

Office of County Commissioners
November 13, 2025
Gillette, Wyoming

Special Meeting

The Campbell County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting, Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting was to hold a workshop to discuss the proposed Resolution for Storage of Nuclear Waste in Campbell County and to convene into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.

Present were Kelley McCreery, Jim Ford, Scott Clem, Bob Jordan, Jerry Means, Commissioners; Sandra Beeman, Executive Director of Administration; Kyle Ferris, Deputy County Attorney; Cindy Lovelace, County Clerk; Kristin Young, Deputy Director of Administration; Robin Vail, Chief Deputy County Clerk; members of the public, and members of the press.

Commissioner Means read the following proposed resolution. Discussion was held.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR STORAGE OF NUCLEAR WASTE IN
CAMPBELL COUNTY**

1. **WHEREAS**, given the increasing interest in nuclear energy in Campbell County and throughout the State of Wyoming, the Board of Commissioners wishes to articulate and convey its position regarding nuclear waste storage to the public; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 assigned the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish permanent, deep geologic repositories for spent nuclear fuel from reactors and legacy waste from the past (weapons, manufacturing plants). The DOE is actively working to identify one or more sites for the consolidated interim storage of nuclear waste using a consent-based siting approach until the federal government determines permanent disposal solutions; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the State of Wyoming currently has legislation in effect not to accept both temporary and permanent nuclear waste storage within the state; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners acknowledges that almost every year a bill is introduced in Cheyenne to accept nuclear waste storage within the state; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Wyoming House Bill 131, "Nuclear Power Generation and Storage Amendments," was passed in 2022 to facilitate the construction of a nuclear power plant near Kemmerer.

Terra Power, a nuclear reactor company co-founded by Bill Gates, is partnering with power company Pacific Corp to open a 345-megawatt reactor in 2028. This legislation permits Terra Power to store their own nuclear waste temporarily, but prohibits the import of radioactive waste from nuclear power plants located outside the state; and

6. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners supports the uranium mining industry as it has for over fifty years of operation; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners supports businesses and industries that want to invest in Campbell County that will maintain a clean and safe environment for our communities and county; and
8. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners differentiates between medical industry waste (that is currently shipped to designated medical waste storage facilities), low-level radioactive waste presently associated with oil field and instrumentation AND spent and legacy nuclear waste storage; and
9. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners supports the development and siting of the nuclear industry in Campbell County, IF such facilities DO NOT produce, receive, or store nuclear waste. The Board of Commissioners supports maintaining a clean and safe environment for our communities and county.
10. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Campbell County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of public input. In the future the Campbell County constituents may request an opportunity to vote on nuclear waste in Campbell County. The legal process would be followed according to the Wyoming Constitution.
11. **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Campbell County Board of Commissioners shall adhere to the following guidelines regarding nuclear waste storage in Campbell County until a public vote is conducted:
 - No interim nuclear storage – domestically produced or relocated;
 - No consolidate interim storage – domestically produced or relocated;
 - No deep geological repository (caverns);
 - No deep geological repository (bore hole);
 - No exemptions granted for interim or consolidated storage, or geological repositories
12. **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners encourages Campbell County residents to make their voices heard through their State legislators regarding any currently proposed or future changes to State law governing nuclear storage in Wyoming and any future attempts by the Federal government to permit such storage facilities in Wyoming.

Commissioner Clem moved to change the title of the resolution to Proposed the Resolution to Prohibit the Storage of High-Level Nuclear Spent Fuel and Waste in Campbell County. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Commissioners Clem, Ford, Jordan, McCreery voted Aye. Commissioner Means voted No. Motion carried.

Paragraph 1. No changes made.

Paragraph 2. Commissioner Means moved to accept the paragraph as written. Commissioner Ford requested to make the following change to paragraph 2. First 4 lines remain unchanged, line 5, beginning with 'identify' one or more sites for the consolidated interim sites for nuclear waste and insert 'including Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste as defined in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. Commissioner Clem seconded. All voted Aye.

Paragraph 3. Commissioner Ford moved to edit paragraph 3 to state 'Whereas, the State of Wyoming, as detailed in Article 15 of the Environmental Quality Act and specified in W.S. §35-11-1501 through W.S. §35-11-1507 has legislation in effect not to accept both temporary and permanent nuclear waste storage within the state; and'. Commissioner Clem seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Paragraph 4 Commissioner Means moved to accept paragraph 3 as written. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Paragraph 5. No changes made.

Paragraph 6. No changes made.

Paragraph 7. No changes made.

Paragraph 8. Commissioner Clem moved to delete paragraph 8 and insert the following language, 'Whereas, the board of County Commissioners recognizes and differentiates between low level waste storage (which includes medical and other types of industrial wastes, line uranium tailings) and high level nuclear spent fuel waste storage.' Commissioner Clem proposed to delete paragraph 8 and no replacement. Commissioner Ford seconded. All voted Aye.

Paragraph 9. Commissioner Clem proposed on line 2 after 'county', delete the rest of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th line and insert the following, 'if such facilities do not produce, receive, or store nuclear waste, except what is currently permitted by Wyoming law as of the date of this resolution. The Board of Commissioners supports maintaining a clean and safe environment for our communities and county; and'. Commissioner Ford seconded. All voted Aye.

Commissioner Clem moved that in the previous paragraph (paragraph 9) we would delete the language about 'maintaining a clean and safe environment for our communities and county, and insert a new paragraph 10 that reads, 'Whereas, the board of County Commissioners supports the policy idea that all companies and industries are legally and financially responsible for environmental impacts and public safety in the course of their business activities; and'. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Commissioner Means proposed to not delete language in paragraph 9. All voted Aye.

Paragraph 10. Commissioner Clem moved to delete paragraph 10 and insert the following, 'Whereas the board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of public input, but that

current Wyoming law does not allow the people to vote on the specific issue of high level nuclear wastes storage' and add a new paragraph, 'Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Campbell County Board of Commissioners supports any change in state law that would allow citizens to vote on the matter of high-level nuclear waste storage'. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Paragraph 11. Commissioner Clem moved to delete the first section of Therefore Be It Further Resolved, and insert the following language, 'Therefore, Be It Further Resolved that the Campbell County Board of Commissioners shall adhere to the following guidelines regarding nuclear waste storage in Campbell County' and keep other bullet points that were a part of that. Commissioner Means seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Paragraph 12. Commissioner Means moved to accept paragraph 12. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Means read the following proposed paragraph, 'Be It Further Resolved that this Board expresses its desire to communicate with any company interested in conducting business in Campbell County and encourages all companies to address the entire Board to facilitate constructive dialog regarding their plans, The Board is open to discussion with the nuclear industry, as well as with any other industry. We recognize the importance of maintaining the sustainable economy in Campbell County for the benefit of future generations.' All voted Aye.

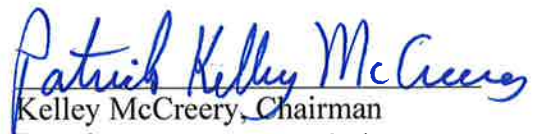
Public Comment was given.

No Executive Session was held.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 PM.



Cindy Lovelace, County Clerk
Board of County Commissioners



Kelley McCreery, Chairman
Board of County Commissions

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