

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 13, 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, Larry Allen, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Mike Jones. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor Name – Department – Description – Amount: A & I Distributors-Vehicle Maintenance-Oil/Fluids-\$2191.78; AlSCO Inc-County Buildings-Laundry -\$220.96; Bank of the West-Segregated-Credit Card Purchases-\$42334.86; Big Horn Water-Youth Services-Water Bottles-\$121.40; Bowdel Steven P.-Detention Center-Medical Services-\$2750.00; Carquest Auto Parts-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts & Supplies-\$42.12; Charter Communications-Computer Services-Internet Services-\$114.98; Communication Technologies, Inc-Support Services-Maintenance Agreement-\$2961.87; Dubois Telephone Exchange-Segregated-Telephone Services-\$705.72; Edwards Communications-Prevention Program-Radio Advertising-\$1758.00; ESRI-Segregated-ARC GIS Maintenance-\$10600.00; Fremont Broadcasting-Prevention Program-Radio Advertising-\$1980.00; Fremont Chevrolet GMC-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts / Supplies-\$607.62; Fremont Motors - Lander-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Supplies -\$578.30; Fremont Movers, Inc-Youth Services-Contract Services -\$310.00; John Deere Financial-Transportation-Materials/Supplies-\$19.99; Lander, City of-County Buildings-Water & Sewer-\$2312.77; Lawson Products, Inc-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts & Supplies-\$197.15; Leonard, Anthony G.-Detention Center-Inmate Medical Services-\$687.50; Napa Auto Parts-Riverton-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts & Supplies-\$2773.12; Natrona County Attorney-Health & Welfare-Title 25 Services-\$4425.00; Norco, Inc-County Buildings-Supplies -\$5459.89; Office Shop Inc, The-Agriculture Department-Copy Repair/Service -\$32.24; R T Communications-Segregated-Telephone Services-\$542.06; RELX, Inc.-County Attorney-Research Subscription-\$625.00; Riverton Ranger, Inc-Support Services-Advertising-\$2420.85; Sylvestri Customization-Prevention Program-Graphic Design/Social Media-\$700.00; Verizon Wireless-Segregated-Telephone Services-\$995.51; W C & P A A-County Attorney-Membership Dues-\$700.00; Western Printing, Inc-County Assessor-Printed Supplies-\$242.29; Wyoming Dept of Transportation-Segregated-Fuel-\$1681.39; Wyoming Machinery Co-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Supplies-\$4972.57; Wyoming Waste Systems-County Buildings-Trash Removal-\$2833.36.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Abatement Summary cover page; and 2) Record of Proceedings. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fremont County Bank of the West Credit Card Application for Brett Johnson with a credit limit of \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve a Right of Way Easement for High Plains Power, Inc. on Lost Wells Butte Drive. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Conflict of Interest Policy for Martha Petersdorf Hospital Trust. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the 2021 Distribution of \$18,000 in Petersdorf Hospital Trust income as follows: \$9,000 (50%) to the REACH Foundation for further distribution to the Riverton Senior Citizens, Inc., Sepiternal Society, Inc., Fremont County Hospice and other such institutions or organizations providing medical services or benefits and comforts for older people not otherwise available in the Riverton area as determined by the REACH Foundation; \$6,480.00 (36%) to the Lander Senior Citizens Center; \$1,080.00 (6%) to the High Country Senior Citizens Center; and \$1,440.00 (8%) to the Shoshoni Senior Citizens Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Mayor Rajean Fossen was present to represent the City of Lander as well as the Healthy Rivers Initiative, and to specifically discuss the Lander Greenway Project that traverses through County property along the Popo Agie River. Annual work on beaver dams is needed and, in conjunction with Game and Fish, the recommendation is to protect trees with beaver-proof fencing with Game and Fish volunteers. The Commissioners gave their approval to access County land for the project but asked that adjoining landowners below the project be apprised of the work. In another issue, she gave an update on the 205 Army Corps of Engineers Study which contains the preferred alternative to build a flood wall at City Park. 2018 costs were \$8 million and would require a 40% match. She is waiting on a final ruling on whether another federal agency (FEMA) could help with the match.

Commissioner meeting reports were given:

Sheriff Ryan Lee and Detention Lt. Rick Filman were present for a monthly update.

County Coroner Mark Stratmoen presented the 2021 First Quarter Summary indicating 75 recorded deaths of which 43% were Coroner cases (32).

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks and HDR Engineer Kyle Lehto presented several documents regarding the Harris Bridge Road Structure Replacement Project. Lehto stated the only outstanding invoice is from CenturyLink and the advertising for final payment will end April 16th. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Certificate of Final Completion with CC&G, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Warranty with CC & G. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded to approve Contractor's Application for Final Payment with a retainage of \$5,000 for the outstanding CenturyLink invoice. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Becker and Meeks stated the project looks great and provides additional safety for the area.

Billy Meeks relayed a request from BTI to use Lyons Valley Road until the construction work at the intersection of Highway 287 and Highway 28 in Lander is completed (approximately two weeks). Discussion was held and concerns expressed; however, the Commission cannot regulate usage on Lyons Valley Road but asked them to reconsider using the Road and remain on the state highway.

Transportation Department Administrative Secretary Jill Johnson joined Billy Meeks to distribute a binder containing every County Maintained Road and its' maintenance records since 2012.

Discussion was held on the upcoming meeting with the Wind River Intertribal Council and their transportation department, as well as with BIA Superintendent Leslie Shakespeare, to continue discussion on the WRITC Resolution to take Ethete, North Fork, South Fork and Trout Creek Roads into tribal inventory. Present in the audience was Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks, Administrative Secretary Jill Johnson, Assessor Tara Berg and former WRITC chairman Clinton Wagon.

Senator Cale Case joined the meeting and reviewed the recent legislative session.

County Clerk Julie Freese and Financial Specialist Michelle Neuenschwander reviewed two Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Community Partnership Initiative (CPI) Grant applications that had been received by the advertised deadline of 5:00 pm the previous day. Fremont County has to approve submission of one or both of the applications to the Department of Family Services for their review and funding. Application #1 was from Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters for a requested amount of \$24,255 and Application #2 was from Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming – Riverton Branch for a requested amount of \$11,000. The Commissioners reviewed both application to see if they met the guidelines for submission: Ensure community wide collaboration in planning and implementation efforts; Award TANF funding based on data-driven, community based decision making; Implement and evaluate effective, research based programs and strategies; Provide services that will assist families in moving toward self-sufficiency; and Enhance sustainability of community efforts beyond the funding period. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve submission of both grants to the State of Wyoming recommending funding of the programs as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session with Chief Civil Deputy Jodi Darrough for potential property acquisition, personnel and potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Larry Allen seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to promote Vonda Huish as the Fremont County Emergency Management Coordinator, effective this date, at an annual salary of \$60,000. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will recommend she wait on hiring an assistant until discussion at her upcoming budget hearing.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on April 20, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed re/port (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/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN, FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ATTEST: /s/ JULIE A. FREESE, FREMONT COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE BOARD