

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Chairman Travis Becker, Vice-Chairman Larry Allen, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Mike Jones. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 9, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Chairman Travis Becker abstained from voting on The Print Shop voucher. Motion carried.

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor Name-Department-Description-Amount: A & I Distributors-Vehicle Maintenance-Oil/Fluids-\$747.57; Ace Hardware-Lander-County Buildings-Materials/Supplies -\$203.86; Airgas USA LLC-Vehicle Maintenance-Supplies -\$153.94; Amerigas-County Buildings-Supplies -\$449.02; Amerigas Propane LP-County Buildings-Tank Rent-\$63.00; Ameritech Equipment Co.-County Buildings Detention- Fogger And Solution -\$7876.60; Bank Of The West-Segregated-Materials/ Supplies -\$48209.91; Barcodes LLC-County Clerk-Supplies -\$403.74; Caselle, Inc-Computer Services-Service-\$200.00; Centurylink-Computer Services-Telephone Service-\$916.35; Charter Communications-Computer Services-Internet Service-\$339.96; Database Development Services-Youth Services-Database Service-\$630.00; Div. Of Criminal Investigation-Youth Services-Background Check -\$78.00; Eagle Uniform & Supply Co-Vehicle Maintenance- Laundry-\$78.52; Freese, Julie-County Clerk-Reimburse Petty Cash-\$5.80; Fremont Broadcasting-Prevention Program-Advertising-\$1500.00; Grainger-County Buildings Detention-Materials/Supplies -\$577.84; Hall, Jared-Vehicle Maintenance-Reimburse Expenses-\$140.00; High Plains Power, Inc-County Buildings- Utility Services-\$1555.21; IWORQ Systems Inc-Transportation-Service Agreement -\$5400.00; Johnson, Jill-Transportation-Reimburse Expenses-\$124.99; Kisling, Lisa-District Court-Court Appointment-\$4147.50; Lander Valley Auto Parts-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/ Supplies -\$973.33; Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton-District Court-Court Appointment-\$45.00; McKay, Katherine G.-District Court-Court Appointment-\$2452.50; Native American Fatherhood & Families Assoc.-Prevention Program-Workshop & Books -\$1215.00; Norco Inc-Segregated-Service / Supplies-\$41.43; Office Shop Inc, The-Agriculture Department-Repair/Service -\$52.20; Office Shop Inc, The-Computer Services-Copier Lease -\$1376.00; Orion Healthcare Tech. Inc-Segregated-Treatment Program -\$2808.00; Pavillion, Town of-County Buildings-Water Utilities-\$119.49; Peterbilt of Wyoming-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$17.80; Quadiant Inc-Planning- Parcel Charges-\$26.12; Quill Corporation-County Attorney- Office Supplies-\$58.15; Rocky Mountain Power-County Buildings-Utilities-\$1077.48; Stotz Equipment-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Equipment/Supplies-\$148.35; Sweetwater Aire LLC-Segregated-Repair / Maintenance-\$17024.88; Traveling Computers-Computer Services-Computer Supplies, Services-\$1216.22; Verizon Wireless-Computer Services-Cellphone Service-\$58.64; Wrangler Well Service Inc-PHEP COVID Response-Heater Rental-\$1400.00; Wy State Lands & Investments-Transportation-Temp Use Fee- Lease-\$550.00; Wyoming Dept of Transportation-Segregated-Wydot Fuel -\$1268.10; Wyoming Machinery Co-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$3941.86; Wyonet Inc.-Computer Services-Telephone Service-\$3264.48.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept a voucher from Natrona County Legal Department in the amount of \$5,705.00 and from Fremont Counseling Service in the amount of \$9,750.00 for Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed. 1) Record of Proceedings. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to ratify approval of Home Source Realty Real Estate Brokerage documents for the Lander and Riverton county building sale. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a BlueCross Blue Shield ASO Group Plan Change regarding Teledoc consultations and expiration update regarding COVID-19 benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

Items in the Priority Mail were reviewed. County Clerk Julie Freese reviewed her letter to the Dubois Mayor thanking him for making provisions to reserve the Headwaters Community Arts and Conference Center building for the Primary, General and Special Elections for future elections.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

Commissioner meeting reports were given.

Chairman Travis Becker stated the COVID conference call did not happen the previous day due to the President's Day Holiday; however, noted there is only one person in the hospital and there have been 235 unique individuals admitted since the pandemic started almost one year ago.

A Public Hearing was held at 9:30 a.m., as advertised, regarding Unanticipated Revenues. County Clerk Julie Freese and Financial Specialist Michelle Neuenschwander were present. There was nobody present in the audience. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2021-07 "FY 2020-2021 Budget Amendment No. 8." Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Health Insurance Committee had been requested to review a Colonial Life quote for coverage for air and ground ambulance benefits. Committee members Larry Allen and Margy Irvine stated the Committee was not in favor of the plan as quoted. In the meantime, the current air and ground ambulance contract with MASA is being reviewed and a recommendation will be made at the Commission's March meeting on renewing that plan for the benefit of County employees, along with a renewal Contract for Wellness benefits.

Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jodi Darrough was present (via Zoom) to review a revised Ground Ambulance Service Provider Agreement. Carl Freeman, Dispatch Supervisor, was present and stated the Sheriff's Office approved of additional wording relating to communication equipment. Darrough had listed several additional questions and they were reviewed. Chairman Becker recommended a Request for Proposal be the method used to solicit interest, and to allow companies to submit several proposals if they wished. A deadline of March 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. was set for receipt of RFP's.

County Clerk Julie Freese distributed the Commissioners' budget and Vice-Chairman Allen will prepare it again this fiscal year. He will also prepare the Ambulance budget. Freese stated an Operation Safeguard budget be prepared as well to cover all COVID-19 related expenses, at a suggested amount of \$25,000. She continues to track these expenses, including vaccines, in case additional CARES funding becomes available in the future.

Wind River Inter-Tribal Council Transportation Director Howard Brown and Planner Winslow Friday and BIA Superintendent Leslie Shakespeare were present via Zoom to continue discussion on the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council's re-affirmation of Resolution No. 2020-11397 accepting the transfer of Trout Creek Road, Ethete Road, South Fork Road and North Fork Road from Fremont County inventory. Present in the audience was Assessor Tara Berg, Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks, Planner Steve Baumann and County Title owner Kristin Paulsen. Commissioner Thomas stated these discussions have been going on for some time now, as the Commission has worked with two previous Tribal Council members and he expressed appreciation that the Tribes re-affirmed their interest in taking over the four roads into tribal inventory.

Chairman Travis Becker and Commissioner Clarence Thomas were absent from the remainder of the meeting.

A work session was held with Fremont County legislators. Present in person were Representatives Andrea Clifford and Pepper Ottman, and via Zoom Senators Cale Case and Ed Cooper and Representatives Lloyd Larsen and Ember Oakley and County Attorney Patrick LeBrun. County Elected Officials also present in the audience were County Clerk Julie Freese, Assessor Tara Berg, Treasurer Jim Anderson and Coroner Mark Stratmoen.

Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on March 2, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report (for informational purposes only) and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website.

A work session was held at 3:30 p.m. with the Fremont County Finance Committee. Present was County Commissioner Larry Allen, Mike Jones and Jennifer McCarty, County Assessor Tara Berg, County Treasurer Jim Anderson and interim Deputy Scott Harnsberger, County Clerk Julie Freese and Deputy Margy Irvine and Financial Specialist Michelle Neuenschwander. The main topic was the impacts of SF0060 – Monthly ad valorem tax revisions. The work session adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

/s/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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