

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 10, 2025

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 Freese and Civil Deputy Attorney Nathan Maxon were present.

Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 3rd Regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarence Thomas moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
71 Construction	Road Material Inventory	Contract Services	\$9,755.89
Ace Hardware-Lander	County Buildings	Materials / Supplies	\$149.82
Allen, Larry	County Commission	Expense Reimburse	\$4,097.40
AlSCO Inc	County Buildings	Laundry	\$344.80
Artery Construction Inc	1% Gravel Projects	Contract Services	\$2,972.50
B&M Septic & Excavation Srvcs LLC	1% Gravel Projects	Contract Services	\$4,350.00
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Inventory	Bulk Fuel	\$20,642.38
Big Horn Water	Youth Services	Bottled Water	\$203.50
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander	County Buildings Detention	Materials / Supplies	\$22.67
Bloedorn Lumber-Riverton	County Buildings	Materials / Supplies	\$6.78
BMO Financial Group	Segregated	Credit Card Charges	\$77,479.92
Centurylink	Computer Services	Telephone Service	\$760.73
Charter Communications	Computer Services	Internet Service	\$230.00
CNA Surety	Clerk Of District Court	Surety Bonds	\$200.00
Dubois Frontier The	Support Services	Advertising	\$47.78
Dubois, Town Of	County Buildings	Utility Service	\$145.47
Foutz, Traci L	Health Nurse	Reimburse Expenses	\$169.87
Fremont County Assoc. Of Govt.	Special Tax	Economic Development	\$3,035.08
Fremont County School Dist #25	Youth Services	Meals	\$45.00
Frontier Ambulance LLC	Fremont County Ambulance	Subsidy / Reimbursement	\$160,489.09
Grainger	County Buildings Detention	Materials / Supplies	\$1,132.72
High Plains Power, Inc	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$1,308.50
Injury Prevention Resources	Segregated	Contract Services	\$4,325.94
Jones, Michael	County Commission	Expense Reimburse	\$36.07
Judkins, Heather	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$625.00
Kairos Broadcasting LLC	Prevention Program	Advertising	\$1,170.00
Lander Journal	County Clerk	Subscription Renew	\$65.00
Lander, City Of	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$2,743.04
Martinsen, Jacob	Transportation	Expense Reimburse	\$243.79
Mid-Amer Research Chemical	County Buildings	Supplies	\$791.00
Mindful Insight	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$1,562.50
Napa Auto Parts-Riverton	Transportation	Parts & Supplies	\$56.68
Nms Laboratories	County Coroner	Services	\$2,900.00
Norco Inc	Segregated	Supplies	\$1,313.08
Office Shop Inc, The	Computer Services	Copier Service	\$57.50
Pavillion, Town Of	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$112.50
Quill Corporation	Fremont County WIC	Supplies	\$313.49
Relx Inc.	County Attorney	Research Subscription	\$819.00
Riverton, City Of	Special Tax	Economic Development	\$6,070.16
Rocky Mountain Power	Segregated	Utility Services	\$16,241.65

Rodriguez, Jessica	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$750.00
Sanchez, Amanda	Clerk Of District Court	Expense Reimburse	\$160.00
Shoshoni, Town Of	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$80.00
Smith Psychological Services	Detention Center	Services	\$400.00
T-Y Excavation Inc	Road Construction	Maintenance	\$2,270.00
Whiting Law, P.C.	District Court	Court Appointment	\$480.00
Wolf, Nancy J	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$1,843.75
Workpartners	Health Benefit Plan	Membership	\$800.00
WY Dept Of Transportation	Haymaker Bridge Project	Bridge Project	\$14.51
Wyoglass LLC	ARPA Program Grant	Services	\$15,473.97
Wyoming Dept Of Transportation	Segregated	Wydot Fuel	\$2,804.71
Wyoming Office Attorney General	24/7 Program	Program Fees	\$4,456.00
Wyoming State 4-H Foundation	Agriculture Department	Registration	\$135.00
Wyoming Waste Systems	County Buildings	Trash Removal	\$3,497.34
Zoro Tools Inc	County Buildings	Equipment / Supplies	\$118.99

Ron Fabrizius moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the voucher from Ethos Transportation Assistance in the amount of \$1,329.74 for Title 25 costs. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Mike Jones moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded to approve a BlueCross BlueShield ASO Group plan change, changes were discussed and approved on April 8, 2025. Motion carried unanimously. 2) Mike Jones moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded to approve a Final Proof of Loss for a 2024 Chevy Silverado from Wyoming Association of Risk Management. Final Loss and Damage is \$8,206.13, member deductible is \$5,000 and the amount claimed under the stated policy is \$3,206.13 to be paid to Fremont County. The remainder of the bill to be paid for by the Sheriff Office's budget. Motion carried unanimously. 3) Mike Jones moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded to approve an agreement between Fremont County and the WIC Program through the Wyoming Dept. of Health, Public Health Division was approved. This includes an increase of funding from \$527,000 to \$707,459.23 with an expiration date of June 30, 2028. Motion carried unanimously. 4) Letter of appreciation for Museum Board Member Janice Girven. 5) Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded to approve Right-of-way easements 2025-019U - 2025-150U. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) A request for an extension on the ½% Economic Development Funds for HoneyFly Company was reviewed. The commission requests he come in person to meet with the Commissioners. 2) A late submission applicant for an opening on the Recreation Commission was reviewed, request was made to re-advertise the open position and ask if the applicant wishes to keep his application for consideration. 3) Breakdown of Coroner Building Remodel into 3 phases. 4) Online Sports Wagering Act Funding Availability. 5) Wind River Visitor's Council Budget 6) Invitation to a Court Assisted Supervised Treatment (CAST) graduation on June 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Public Comment was held.

Kim Fabrizius was present and wanted to share a few pictures showing how the public is enjoying the new County Fair Annex Building.

County Fair General Manager Pat Hart and Fair Board Member Trevor Bekken were present to address concerns about the new Fair Annex parking lot. They made a request for an additional \$15,000 in funding to be able to transport road base to the parking lot. Billy Meeks in the Transportation department would provide the man power and equipment to blade the parking lot, but is not able to transport the material to the Fair Annex. Materials includes a base layer from the sunset arena and a top layer of ground up asphalt from the City of Riverton. Ron Fabrizius moved, Mike Jones seconded to approve their request to utilize up to \$15,000 for repairs to the Fair Annex parking lot from their ARPA Recreation Facility repair funding which has a current balance of \$33,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Jared Hall was present to request an additional \$155.35 to complete repairs on the 2023 Chevy Traverse done by Rodney's Collision & Custom Center. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded to approve the additional \$155.35 in repairs to come out of the Sheriff's Department Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Hall also discussed the bid for repairs on the Frontier Ambulance, which will be covered by Frontier's insurance and was informational only.

Sheriff Ryan Lee presented his monthly report. Administrative Secretary Amanda Glanz was present. The update covers the last 28 days since last reporting. Detention: 139 in house and 137 in custody (Males 98, Females 41, Juveniles 0, State Hospital 1, Out of County 1). Bookings total 247. Current sentencing demographics total 38 (29 males, 9 females). Current pre-adjudicated inmates total 101. Three openings for Deputy Sheriffs with two in background. The overall budget is at 92%. Emergency Dispatch Center: Currently fully staffed. No budget concerns. LATC County-wide Communications updates indicate all equipment has arrived and being programmed and distributed. Phase 1 completed (handheld radio cache in service at EMA, Jail, Dubois and Shoshoni PD). Phase 2 completed (mountain top repeater upgrades) and Phase 3 almost finalized (base stations installed and completing Transportation Department radios). Black Mountain repeater system remains down. Windy Ridge scheduled for final repairs May 29th. Calls for Service: Incoming, 5,350. Total Dispatched 2,035 (1,194 Law Enforcement, 637 EMS, 204 Fire). Patrol/Enforcement: Staffing is down two positions in Dubois (two working part time). Total calls for service are 2875 this year. Investigations continuing work on a multitude of cases countywide. The overall budget is under at 88% (at 92% of the fiscal year elapsed). Reimbursement pending of \$32,100 for Pack Trail and Fish Creek Fires. Search and Rescue: Mission count this fiscal year has 25 missions compared to 26 this time last year with one fatality. No budget concerns.

County Coroner Erin Ivie presented a monthly report of data as of June 8th, and noted there are six cases pending toxicology/autopsy reports. Number of cases so far in 2025 is 66 (2024=75). Case numbers are down with accidental deaths at 10 (2024=18). No suicides for this period (2024=5). Three homicides (2024=7). One case ruled Undetermined (2024=1). Four vehicular fatalities (Totals will change after cases are completed). Currently seeing an uptick in the ease of purchase of kratom and have a possible death related to kratom. They are seeing more kratom and kratom paraphernalia in homes and at sites they are being called to. Currently at 94.5% of the budget, with the potential of being over budget by \$20,000 which could be offset by revenue received. Contractual Autopsy is at 125% budget, \$86,896.00 has been collected this fiscal year (42 cases) with approx. \$12,150 (6 cases pending billing). Current total anticipated revenue is \$99,046.00 or 143% of budgeted revenue. Ivie noted she had budgeted for 60 autopsies (contractual and local) the line item for Dr. Frost's "salary" is over the budgeted amount. Fremont County autopsy accounts for 33 of the 81 autopsies performed at the Fremont County facility this fiscal year. One autopsy was performed in Fort Collins for scheduling reasons. Discussion was held on the new Coroner's building and the need for Ivie to apply for grants for costs above the purchase and limited remodeling costs. SLIB has some grant opportunities. Ivie noted that she is not a grant writer and could use some assistance. Clerk Freese noted that there is a grant paperwork process that she will send that between the Clerk and Treasurer, she can get some assistance from those offices.

Executive Director of CAST, JTC, and Youth Services Cassie Murray presented a monthly department report. Treatment Courts: Murray has continued to complete juvenile ASI's who are in custody at Fremont County Detention Center. She mentioned there are periods of time where they have more than usual, and recently they are seeing an increase. Treatment Court sent 3 staff to National Training at the end of May, and were able to bring back new treatment court standards. Court Assisted Supervised Treatment (CAST): Collected \$460 in fees in May. One individual entered the program this month and 11 individuals currently working through the acceptance process. There are currently three at residential treatment that should join them when they return. Have one graduation this month. Juvenile Treatment Court (JTC): No fees were collected in May and two graduations last month, one juvenile on target to graduate next month. They have a couple of individuals working through the process to come to the program and currently waiting on the court decisions. Youth Services (Juvenile Justice Services) is the diversion probation for Fremont County. City of Riverton request for funding is initially approved for \$30,000 which is more than requested. Federal Grant Funds have been released and the program will receive \$83,440 which is an increase of \$33,440. Probation: citations were up in May, with a total of 21 citations (Riverton - 8; Lander - 13). The age range most cited in May was 12-14 year olds (1 of the citations was written for a 12-year-old); Twelve citations were for alcohol or drugs, of these, seven citations were alcohol related the other six related to marijuana. four citations related to a crime against the public (mostly interfering with a police officer); one citation was related to a crime against a person, one citations were for a property case. Day Reporting Center: School ended on June 5th, with one student finishing up a class so that they can graduate.

Planning Department Supervisor Steve Baumann presented a fuel bid and a petition to maintain roads within a subdivision. The Planning Department sent out emails to five fuel supply companies who have previously bid for WYDOT fuel deliveries in Fremont County. Delivery sites would include 4 Fremont County controlled distribution sites and two Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District facilities. As of June 3rd at 11:00am only one bid had been submitted from Bailey Enterprises. The bid consisted of mark-up price for delivered fuel will be: \$0.299 per gallon for unleaded and \$0.308 per gallon for diesel in Lander and Pavillion, \$0.237 per gallon for unleaded and \$0.245 per gallon for diesel in Riverton and \$0.349 per

gallon for unleaded and \$0.369 per gallon for diesel in Lysite. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded to approve the contract with Bailey Enterprises, Inc. DBA Red Horse Energy. Motion carried unanimously. Baumann discussed a petition to maintain roads within the Fox Springs and Painted Hills Subdivision. The Fox Springs Subdivision, north of Riverton, has limited access during inclement weather, limited maintenance is causing washboarding and erosion which is hindering property valuations due to poor road conditions and Transportation uses this road to access water. Painted Hills Subdivision, east of Dubois, has seen an increase in traffic to view bighorn sheep, accesses public land of Kingfisher Dr. and is used as an alternative to Hwy 26 if anything compromises existing bridges. Baumann reiterated that serious consideration of the benefits vs. cost to the county should be considered when a request is made for maintenance of a subdivision, and that it should provide a significant nexus or some direct benefit to the Public.

Brayden Connour Director of Investments Wyoming Energy Authority, Consultants from HBW Resources included: Andrew Browning – partner, Ryan Scott – VP Risk Management and Sustainability Reporting, and Shawn Waldron – Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, were present for a discussion on Energy Development in Fremont County. HBW Resources is a government affairs, advocacy, public relations, and communications firm exclusively focused on traditional and renewable energy, environment, conservation, technology, and transportation issues. Scott presented an overview of five key areas of focus for growth in Fremont County including carbon capture, utilization, and storage; next-generation oil and gas; hydrogen and ammonia; renewables; and large-scale electricity consumers, such as AI and data centers. The commissioners noted that while oil and gas production has provided significant employment and revenue, there have been challenges that need to be addressed, including road maintenance due to heavy industrial and equipment traffic. It was suggested that a maintenance agreement between the developers and the county could potentially mitigate issues. Energy development opportunities were discussed with the main limitation being access to roads, major highways, and train rails for transportation of goods. The County is open to energy development and expressed a desire for more information.

Judge Coombs was present to offer his support for the Court Assisted Supervised Treatment (CAST) program and how important it is. He expressed his concerns that it would cost more if the program didn't exist and that prevention is the best option.

Wellness Director Tatum Hall and Commissioner Clarence Thomas were present to discuss the Responsible Gambling Fund. Thomas would like to see a program created to address responsible gambling, especially since there is a significant gambling presence in the area and would like to have Hall manage the program. The current budget of \$73,968 would go towards 10% salary and fringe benefits, with the remaining going towards advertising, contractual services, training, printing, educational programming and other prevention efforts. The commissioners agreed to treat this as an independent program, separate from the wellness program, targeting employees and their families, with additional resources for the general public. The deadline for funding is June 30th.

The Commission adjourned for lunch at 11:45am to return at 1:00pm.

A scholarship renewal application was reviewed. Jennifer McCarty moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded to accept the scholarship renewal for Teaghan Chesmore in the amount of \$500 per semester for a total of \$1000 for the academic year. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Work Session

Treasurer Budget – accepted as presented. Treasurer Jim Anderson was present to discuss staffing challenges and the benefits vs cost on the budget, it was decided to leave the one open position vacant.

County Clerk Julie Freese provided a recap of the Budget Work Session held on Monday June 9, 2025.

CAST, JTC, and Youth Services – will provide an updated budget next week.

Library – will provide an updated budget next week.

With all adjustments made to the budget Freese noted there will be a remainder of \$1,142,546 to be distributed at the Commissioners purview.

Commissioner Jones suggested increasing the reserves, and to set the Ambulance budget to \$500,000 in order so as not to use the ½% Economic Development funds until a policy can be put into place for the remaining funds.

Treasurer Jim Anderson discussed the Museum's budget and how it can undergo a true-up process depending on previous years Mill levy percentages and the possibility of having to pay back funds received, just as something to keep in mind.

Budget was tentatively approved as presented for advertisement purposes.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 2:15 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on June 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report (informational only) and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website (www.fremontcountyyw.gov). The meeting recording 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