION	172,438,668.00 TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET	WESTON COUNTY TENTATIVE 2026 FISCAL BUDGET TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET	ESTIMATED TOTAL CASH & REVENUE (COL. 2 & 3)	ESTIMATED TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROPRIATION	REQUESTED BUDGET FROM TAX LEVY	TAX MILL
GENERAL COUNTY	5,279,472.13	5,090,346.12	10,369,818.25	12,439,010.64	2,069,192.39	12.000
† Funded by block allocations						12.000

DETAILS OF RESERVE FUNDS

CASH RESERVE	\$3,371,976.47
DEPRECIATION RESERVE	928,979.11
COUNTY ROAD RESERVE	3,732,860.22
FUEL RESERVE	148,122.35
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	400,000.00
ROAD CONST BLADE RESERVE	100,000.00
DETAILS OF GENERAL FUND REQUIREMENTS	
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	86,148.00
COUNTY CLERK	201,201.96
COUNTY TREASURER	205,137.96
COUNTY ASSESSOR	207,276.92
COUNTY SHERIFF	661,124.80
COUNTY ATTORNEY	268,816.08
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLEX	572,119.08
COUNTY MAINTENANCE	43,600.00
COUNTY CORONER	54,500.00
EXTENSION SERVICE	76,535.60
DISTRICT COURT	239,829.28
COURTHOUSE	600,000.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE	1,659,577.67
CRF ROAD PROJECTS	500,000.00
AIRPORT (CITY & COUNTY BUDGET)	46,630.50
ELECTIONS	74,500.00
PUBLIC HEALTH	145,872.38
OTHER COUNTY ACCOUNTS*	5,902,770.22
HOMELAND SECURITY	68,252.16
DISPATCH	304,420.00
YOUTH SERVICES	46,021.20
ANNEX	23,400.00
FAIRGROUNDS	54,000.00
COUNTY LIBRARY/BLOCK ALLOCATION	291,957.97 †
PREVENTION MANAGEMENT/BLOCK ALLOCATION	105,318.86 †

*BREAKDOWN OF OTHER COUNTY ACCOUNTS:

	REQUIREMENTS	DRAFT BUDGET
SCHOOL AND ASSOC. EXPENSE		100,000.00
GRAVEL/ROAD MATERIAL FUND		250,000.00
INSURANCE		250,000.00
BONDS		50,000.00
ADVERTISING TAX SALE		15,000.00
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING		15,000.00
VITAL STATISTICS		5,000.00
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE		5,000.00
COUNTY WARD/TITLE 25		25,000.00
HEALTH INSURANCE		1,054,953.26
WORKERS' COMP		31,000.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION/MISC.		300,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY		224,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT		5,000.00
EMERGENCY RELIEF		250,000.00
NOAT		114,163.62
COMPUTER SOFTWARE LIC & PROGRAMMING		300,000.00
DEPRECIATION		100,000.00
ENGINEERING/SURVEYING SERVICES		25,000.00
COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION FUND		134,500.00
LAW LIBRARY		10,000.00
GRANT MATCH		250,000.00
RETIREMENT		560,000.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAJOR REPAIRS		272,000.00
SUBTOTAL		4,345,616.88

USFS (SHERIFF PATROL) GRANT	0.00
PROBLEM GAMBLING GRANT	11,009.76
LIVESTOCK (SHERIFF PATROL) GRANT	20,162.50
PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS	162,517.41
WIC GRANT	6,398.00
FAA GRANTS	595,852.64
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	176,639.57
CONGESTION MITIGATION GRANTS	73,402.00
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS	110,582.81
ROAD AGREEMENTS	115,291.95

ADDITIONAL 1% SALES TAX**	285,296.70
TOTAL OTHER COUNTY ACCOUNTS*	5,902,770.22

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DRAFT BUDGET

FINAL BUDGET DETAILS

ABOVE: County Valuation of \$172,438,668 then Cash Carry Over of \$5,279,472.13 plus Estimated Revenue for FY2025 of \$5,090,346.12, which equal the Estimated Total for Appropriation of \$12,439,010.64, and then the 12-mill Tax Levy Requirement of \$2,069,192.39.

LEFT: Reserve Accounts* and General Fund Requirements, as follows:

- Cash Reserve is Weston County's *Rainy Day Fund*, which has been saved in order to be prepared for emergency, disaster, or economic downturn, and to insure funds are available to maintain county operations without interruption.
- Depreciation Reserve is funds available for major purchases, such as road graders and heavy equipment. \$100,000 was added to the Depreciation Reserve Account from the General Account.
- County Road Maintenance and Construction Reserve is a restricted fund for approved county road projects only. \$100,000 was withdrawn for the future purchase of a road grader.
- Fuel Reserve is a restricted fund for maintenance of the Road and Bridge fuel tank system.
- Cash Improvement is a dedicated fund that will be used for specific projects specified by the Board of County Commissioners.

* Including these five reserve (savings) accounts in this publication make the budget appear larger than in prior years.

• Details of General Fund Requirements show appropriations by County Department, including block grants for the Weston County Library as well as the Prevention Management grant which is fully reimbursed by the State of Wyoming.

BELOW LEFT: Breakdown of Other County Accounts shows appropriations for other requirements, including costs for publications, personnel, engineering, software, major repairs, grants, and grant matches, etc.

BELOW RIGHT: Breakdown of Additional 1% Sales Tax Projects shows appropriations for Providers of Service in the county, from ambulance services, child and health care services, senior meal programs, and other service providers in our community.

**BREAKDOWN OF ADD'L 1% SALES TAX PROJECTS:

HUMANE SOCIETY	3,000.00
IN-HOME HEALTH SERVICES	6,000.00
CHILDREN'S CENTER	12,750.00
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA	8,500.00
NEWCASTLE AMBULANCE	32,602.50
UPTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	2,300.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER	21,000.00
NEWCASTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	2,300.00
NEWCASTLE SENIOR MEALS	14,025.00
UPTON/OSAGE SENIOR MEALS	3,400.00
NEWCASTLE SENIOR CENTER	3,825.00
UPTON SENIOR CENTER	2,125.00
FOCUS	3,825.00
RECORDS RETENTION AND REPAIR	10,000.00
UPTON AMBULANCE	15,000.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	15,000.00
MALLO CAMP	40,434.20
COURTHOUSE REPAIR	5,000.00
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	510.00
SEARCH & RESCUE	4,000.00
COURTHOUSE SECURITY	26,000.00
GIS LAND RECORDS	24,000.00
LANDFILL UPTON	7,500.00
NATURAL RESOURCE DIST. GARDEN	425.00
MALLO CAMP - 4-H SUBSIDY	3,000.00
UPTON COMMUNITY CENTER	1,275.00
MALLO CAMP CONTRACT EMPLOYEE	5,000.00
NATURAL RESOURCE/HAZARDOUS WASTE	4,000.00
UPTON CARDBOARD COMPACTOR	2,500.00
WESTON COUNTY FOOD DISTRIBUTION	6,000.00

TOTAL 1% SALES TAX EXPENSE**	285,296.70
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