

STATE OF WYOMING        )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT     )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 16, 2023

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners met in Special Session at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Chairman Larry Allen (Zoom), Vice-Chairman Michael Jones (in person), Jennifer McCarty (speaker phone) and Clarence Thomas and Ron Fabrizius (Zoom). County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

The meeting had been called to address several items that were time sensitive and could not wait until the next Regular Meeting for action.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Allen reviewed a letter from Dubois Mayor Neveaux regarding the Horse Creek Road Curb Replacement project. Fremont County Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks was present via Zoom. The letter referenced a recent meeting with Commissioner Allen and Meeks and the Dubois Public Works Director to discuss the curb replacement on the corner of Horse Creek Road and Ramshorn Street. The corner “as is” condition is dangerous and unacceptable. Any semi-truck turning north on to Horse Creek Road from Ramshorn (from the east) would need to swing into the oncoming lane of traffic. Commissioner Allen and Meeks had informed them that the County could assist with funding to alleviate this issue prior to the completion of the project. The Town proposes to pay for the prep work, sub-grade, base and a 10-foot easement (\$15,000) plus in-kind. They are requesting the County pay for moving the Street Light Circuit Access Vault through High Plains Power (\$1,882.00); concrete work including ADA ramp, replacement of curb and gutter and asphalt (\$19,950.00) and Nelson Engineering expenses (\$1,050.00). Asphalt is scheduled to be laid in the next two weeks so time is of the essence. Commissioner Allen asked the Commission to consider an additional \$25,000 from the Fremont County 1% fund. Meeks stated he has polled the 1% Committee and they are in favor of the proposal as well. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve \$25,000 from the 1% fund to assist Dubois in the completion of the Horse Creek Road Project. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Neveaux was present via Zoom and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Town of Dubois.

Chairman Allen reviewed a letter of support for Charter Communications’ application for Connect Wyoming Capital Projects Fund Program funding for Fremont County. Charter’s commitment to supporting rural broadband aligns with Fremont County’s goals of fostering economic development and enhancing the overall quality of life for our residents. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the letter of support to the Wyoming Business Council on behalf of Charter’s application for the Connect Wyoming Capital Projects Fund Program. Motion carried unanimously.

A Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding application for federal funding for FY 2024 Dust Suppression was discussed. The County’s local match amount is \$65,504.00 and the grant funding request is for \$262,416.00 for a total of \$328,000.00 for the project which would provide product for 45.86 miles. As the deadline for the grant submission was the previous day (August 15), Chairman Allen agreed to sign the application in order to meet the deadline, which makes it necessary to ratify the action. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to ratify the application and Resolution No. 2023-18 “Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Federal Funding through the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program Administered by the Wyoming Department of Transportation for Fremont County Commissioners for the Purpose of the CMAQ 2024 Project. Motion carried unanimously. County Clerk Julie Freese will send a memo to Departments stating the Commission does not want to handle any business in between Regular Meetings and that ratifying documents will not be continued. Chairman Jones concurred and stressed that all official business must be handled in a Regular Meeting and that only in emergency circumstances should a Special Meeting be called.

There being no further business, Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:10 a.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2023.

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, COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE BOARD