

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 8, 2023

### **FULL DETAILED REPORT**

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Chairman Larry Allen, Vice-Chairman Mike Jones, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Ron Fabrizius. County Clerk Julie A. Freese and Civil Deputy Attorney Nathan Maxon were present.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarence Thomas moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A & I Distributors	Vehicle Maintenance	Oil / Fluids	\$717.39
Ace Hardware-Lander	County Buildings	Materials / Supplies	\$269.66
Adams, Chelsea	Health Nurse	Contract Services	\$285.00
Airgas USA LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	Supplies	\$820.00
Albright, Kelly M	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
AlSCO, Inc.	County Buildings	Laundry	\$254.00
ANDA, Inc.	Public Health	Vaccine	\$4,872.40
Bailey Enterprises, Inc.	Inventory	Bulk Fuel	\$39,701.84
Bichel, Cade T.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Biddle Consulting Group	Dispatch Center	Agreement	\$699.00
Big Horn Water	County Attorney	Equipment	\$135.00
Bill Jones Plumbing & Heating	County Buildings Detention	Supplies / Parts	\$450.70
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander	County Buildings	Materials Supplies	\$49.03
Bloomquist, Bailyn M	District Court	Jury Duty	\$77.50
Bowdel Steven P.	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$1,812.50
Burden, Dan	County Buildings	Security Service	\$475.00
Central Wyoming College	Dispatch Center	Equipment Lease	\$1,104.00
Charter Communications	Computer Services	Internet Service	\$129.98
Clark, Trisha N	District Court	Jury Duty	\$55.00
Clifford, Gregory P. MD PC	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$1,070.00
Combs, Debra J	District Court	Jury Duty	\$71.00
Comstock, Todd R	District Court	Jury Duty	\$90.00
Conder, Jason M.	District Court	Expense Reimburse	\$149.92
Cooper, Steven R.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$65.00
Corbett, Maria	District Court	Jury Duty	\$201.00
Cornell, Randy C.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$61.00
Cowboy Chemical, Inc.	Detention Center	Supplies	\$637.20
Crippen, Terance L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$64.00
Cronk, Paula R.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
D'Andrea, Laracel L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Davis, Monica D.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$58.00
Dempster, Jake D.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Dubois Frontier, The	Support Services	Advertising	\$69.53
Duran, Piram J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$62.00
Edwards Communications	Prevention Program	Advertising	\$950.00
Eppler, Michael L	District Court	Jury Duty	\$66.00
Erickson, Minnie A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$180.00
Federal Express Corp	County Sheriff	Shipping Fees	\$15.57
Floyd's Truck Center WY	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$503.56
Fremont Counseling-Lander	Health & Welfare	Title 25	\$2,100.00
Fremont Motor Riverton, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts / Supplies	\$684.93
Fremont Motors - Lander	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts / Supplies	\$3,334.98
Fremont Orthopaedics PC	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$146.00
Frontier Ambulance LLC	Fremont County Ambulance	Ambulance Subsidy	\$119,627.00
Gee, Brian	Detention Center	Contract Supervisor	\$5,580.00
Globalstar USA	Search & Rescue	Satellite Phones	\$273.23
Grainger	Segregated	Materials / Supplies	\$592.79
Gray, Matthew J.	County Attorney	Witness	\$918.00

Grundey, Nicholas A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.00
Hague, Diana L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
Hamlin, Ryan J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
Hancock, Timothy	County Attorney	Reimburse Expenses	\$78.00
Hansen, Ronald D.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.00
Harmelink, Rick A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Hehr, Ryan B.	Prevention Program	Assistance Contract	\$150.00
High Country Senior Citizens	Health & Welfare	Allocation	\$10,000.00
High Plains Power, Inc.	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$1,151.91
Hockett, David J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$64.00
Horton, Kenna J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$67.00
Hubbard, Kalista N.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$57.00
Hulkovich, Joscelyn T.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Ingle, Leighann K.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$180.00
Jevne, Linda E.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$180.00
Jones, James K.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$55.00
Kairos Broadcasting LLC	Prevention Program	Advertising	\$1,500.00
Kasper, Nella S.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$64.00
Keele, Robert M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$69.00
Keisel, Lisa M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$177.00
Kuegeler, Sophia M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$69.00
Laboratory Corporation of America	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$145.00
Lancaster, Staci L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Lander Senior Citizens Center, Inc.	Health & Welfare	Allocation	\$10,000.00
Lander, City of	County Buildings	Water & Sewer	\$4,171.35
Larimer County Coroner	County Coroner	Autopsy Services	\$275.00
Lawrence, Devon E.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$38.00
Lawson Products, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Supplies	\$297.57
Lee, Perry L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$90.00
Lovington, Julianna E.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$90.00
Lowry, Tyler J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$57.00
Lucero, Joseph W.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$62.00
Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton	District Court	Court Appointment	\$591.50
Martin, Jennifer M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Masco, Russell L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$216.00
Mathill, Babbette R.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$74.00
McKain-Nachazel, Keri E.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$90.00
Mills, Christina A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$78.00
Mitchell, Timothy N.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$65.00
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Dispatch Center	Equipment Lease	\$284,574.00
Mr D's Food Center, Inc.	District Court	Supplies	\$103.03
Murray, Moriah I	District Court	Jury Duty	\$46.00
Napa Auto Parts-Riverton	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Supplies	\$4,328.96
Norco, Inc.	Segregated	Supplies	\$216.22
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Supplies	\$122.02
Osage Industries, Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	Repairs Parts	\$538.52
Osborne, Deborah J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$72.00
Palazzolo, Alicia	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$1,718.75
Pettibone, Todd A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Pfisterer, Gary E.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$180.00
Poffenroth, Jolene B.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Post and Associates	County Sheriff	Administrative Fee	\$3,000.00
Powell, Robert L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.00
Prine, Cecilie A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.00
Quill Corporation	County Attorney	Office Supplies	\$132.44
Rauch, David C.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$64.00
Remote Satellite Systems	Search & Rescue	Satellite Phones	\$69.95
Rocky Mountain Power	Segregated	Utilities	\$13,300.61
Sanders, Mathew R.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Sauer, Sequoia R.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Schafer, Joni S.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$70.00
Segura, James M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$105.00
Senn, Amanda L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Shaw, Richard S.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Shaw, Stephen M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.50
Shells, Kyli J.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$177.00
Sheridan, Eric M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$42.00
Shipton, Roger L.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.00
Shoshoni Senior Center, Inc.	Health & Welfare	Allocation	\$7,000.00
Shoshoni, Town of	County Buildings	Water / Sewer	\$75.00
Smith Psychological Services	Detention Center	Services	\$800.00
Smith, Mariah	Prevention Program	Administrative Assistance	\$2,295.70
Soule, Sierra	District Court	Court Appointment	\$1,642.50

Stearns, Lenny M.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Steg, Ronald F.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$35.00
Strode Forensics PLLC	County Coroner	Autopsy Sage	\$1,110.00
Traveling Computers	Computer Services	Supplies, Services	\$1,213.00
Tschacher, Michael A.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Verizon Wireless	Segregated	Cell Phone Service	\$786.02
Western Printing, Inc.	Segregated	Printed Supplies	\$908.49
Wilson, Jennifer S.	District Court	Jury Duty	\$37.00
WY Dept of Transportation	Inventory	Titles	\$4,778.40
Wyoming Machinery, Co.	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Service	\$867.61
Wyoming Office Attorney General	24/7 Program	Program Fees	\$3,924.00
Wyoming Senior Citizens, Inc.	Health & Welfare	Allocation	\$1,500.00
Wyoming Waste Systems	County Buildings	Trash Removal	\$3,093.74
Wyonet Inc.	Computer Services	Telephone/Internet Service	\$5,322.77

Clarence Thomas moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept a voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$3,770 for one Title 25 patient. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept a voucher from Cloud Peak Counseling Center in the amount of \$1,950 for four Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve a letter of support to the Federal Highway Administration for the Wyoming US 20 Passing Lanes Project for the FY 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program (Thermopolis to Shoshoni and Shoshoni to Casper). Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fiscal Year 2024 Contract for Services to Victims of Crime between the State of Wyoming, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Victim Services and Fremont County Attorney Victim Witness Program for an amount of \$105,000. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fiscal Year 2024 Contract for Services to Victims of Crime between the State of Wyoming, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Victim Services and Fremont County Sheriff's Office Victim Witness Program in the amount of \$67,646. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2023-17 "Appointment of a Special Prosecutor" from the Teton County Attorney's Office. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Ron Fabrizius, to approve a Capital Revolving Fund authorization from the ISS Department for seven computers for the Coroner's Office and Planning Department as part of the annual replacement plan, totaling \$7,570. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve purchase of the seven computers for the ISS replacement plan from Dell Computers in the amount of \$7,570. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) Registration materials for the WACO 2023 conference in Casper from September 26-28, 2023. Vice-Chairman Jones will attend the first 1.5 days and Chairman Allen and Commissioners Thomas, McCarty and Fabrizius will attend the entire session.

The Public Comment period was held.

Dr. Troy Jones returned to the meeting to discuss concerns presented the previous meeting against the Library Director, Library Board and Commissioners' Administrative Assistant regarding perceived political prejudice. He further stated one of these individuals is the same person that runs the primary and general elections and that the public trust is lost. The concern has continued beyond the original FOIA request and he doesn't trust what happened and is not alone in that sentiment. Chairman Larry Allen stated the Commission is waiting on a legal opinion from the County Attorney's Office and acknowledged that should be available by the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as requested by Dr. Jones.

Tina Clifford had e-mailed an Official Complaint to the Commission the previous evening and delivered a hard copy to them stating "I am writing to file a complaint of discrimination against the FCLS regarding my May 31, 2023 application to the Library Board." She felt she had been discriminated against and further stated "Perry Cook not only discriminated against me because of political affiliation and belief but also because of religion." She asked for action to remedy this violation committed by your employee (Admin Assistant) and board appointee. She then referenced a concern to the Commission to look into movies shown by a group on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Riverton Library Branch. She was informed that the County Attorney's Office is also looking into this matter.

Marta Mossburg, recently appointed Library Board member, felt that the FOIA request of e-mails did show an attempt to keep her off the Library Board and stated she is filing a formal complaint as well. She

referenced the formal board training presented by County Clerk Julie Freese at their last meeting who stated it is not the individual Board's role to select fellow board members, this is the role of the County Commission. Freese further stated individual (Library) board members can be individually liable if they don't cross every T and dot every I. It seems that both the Library Board nor the County Commission have been following procedure. The Open Meetings Act prohibits meeting between board members to be held outside of regularly scheduled meetings. She reiterated the advertising for the county appointed board vacancies stated a May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and questioned why Perry Cook's application to re-apply for another term was taken after that date.

Krissy Hernandez distributed copies of a Complaint regarding Explicit/Pornography in the Public Library in which her son was going to the teen section of the Lander branch when he passed by an older man viewing hardcore pornography. Upon reporting this to her, she addressed three Library staff and asked for policies and procedures lacing filters/blocks on such material. They could provide no answer so she discussed her concerns with Director Marple who had not returned her call by the upcoming Library Board meeting, so she attended that and expressed concern to the Board. The Library Board was also unable to produce policies and procedures and her formal complaint to the Commission is to make sure filters/blocks are part of the Library System's policies and procedures. She further referenced United States V. American Library Association in which the Supreme Court ruled in 2003 that the Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires public schools and libraries that receive federal funds or discounts to install internet-filtering software that blocks indecent material, does not violate the First Amendment's freedom of speech clause. Hernandez stated she had contacted five other county libraries to see what their policies were and presented a list for the Commissioners' information.

Kristen McClelland, a Library Board member, spoke on behalf of a concerned taxpayer and citizen, and echoed her concern that there are no porn filters on the Library internet system, which is connected to the County's internet system. She finds it sickening that her tax dollars allow porn and other illegal material not protected by First Amendment Rights. There are no restraints by the Library and her tax dollars may be providing county employee access to porn while at work as well. She stated she would be fired immediately if she accessed such a site while on working hours. She asked that filters be placed on Library computers.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas asked Ms. McClelland if she understood that the Library Board is a governing board, not an advisory board, and as such several of the items mentioned today should go directly to the Library Board and not to the Commission. He recommended the Library Board be scheduled to attend an upcoming Commission meeting to discuss their responsibilities as a governing board. As such, they need to understand how to conduct themselves outside of meetings, their relationship to their Director, etc. That Board has the authority to act in the capacity that they are asking the Commission to take responsibility for.

Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session for personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held at 10:00 a.m., as advertised, regarding a Retail Liquor License submitted by the Eastern Shoshone Tribe d/b/a Shoshone Rose Casino & Hotel. There were eleven people present in the audience (a complete list is on file in the Commissioners' Office). Marketing Manager Jamie Williams stated they have decided to go this route to establish a distribution channel with the State of Wyoming for hard liquor purchases. They have been operating under a permit from the Wind River Intertribal Council from local distributors for beer and wine coolers only but will require approval by the state to purchase hard liquor, via a liquor license with Fremont County. They do not intend to offer retail off site liquor sales (drive up). She is a TIPS trainer and staff are trained as well by herself or on-line. They do have a Standard Operations Procedure that follows other gaming facilities, and they will only serve alcohol in the restaurant and the bar and lounge, no alcohol will be served on the gaming floor. Their standard is two drinks per hour for safe consumption. Eastern Shoshone Chairman John St. Clair spoke in support of the license as a business decision for the Tribe. The focus is not for their people but hoping that the tourists, wedding and birthday celebrations, etc. will have it available for them. They have been serving the malt beverages on a trial basis and developed appropriate procedures. Chairman St. Clair further read a 1990 Resolution No. 6499 into the record in which the General Council gave the Business Council the authority to act on their behalf to carry out the business of the Shoshone Tribe and again ratified in 2013 by Resolution No. 10523. Commissioner Fabrizius referenced an informal survey he performed prior to the Wind River Casino's liquor license application held earlier in the year in which 12

Native Americans did not want to see alcohol in the that casino with two in the affirmative. Most recently with the Shoshone Rose Application, he cited a County 10 poll in which 437 respondents were against alcohol and 136 were in the affirmative. Brian VanEnkenvoort, Shoshone Rose General Manager, spoke in support of the license, stating that keeping alcohol sales in the restricted rooms will make it easier to control. There was no written public comment received. Mark Keiser was present in the audience and questioned why the County Commission would be issuing the liquor license on the Reservation and not the State or Federal Government, stated most of the residents don't pay taxes, and asked what the cost would be to Fremont County for alcohol related instances. Chairman Allen stated the County and Wind River Intertribal Council are working on a Memorandum of Understanding to develop procedures for others who may want to apply for a liquor license on the WRIR and they have approval by the Wind River Intertribal Council. Commissioner Clarence Thomas, who represents the WRIR in his Commission district, stated that the BIA responds to law enforcement issues on the WRIR and the County assists when needed. Members of the reservation are county residents and to separate them is concerning to him. Vice-Chairman Mike Jones stated Congress passed legislation allowing Indian tribes to regulate liquor in Indian country, to which the Wind River Tribes responded to this option by adopting an ordinance which allows sales on the reservation if made in accordance with Wyoming law. Chairman Allen noted he had spoken with Sheriff Lee prior to granting approval of the Wind River Casino's retail liquor license who stated they had not responded to an abnormal amount of calls at the establishment. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve a Retail Liquor License for the Eastern Shoshone Tribe d/b/a Shoshone Rose Casino & Hotel. Voting against the motion: Ron Fabrizius. Motion carried.

Coroner Erin Ivie gave a department report and stated the number of cases so far in 2023 is 90 (2022=89). Accidental deaths are at 24 (2022=17); suicide at 3 (2022=5); and two homicides (2022=1). Vehicular accidents are at eight, the same as this time period in 2022. Drugs and/or alcohol use continues to be a common factor in a majority of these incidents (5 of the 8). The regular annual supply order has been placed and most of it received with the other items backordered. The portable x-ray machine purchased with LATC funding is available and will be shipped pending receipt of payment. There have been six autopsies completed in July with three out-of-county cases. There have been no unclaimed burials this year and the office has assisted with two direct burials at Mountain View Cemetery. The cooler in the morgue facility in Lander has been down and maintenance is working on it. There is a vacant medical building in Riverton that she will be looking at later in the week for a possible location for a new Coroner building. It already has many of the amenities they are looking for a morgue/office space (showers, eyewash station, laboratory, meeting room, office space) and could be retrofitted for minimal cost compared to a new building.

Treatment Courts and Youth Services Director Cassie Murray was present for a monthly report. CAST Program: She stated that she would like to hire a successful applicant for the Adult Case Manager position at a beginning wage of \$53,600. The applicant is available to begin immediately pending Commission approval. Chairman Larry Allen stated the Board had previously given approval to fill the position so to proceed with the hiring process with the successful applicant. The CAST fees collected last month totaled \$470. Juvenile Treatment Court: is awaiting word from the Department of Health on the provisional licensing of candidates for the Therapist position. Youth Services: Will be attending the Lander City Council meeting to request funding for the upcoming year. They are seeing citations for drugs and alcohol predominately this past month in both Lander and Riverton. All the schools will be starting up by August 21<sup>st</sup> and over half of the citations issued are done by the School Resource Officers each year, so they anticipate that this will remain the same for this upcoming year. Day Reporting Center: School begins August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Working with School District #25 on an MOU for the upcoming year and completed contract with the school district for meals for school.

The Library Director' personnel updates and requests to rehire was the next agenda item. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to table all requests from the Library Director until the Commission has the opportunity to meet with the Library Board. Voting against the motion: Mike Jones, Jennifer McCarty and Larry Allen. Motion failed. Library Board member John Angst (via Zoom) stated that the Commission's efforts in regards to the Library are exemplary and he appreciates their efforts in being prudent, and offered thanks to County Clerk Julie Freese and Administrative Assistant Becky Enos in their assistance to the off-line boards. Vice-Chairman Jones stated his nay vote was because the daily operation of the Library, which is the subject of today's item, is the duty of the Library Director, but understood the caution in relation to the investigation the Commissioners are undertaking. Library Director Anita Marple reviewed the personnel updates and request to rehire as follows: 1) For the Riverton Branch, adjust the part-time, benefitted Library Assistant II Adult Services position from 34-hours to 32-hours at a base salary of \$25,088; and increase the part-time, benefitted Library Assistant II

Youth Services position from 28-hours to 30-hours at a base salary of \$23,520; 2) Rehire the Riverton Branch part-time, benefitted Library Assistant II position at a base salary not to exceed \$25,088; 3) For the Dubois Branch, change the 20-hour, benefitted Custodial/Maintenance position to a 21-hour, benefitted Library Assistant II position at a base salary of \$16,544; and change the 19-hour, non-benefitted Library Assistant I position to a 16-hour, non-benefitted Custodial/Maintenance position at a base salary of \$12,480; and 4) Rehire the Dubois Branch 16-hour, non-benefitted Custodial/Maintenance position at a base salary not to exceed \$12,480. Needs assessments have confirmed the recommended changes. Commissioner Thomas asked Marple if the Library Board had approved the changes presented. Vice-Chairman Jones referenced the hiring freeze the County has been under since 2012 in which personnel changes and hiring requests have to come before the Commissioners, even if it is within their budget. County Clerk Freese acknowledged that the County handles their accounts payable and payroll; however, the Library system reviews their own budget and the only reason they appear before the Commission is because of the hiring freeze in place. Library Board Chair Carrie Johnson addressed the Commission and confirmed that per the Library System By-Laws, Article IX, the Library Director shall administer policies adopted by the Board, employ, direct and supervise staff, etc. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the changes and refilling authorizations as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas was absent from the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Jennifer McCarty and Mike Jones were absent from a portion of the meeting.

WYDOT District Engineer Pete Hallsten and District Construction Engineer Randy Merritt presented an overview of the State Transportation Improvement Program for 2024-2029. There were 26 people in the audience (a complete list is available in the Commissioners' Office). A spreadsheet was distributed outlining scheduled projects in Fremont County and a Wyoming Report on Traffic Crashes in 2022 was also distributed. The bottom line is that funding is not keeping up with inflation along with delays in the supply chain.

Commissioners Mike Jones and Jennifer McCarty returned to the meeting.

Planning Department Supervisor Steve Baumann provided an update on the Hillcrest Drive Strategic Plan. Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks and Lander Mayor's Assistant RaJean Strube Fossen were also present. Mortimore Lane south of Lander has been included as a priority for 1% funding due to its unsafe width and potential issues related to high use by pedestrians and bicyclists. In March of 2021 Fremont County and the City of Lander applied for WYDOT funding for a Strategic Plan from inside the City Limits to Mortimore Lane, specifically looking at safety and multimodal traffic use with the intent of developing the basis for updating the road to better reflect current use. He reviewed the completed Strategic Plan which looked at seven different options, of which Alternative 5 – Mortimore Lane Inspired Section, was the preferred one (like the Mortimore Lane reconstruction from Sinks Canyon Road to the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie, an attached pathway was included on the north side of the road. The pathway is an extended shoulder with a rumble strip buffer between the travel way and a 5-foot bike lane, and another 5-foot on the outside of the shoulder intended for pedestrian usage). The study included two public meetings and comments were used to develop the pro's and con's to determine a Preferred Alternative. He requested the Commission accept the results of the Strategic Plan to facilitate moving forward with engineering and design and ultimate reconstruction of Hillcrest Drive. Fossen confirmed that Lander supported the Preferred Alternative 5 as well for the .3-mile section of road from Bridger Street to the City limits whereby the County's responsibility begins all the way through to Mortimore Lane. The total cost is estimated to be \$3.75 million with approximately \$100,000 needed for engineering work. Meeks stated there is funding available for the County's portion of this cost through the Road and Bridge fund. Mike Jones moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to accept the results of the Strategic Plan and the Preferred Alternative 5 and facilitate moving forward with engineering and design for the Hillcrest Drive project. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann reviewed proposed amendments to the current Fremont County Regular and Simple Subdivision Regulations. Due to statutory language changes, real estate and banking requirements and changes recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission, he reviewed the proposed amendments. He further noted these are the same amendments as reviewed by the Commissioners in September of 2022 with the exception of the Commission's requested change for 90' gravel turning circle for fire trucks in cul-de-sac's and new fencing regulations that came out of the 2023 Legislative Session. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to begin the 45-day comment period on the proposed

amendments to the Fremont County Regular and Simple Subdivision Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann presented a proposed plat for the Wyoming Modelers Park Subdivision, a 20 acre parcel adjacent to the Riverton Motorsports Complex, off Paradise Valley Road and adjacent to the Central Wyoming Airport. Mike Jones moved. Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Jones reviewed his proposal for the EMS Exploratory Committee for Fremont County and the Commission concurred to move forward with advertising for interested applicants of which two from each County Commissioner District will be chosen. They will join County Clerk Julie Freese, Assessor Tara Berg and Treasurer Jim Anderson, along with Commissioners Larry Allen and Mike Jones, to explore multiple solutions and formulate a county-wide survey of options. Applications will be taken until August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer Jim Anderson presented the engagement letter from auditors Carver Florek & James, CPA's for the year ended June 30, 2023. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the engagement letter as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 3:30 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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

/s/ LARRY ALLEN, CHAIRMAN  
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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