

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 3, 2023

FULL DETAILED REPORT

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

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

Jennifer McCarty moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2 M Construction Inc	Road Material Inventory	Gravel	\$222,000.00
A & I Distributors	Vehicle Maintenance	Oil/Fluids	\$1,092.64
Ace Hardware-Riverton	Vehicle Maintenance	Materials/Supplies	\$40.71
Albright, Harold	Planning	Reimburse Expenses	\$84.00
Alexander Excavation	Road Construction	North Fork/Riverview	\$244,077.17
American Family & Life Insurance	Segregated	Insurance	\$5,228.88
Amerigas	County Buildings	Utility Service	\$1,184.75
Aragon, Rebecca	Public Health	Expense Reimbursement	\$40.00
Artery Construction Inc	Transportation	Contract Services	\$8,195.00
B & B Enterprises LLC	Planning	Signs & Supplies	\$255.00
B&M Septic & Excavation Services LLC	Transportation	Contract Services	\$2,410.00
Barcodes LLC	County Clerk	Materials/Supplies	\$424.76
Black Hills Energy	County Buildings	Utility Service	\$8,344.59
Black, David P	District Court	Jury Duty	\$248.00
Blankman, Jacob D	District Court	Jury Duty	\$288.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of WY	Co Admin	Health Insurance Claims	\$353,891.24
Brown, Charles Jr	District Court	Jury Duty	\$43.00
Burden, Dan	County Buildings	Security Service	\$1,147.50
Byers, Joshua W	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
Bynon, Lloyd E	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
Cachelin, Trisha L	District Court	Jury Duty	\$152.00
California State Disbursement	Payroll	Child Support	\$553.75
Capital Business Systems Inc	Covid 19 Grant	Supplies & Service	\$74.16
Cloud Peak Counseling Center	Health & Welfare	Title 25	\$1,625.00
Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	Segregated	Insurance	\$699.07
Conder, Jason M	District Court	Expense Reimbursement	\$102.06
Daigle Law Group LLC	County Sheriff	Training	\$494.98
Dekleine, Kacie N	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Dewitt, Kadon M	District Court	Jury Duty	\$82.00
Dowl LLC	Road Construction	Contract Services	\$740.00
Doyle, Morgan D	District Court	Jury Duty	\$65.00
Dubois Telephone Exchange	County Sheriff	Telephone Service	\$721.32
Eaton Sales & Service, LLC	Fuel Facility	Repairs/Services	\$667.75
Empower Trust	Segregated	Wyoming Benefits	\$8,505.00
ESRI	Segregated	Map Maintenance	\$11,410.00
Finney, William F	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Floyd's Truck Center WY	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Tires	\$936.94
Fremont Chevrolet GMC	Capital Asset Acquisitions	Vehicles	\$64,704.00
Fremont County Treasurer	Co Admin	Health Insurance	\$356,876.00
Fremont County Treasurer	Co Admin	Section 125 Benefits	\$34,727.97
Gallinger, Terry L	District Court	Jury Duty	\$120.00
Garnishments - Other	Payroll	Garnishment	\$577.37
Grainger	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$517.32
Hahn, Calie R	District Court	Jury Duty	\$59.00
Healthsmart Benefit Solutions	Segregated	Insurance	\$720.00
Hemocue America	Fremont County WIC	Supplies	\$599.00
Henery, Lisa M	District Court	Jury Duty	\$104.50
Jamison, Paula	District Court	Jury Duty	\$240.00

John Deere Financial	Transportation	Materials/Supplies	\$55.98
Kairos Broadcasting LLC	Prevention Program	Advertising	\$1,616.00
Kessler, Douglas E	Planning	Expense Reimbursement	\$29.50
Keysaw, Tammalee M	District Court	Jury Duty	\$61.00
Kisling, Lisa	Public Defender	Rent	\$600.00
Lander Valley Auto Parts	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$44.48
Lander, City of	County Buildings	Water & Sewer	\$2,606.26
Lawson Products, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Supplies	\$330.55
Leach, Rachel G	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
Logan, Kari A	District Court	Jury Duty	\$63.00
Lynn, Randy K	District Court	Jury Duty	\$55.00
McCallister, Aaron	Transportation	Expense Reimbursement	\$290.11
Medow, Aubrey	Planning	Expense Reimbursement	\$37.50
Meyer's Gambles	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$56.10
Miller, Margaret	District Court	Rent/Appointments	\$780.00
Morneau, Anita	Maternal Child Health	Expense Reimbursement	\$68.00
Mr D's Food Center Inc	District Court	Supplies	\$90.41
Nelson, Colleen	ARPA Program Grant	Courthouse Remodel	\$1,175.00
New York Life Insurance	Segregated	Insurance	\$133.11
Novo Benefits	Health Benefit Plan	Insurance Services	\$5,410.59
Novotny, Edward D	District Court	Jury Duty	\$120.00
Office Shop Inc, The	Segregated	Service/Supplies	\$314.91
Ouray, Clarence L	District Court	Jury Duty	\$66.00
Payroll Taxes	Co Admin	Withholding/FICA	\$206,558.88
Quigley, Ted L	District Court	Jury Duty	\$63.00
R C Lock & Key	County Buildings	Keys/Supplies	\$95.50
R T Communications	Dispatch Center	Telephone Services	\$444.11
Reed's Moghaun Office Supply	Segregated	Office Supplies	\$643.85
Riverton, City of	County Buildings	Water/Sewer	\$819.36
Roach, Rebekah	County Attorney	Expense Reimbursement	\$16.00
Skiba, Jill N	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Soule, Sierra	District Court	Rent	\$600.00
State Disbursement Unit	Payroll	Child Support	\$1,960.41
State of Wyoming	Public Defender	Office Rent	\$1,650.00
Susanka, Joseph G	District Court	Jury Duty	\$120.00
Sylvestri Customization	Prevention Program	Website Maintenance	\$2,300.00
Terrance R. Martin PC	Public Defender	Rent	\$600.00
Total Net Salaries	Segregated	Salaries	\$681,777.40
Tower, Kimber	Planning	Expense Reimbursement	\$31.50
Traffic & Parking Control Co., Inc	ARPA Program Grant	Equipment & Supplies	\$74,079.80
Traveling Computers	Segregated	Service/Supplies	\$12,681.50
Treese, Rockford D	District Court	Jury Duty	\$63.00
Truax, Ariel M	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
U.S. Identification Manual	County Clerk	Manual Updates	\$53.00
Vigil-Cook, Ramona	District Court	Jury Duty	\$60.00
WACERS	Transportation	Service/Supplies	\$2,300.00
Whipp, Sarah	District Court	Jury Duty	\$30.00
Woodward, Ronald E	District Court	Jury Duty	\$61.00
WY Dept of Employment	Segregated	Unemployment Claims	\$7,208.00
WY Dept of Transportation	Vehicle Maintenance	Transfer County Plate	\$4.00
WY SDU	Payroll	Child Support	\$880.00
Wyo Child Support Enforcement	Segregated	Child Support	\$850.00
Wyo Dept of Workforce Services	Co Admin	Workers Comp	\$28,383.05
Wyoming Retirement System	Co Admin	Contributions	\$161,235.53
Wyonet Inc.	Computer Services	Services/Supplies	\$5,322.77

Ron Fabrizius moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$3,016 for one Title 25 patient, Fremont Counseling Service for March Title 25 patients and Ethos Transportation Assistance for one Title 25 patient transport. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Inberg-Miller Engineers Proposal for Engineering Services for the Fremont County 2023 Striping Project in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fremont County Bore, Cut, Overhead and Parallel Public Utilities Right-of-Way Permit for City of Riverton for a waterline in Cooper Road. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to ratify approval of the EPA Water System Contact Information for the Fremont County Youth Camp. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the letter to the BLM State Director informing them that Fremont County has elected to coordinate its participation with several other Wyoming counties with

the assistance of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association and DJ&A Consulting in the Plan Amendment Process for the management of Greater Sage-Grouse. Motion carried unanimously. Several Health Insurance Plan Documents were reviewed. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Optum Managed Transplant Program for FY 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Fremont County Marketing Overview for FY 2023-2024 without the Springbuk product. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to ratify approval of the Stop Loss Renewal Offer from Voya Employee Benefits for FY 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division and Fremont County Commissioners as Governing Body for the Court Assisted Supervised Treatment of Fremont County totaling \$209,125.74. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division and Fremont County Commissioners as Government Body for the Juvenile Treatment Court of Fremont County totaling \$216,725.98. Motion carried unanimously.

Numerous ARPA and LATC funded project bids were reviewed. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a bid for an ISS project from Traveling Computers, Inc. for a 10 GB Network Upgrade for \$18,968. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a bid for an ISS project from Traveling Computers, Inc. for Griffey Hill Network Tower in the amount of \$9,000. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept an Emergency Management Agency project bid from Amazon for office equipment in the amount of \$1,507.72. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Buildings project bid from Wyo Glass LLC for the entryway update for CAST offices at the South Federal Building in Riverton in the amount of \$11,931. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the Treatment Courts project bid from various vendors for remodel, office furniture, etc. in the amount of \$12,437.07. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the Buildings project bid to replace carpeting in the Sheriff's Office lobby and Dispatch Center from Ron's Flooring in the amount of \$30,515.05. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Recreation Commission project bid for the Youth Camp remodel from various vendors totaling \$131,509.76. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to re-authorize the Fair Painting Project for the main buildings from \$62,700 to \$63,930. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the bid from Samuelson Painting, Inc. for the Fair Painting Project in the amount of \$63,930. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to re-authorize the Buildings Window Replacement Project for the entryway of the South Federal Office from \$6,000 to \$16,309. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the bid from Wyo Glass LLC in the amount of \$16,309 for the Window Replacement Project at the South Federal Office entryway. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to re-authorize the Buildings Window Replacement Project at the South Federal Offices from \$30,000 to \$36,808.69. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the bid from Wyo Glass LLC in the amount of \$36,808.69 for the Window Replacement Project at the South Federal Offices. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to re-authorize the Youth Services application for two Chevy Traverses from \$64,704 to \$67,487. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the bid from Fremont Chevrolet Buick GMC in the amount of \$57,487 for two Chevy Traverses for Youth Services. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) WRITC Transportation Planner's request for meeting to be set to review road ownership issues. The Commissioners stated they would like a request from the WRITC to schedule the meeting, hopefully the first part of June.

County Planning Department Supervisor Steve Baumann presented the Rosewood Hills Subdivision Lots 9, 10 & 11 Re-plat. The Subdivision is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Lander off Highway 287. The Re-plat is being done to take Lot 10 and divide it making Lots 9 and 11 larger, thereby eliminating Lot 10. The result is that the current Lot 9 increases from 5.85 to 8.82 acres and Lots 11 is increased from 5.88 acres to 5.84 acres. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Rosewood Hills Subdivision Lots 9, 10 & 11 Re-plat as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

In another matter, Steve Baumann stated he will be sending to vendors in the near vicinity for fuel bids for the upcoming fiscal year. In the past they used WYDOT's master list and sent bid requests to all vendors within the state with very limited success.

Emergency Management Agency Director Milan Vinich discussed the Administrative Assistant position and noted the current employee plans to retire after helping train a new employee. He further presented a Progressive Pay Scale in accordance with the Standard Occupational Classification for the position. He designated a salary of \$38,700 for entry level compensation, Level 2 compensation at \$40,500 and Level 3 at \$41,000. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve advertising for the Administrative Assistant position with a salary not to exceed \$41,000. Motion carried unanimously.

In another matter, Milan Vinich reported that his Department has purchased reject sand from B & B Aggregate for \$5/ton or \$50 for a 10-ton dump truck and the Transportation Department is hauling to Hudson to keep sand stockpiled for area residents. Vinich stated he has no line item within his budget for the expenditure but will have a Materials line item added for the costs. County Clerk Julie Freese will work with him to watch his bottom line and a budget infusion will be made if necessary. Job Corps students are helping fill sandbags (1,000) and in conjunction with the CDL training offered there, will be delivering them to staging areas. The purchase of the stockpiled sand is necessary as the County's pit on the mountain is still inaccessible due to the snow pack.

Milan Vinich reviewed his earlier approved LATC application for office equipment which had earlier been approved for purchase. He reported that the emergency training held the previous day with the Air National Guard was very successful and he thanked the Elected Officials for attending.

Commissioner meeting reports were given.

Commissioner Ron Fabrizius attended the Central Wyoming Airport Board meeting and stated new equipment has been installed which makes the screening process move faster. Boarding's in May were up even prior to the extra flights two days per week.

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the Recreation Commission meeting and they are working on their budget. Due to the snow pack, they have been unable to get into the Youth Camp to assess any damages that may have occurred. They are reviewing the grant requests from various entities. A second project will be the Green Mountain Campground, again due to weather they have not been there yet this year.

Vice-Chairman Mike Jones attended an Outdoor Recreation Summit in Laramie where there is a lot of talk about funding availability; however, the rules seem to be changing mid-stream causing frustration among applicants. While there, he was informed that the Governor's Office is asking that three year budgets for snow removal be forwarded to them for possible funding reimbursements to counties. Chairman Larry Allen will ask the Transportation Department to compile the information for submission. He visited with the Chair of the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District regarding qualifications for the vacant superintendent position. He attended the Fremont County Association of Governments meeting where discussion was held on making the 1% sales tax a permanent tax. He stated the Commission would not be in favor of that option as it was not the original intent of the tax, which comes up every four years as an optional tax to be voted in. The Property Tax Relief Program was discussed and Assessor Tara Berg, present in the audience, stated the deadline is June 1st and she will send applications and information to all the mayors. A committee has been formed to work on a site for a State shooting range, and he stated that even if Fremont County is not selected, a site location would still be important to the county. Discussion was also held at the meeting regarding unregulated substances in vaping products, a huge concern.

Assessor Tara Berg and Treasurer Jim Anderson were present to discuss FY 2023-2024 assessed valuations and revenue projections respectively. All figures are estimates at this point and Assessor Berg's spreadsheet indicates total figures of \$528,342,056, state assessed values of \$30,107,365, state assessed minerals \$383,611,447 totaling \$942,060,868. Treasurer Anderson presented several spreadsheets with a total revenue preliminary amount of \$24,681,203. The mineral ad valorem taxes are confusing to estimate due to SF60 allowing payment of deferred taxes.

Upper Wind River Valley Association president Harold Albright and Secretary/Treasurer Margaret Wells expressed concern with late response time of both air and ground ambulances in the Crowheart and Dubois area. Frontier Ambulance Operations Director Diane Lane was present in the audience. They stated visitor season and the return of seasonal residents is taking place and air medical response is critical to the community. In the past, auto launch was used so that once a page was received both ground and air ambulance were launched. Currently only ground is dispatched and upon their assessment at the

scene, air ambulance is called, creating critical time delays for a critical patient. The Association contracts with Guardian but both Albright and Wells indicated patient care is the priority so that if the auto launch calls Classic as the rotation entity, they are fine with that. Chairman Larry Allen will meet with the Sheriff and Dispatch to determine why auto launch is not taking place if it had been done in the past. Lane stated that they are correct on the current protocol, that ground ambulance is dispatched first to make the assessment of whether air ambulance is needed. She asked for more information on a situation that was referenced where it took over an hour for ground ambulance to get to the Medical Clinic in Dubois, as two staff are stationed in Dubois.

ISS Supervisor Keven Shultz presented a demo on TextMyGov product, which he is requesting funding through ARPA to purchase for \$5,028 annually. This allows customers to text questions regarding information on a service the county provides and then receive a response that includes a link to the answer. It was developed to open lines of communication with local government agencies and citizens and works 24 hours per day and easily connects with the website. Park County is currently using the system and Fremont County would need to determine what their most asked questions are per department in order to customize the product. It could also be used to text information to employees, citizens, etc. regarding news, events, office hours, locations, weather closures, etc.

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith had submitted a LATC application in the amount of \$6,890 for a Transmission Flush Machine. The one on the Lander Shop no longer works. Several funding avenues are available (LATC, ARPA, Capital Revolving Fund) for the product as it is needed immediately. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the expenditure for the Transmission Flush Machine and determine where to fund it at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Meredith reviewed the Commercial Driver's License Training Payment Contract that he would like approval to begin using. He recommended a two-year employment obligation if the County pays for the training. He reviewed the process to get a new CDL and stated there is a WYDOT trainer who works with the Northwest College on the 52 online courses required. CDL training for a Class A will be \$3,975 and a Class B to Class A will be \$2,750 and the two employees will each receive \$1,000 deduction from their associated cost. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Contract and the two-year employment obligation a recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session with Civil Attorney Nathan Maxon and Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks regarding potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Following that session, a discussion was held regarding Potential Property Acquisition. Jennifer McCarty moved, Ron Fabrizius seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget hearing were held.

Section 125. Present was Julie Freese and Jeanine Parrill. Last year's budget was \$488,812. This year's request is \$432,000. This is the pre-tax program where employees can opt to have money taken out of their paychecks and put into a fund to be used for health related costs or for daycare. Since it is an option of the employees, the budget is based on employee participation. The fund is time limited so the employee must get the reimbursements by a certain date or it reverts to the county.

County Clerk/Elections. Present was Julie Freese and Margy Irvine. Last year's budget was \$338,210. This year's request is \$285,548. This year is an "off year" budget as there are no elections planned in the odd years. Replenishing supplies and getting some training and going to meetings regarding election is on this year's plans. There were changes to the statutes this year that will affect voters regarding party changes, so there is a large amount of funding anticipated in education of the voting public. The ballot costs for the 2024 election are included as they will be delivered in this next fiscal year.

County Clerk. Present was Julie Freese and Margy Irvine. Last year's budget was \$1,094,664. This year's request is \$1,116,729. County Clerk fees are down from the previous year. Most services that this office sees is up 3-5%. Julie outlined a few specific SOC changes for her employees but also stated that she had included funds for any needed SOC adjustments during the year. She pointed out that many of her staff are new and will very likely surpass their levels but at this time could not anticipate what those will be and when. The discussion of SOC's for all departments as well as a COLA countywide was discussed. The other increase was in the annual support for the new budgeting module and budget book creator. The

hope is that after getting the budget and book designed, it may be something the county can maintain on their own.

Clerk of District Court. Present was Kristi Green. Last year's budget was \$514,145 and this year's request is \$516,507. Kristi didn't ask for SOC adjustments as she was told not to increase the budget. There was discussion with the Commission and it was decided that the messages may have been different from each Commissioner. Kristi mentioned that her area is very busy. They have been in the court room 2 weeks out of every month. She is still down 2 positions. She talked about level increases that were not approved last year but she would still like to discuss these again this year. Green passed out some comparable salaries for positions similar to hers. Fremont County is the 2nd pilot court to implement e-filing.

Public Defender. Present was Jonathan Gerard. Last year's budget was \$171,400. This year's request is \$154,400. The office space rental amount has not increased this year. The county's portion of the state's public defender budget is down this year. Gerard feels this is down due to the lack of billing for the capital case funding, which is allocated to death penalty cases.

High Country Senior Citizens. Present by Zoom was Melissa Claar, Director. They received an allocation of \$10,000 last year and this year's request is \$10,000. They would appreciate getting \$10,000 as food costs have gone up in the last few years. In the last year, they have served \$10,000 meals in their center and have delivered nearly 14,00 meals to homebound seniors and have given nearly 9000 units of social and supportive services. They have also seen a decrease in their grant income.

Building Maintenance. Present was Mike Meeker, Supervisor. Last year's budget was \$571,812. This year's request is \$1,276,390. Mike reviewed the previous budget as this is his first time to work on the budget and he checked into all increases. The natural gas had been locked into a 3 year term and this year he had to renew a term rate which went from .303 a therm to .479 a therm. Vehicle fuel is increased due to helping with election deliveries and additional travel to buildings out of the county seat. The largest increases are in Building Improvements less than \$10,000 and greater than \$10,000 to keep up with repairs on the infrastructure of the county. Another area is a request for \$9000 for a sander to put on the back of their pickup. To keep up with building improvements, Mike had included a list of improvements that need to be done in a total amount of \$256,417.

County Buildings Detention: Present was Mike Meeker, Supervisor. Last year's budget was \$272,125. This year's budget request is \$376,560. Major changes to this budget is in utilities. Natural gas has increased as have water and sewer and trash removal.

Extension. Present was Chance Marshall Educator and Rachel Fisk, Administrative Assistant. Last year's budget was \$188,943 and this year's request is \$187,673. The budget is down due to the new 4-H educator, but the increases are due to the rising costs of fuel and materials. Additionally they would like to increase the secretary's salary as she is nearing 5 years of employment with the county and has met Level 2.

County Attorney. Present was County Attorney Patrick Lebrun. Last year's amount was \$1,530,704 and this year's request is \$1,502,570. His budget has been reduced due to employee turnover but he is fully staffed at this time. The State partially reimburses counties for their attorney's salaries. Patrick mentioned that due to a tax appeal, the county is looking for \$26,500 for specialized legal services to defend this oil and gas tax case. His budget is not increased at this time. He has asked for funding through the LATC funds for larger monitors for the computers in his office.

County Assessor. Present was County Assessor Tara Berg. Last year's amount was \$984,489. This year's request is \$1,010,603. The properties they have to see in person are more rural and this will increase their fuel amounts. There is an increase in the training budget as they have various stages of training for their employees in various stages of employment. The largest increase is the Eagleview Pictometry rental payments and purchase of a pickup. The ESRI software and licensing also saw an increase. Tara also stated she has no increases for SOC's but would like the opportunity to increase salaries when they reach higher levels.

District Court. Present was District Court Judge Jason Conder. Last year's budget was \$123,800 and this year's request is \$137,100. Judge Conder thanked the commissioners for their work on the court remodel. Statistically, the 9th Judicial District Court's case load shows that Fremont County should have 1 ½ judges. The requested increase of \$13,300 (which is still \$10,044 less than FY2020) is due directly to the caseload their office is handling. Increases include: \$9,000 for contractual services, \$5,000 more

for juror costs in anticipation of the increased number of trials. Judge Conder reminded the commission that he has included \$3,600 which is for statutorily required rent subsidy for the Guardian Ad Litem program. However; the judge was clear that it is not a court responsibility and stated that the commission should find another method to pay for this rather than through the District Court's budget. In the meantime, he placed it in his budget to make sure it was budgeted somewhere to pay these fees.

A work session will be scheduled at the next meeting to prioritize the latest batch of ARPA and LATC applications.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to adjourn the Regular meeting at 4:30 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report (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/ LARRY ALLEN, CHAIRMAN
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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