

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Schools Boards Association encourages the legislature to develop a solution for the County's collection of ad valorem taxes to minimize the amount of uncollected taxes in the future. The solution must involve the collaborative effort of the legislature, county government and industry partners.

Rationale: Wyoming counties have been unable to collect more than \$55 million in unpaid taxes over the past ten years. A significant portion of those resources would be utilized to support K-12 education in Wyoming.

In Wyoming, minerals are taxed after production with the Fair Market Value determined in February of the year following production. Tax payments of 50% are due in November of the year following production and a final payment of 50% is due in May of the second year following production. The time lag in tax collection contributes to the issue of unpaid taxes. It is recognized that mineral companies also pay a monthly severance tax that must be considered in potential solutions to adjust the timeline for ad valorem tax collection.

Submitted by Campbell County School District #1