

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 26, 2023

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners met in Special Session at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Larry Allen, Vice-Chairman Michael Jones, Jennifer McCarty and Clarence Thomas. Commissioner Ron Fabrizius was absent. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

A Public Hearing was held, as advertised, to hear comments regarding the E-911 Special Revenue Fund and Fremont County's Fiscal Year 2023-24 proposed budget. Eight people were present in the audience.

The hearing opened with the E-911 Budget hearing. Communications Supervisor Carl Freeman gave an update on both the E-911 and Dispatch budget, and stated all anticipated revenue will come from User Fees from agencies for which Dispatch provides a service for and from the 911 surcharge money collected from each traditional and wireless device. Freeman gave his recommendation to keep this surcharge at \$0.75 per line for a projected revenue total of \$437,390 with all agencies anticipated to pay 100% of actuals. The exception is the City of Riverton which has its own Dispatch and those residents with land lines are not charged the fee. There were no comments from the audience on the proposed budget for E-911.

Chairman Allen asked for comments from the audience on the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget which was advertised with an assessed valuation of was advertised with an assessed valuation of \$1,042,789,553.

Library Director Anita Marple publicly thanked the Commission for the COLA approved for county employees. Her budget was also increased enough to hire part-time employees to provide more Saturday hours year around.

Frank Tanner, President of the Board of Directors for the Riverton Senior Center and Director Lori Weber requested additional funding to assist with repairing the bus barn. The County had approved \$10,000 of their \$31,000 request through their Social Service budget request. Vice-Chairman Jones had been working on finding additional funding through other sources, starting with the Fremont County Association of Government's Transportation funding for a request of \$15,000. He noted that he cannot get an answer from them and recommended the County move forward with funding the additional amount through either ARPA or LATC funding

Eagle's Hope Transitions Director Michelle Widmeyer expressed appreciation for the Commission's approval of their full request of their Social Services budget of \$36,480.

Center of Hope representatives Heidi McNeil and Brad Hendry thanked the Commission for their Social Service budget funding of \$10,000 but asked them to consider an additional amount as their original request was for \$55,000.

The budget will be adopted the following day during the Regular Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing closed at 5:45 p.m.

A full detailed report (informational only) and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website (www.fremontcountywy.gov). The meeting can also be accessed via You Tube (Fremont County WY Government).

/s/ LARRY ALLEN, CHAIRMAN
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

/s/ JULIE A. FREESE, COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE BOARD