

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 11, 2021

FULL DETAILED REPORT

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

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

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ace Hardware-Riverton	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$5.93
AlSCO, Inc	County Buildings	Laundry	\$276.20
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Inventory	Bulk Fuel	\$18,198.39
Bill Jones Plumbing & Heating	County Buildings Detention	Materials/Services /Repairs	\$460.84
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$574.28
Bloedorn Lumber-Riverton	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$40.73
Charter Communications	Computer Services	Internet Services	\$124.98
Communication Technologies, Inc	Support Services	Maintenance Agreement, Repairs	\$2,961.87
Davis, Robert	Support Services	Vital Registrar Services	\$58.50
DOWL LLC	Road Construction	Professional Services	\$1,033.07
Dubois Frontier, The	Transportation	Advertising	\$40.05
Dubois Telephone Exchange	Segregated	Telephone Service	\$713.97
Fremont Motor Riverton, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$530.50
Fremont Motors - Lander	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$339.83
John Deere Financial	Transportation	Materials/Supplies	\$41.93
Kairos Communications	Transportation	County 10 Advertising	\$250.00
Kirkland, Jamey	Support Services	Vital Registrar Services	\$88.50
Lander Valley Auto Parts	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$40.01
Lander, City of	County Buildings	Water & Sewer	\$2,454.04
Lopez, Darlene	Attorney Victim Services	Expense Reimbursement	\$29.70
Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton	District Court	Court Appointment	\$30.00
Master's Touch LLC	County Assessor	Postage/Mailing Service	\$12,424.04
Napa Auto Parts-Riverton	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/ Supplies	\$2,454.08
Norco, Inc	County Buildings	Supplies	\$4,728.12
Pro-Vision, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$779.81
Quill Corporation	County Attorney	Office Supplies	\$321.75
R T Communications	Segregated	Telephone Service	\$542.06
RELX, Inc.	County Attorney	Research Subscription	\$625.00
Richardson-Linville, Laura	Support Services	Vital Registrar Services	\$44.00
Riverton Ranger, Inc	Segregated	Advertising	\$2,091.85
Rocky Mountain Power	Segregated	Utilities	\$9,248.90
Stroupe Pest Control, Inc	County Buildings	Pest Control	\$115.00
Sweetwater Aire LLC	County Buildings Detention	Supplies/Parts	\$614.60
Tilton, Kathleen	District Court	Court Appointment	\$1,031.25
Trihydro Corporation	N. Fork Milling & Asphalt Replace	Professional Services	\$30,095.37
Weigel, Dominick J Jr	Support Services	Vital Registrar Services	\$29.50
White, James M	Prevention Program	Reimbursement	\$100.00
Winsupply of Riverton	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$52.56
Wyoming Behavioral Institute	Health & Welfare	Title 25 Patients	\$11,310.00
Wyoming Dept of Transportation	Segregated	Fuel	\$1,639.72
Wyoming Machinery Co	Segregated	Parts/Service	\$618.36

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept a voucher from Natrona County Legal Department in the amount of \$7,620.00 for 12 Title 25 patients. 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 Official Bond and Oath for Larry Allen in the amount of

\$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Fremont County for the Public Health Preparedness and Response Unit. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Stop Loss Insurance Renewal Offer. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an ASO Group Plan Change to follow BCBSWY standard Telemedicine reimbursement policy, and update the benefits booklet accordingly. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Fremont County Government Amendment to Benefit Booklet regarding Prophylactic Surgery. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a License for New Construction of Utility Crossing or Encroachment from Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC for 25 Dalley Road, Riverton. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Application/Permit to Construct Access Driveway for Brian Wise for a south and north access on 8 Mile Road. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Application for a Catering Permit submitted by Wyoming Catholic College for a funeral on May 15, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding among Wyoming Department of Revenue, Fremont County and Fremont County Assessor for administration of all equipment and software provided by the Department of Revenue used in the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no items in the Priority Mail.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

County Clerk Julie Freese stated she has received a resignation and requested authorization to refill the position. She is currently interviewing for a previously approved rehire and would like to fill both positions at the same time. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve refilling the position due to a recent resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting reports were given:

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the monthly Library Board and Weed and Pest Control District meetings.

Commissioner Mike Jones attended a virtual meeting hosted by WYDOT and Game and Fish to discuss how to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve big game migration. This multi-agency team was formed in 2017 to find innovative ways to implement and fund projects that reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, increase motorist safety and maintain or re-establish disconnected wildlife migration routes. He was very interested in the efforts taking place in the Dubois area.

Chairman Travis Becker stated that the Muley Fanatic Foundation/10 County Chapter, was allocated funding from the Community Charitable Relief Program and they are also working on the collision issue on both sides of Dubois. He attended the Republican Party Central Committee meeting in Dubois the previous evening. He stated that the US Treasury has released guidance for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

County Clerk Julie Freese is interested in attending informational meetings from the US Treasury for anticipated funding from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. She will be attending the annual County Clerk's Association Meeting in Douglas for the next several days.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks had been asked during his recent budget hearing to perform an inventory on culverts and pipe. He further checked on the availability and current pricing of the items for stockpiling the resources. There are five culvert sets in surplus and 40 sticks of 12" pipe. Steel prices are trending up, supply is limited and demand remains high, according to his steel supplier, TrueNorth Steel. Culvert prices have increased from \$8,200 six months ago to \$11,630 currently, and he can get a discount on large orders. He felt they should be okay the rest of this fiscal year, and his supplier indicates the third quarter may see better pricing and availability. County Clerk Julie Freese suggested a revised budget be submitted with purchases for culverts and pipe in the next fiscal year. The Board asked for Meeks to return the following meeting to review his revised estimates on purchases for each.

Popo Agie Ranch Estates Homeowners Association spokesman Bill Lee joined Billy Meeks, to request road base material and river rock as part of the Popo Agie Ranch Estates Flood and Bank Stabilization

project currently underway. He stated the materials would only be used in relationship to the County right-of-way and associated bank stabilization and distributed photos for review. Meeks stated there is material available, all of which will benefit the County road infrastructure. He suggested the County provide the materials and the contractors hired for the project perform the work. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to provide in-kind materials of 420 yards of road base and 320 yards of rock for road infrastructure and bank stabilization to benefit the public's health and safety within the Popo Agie Ranch Estates Flood and Bank Stabilization. Motion carried unanimously.

WCCA Executive Director Jerimiah Rieman briefly joined the meeting and updated the board on the Legislative Revenue Committee meeting he attended yesterday where he had the opportunity to visit with Assessor Tara Berg and her concerns regarding SF60. They are working on issues related to the bill and will have further discussion with Department of Revenue. He stated there are both administrative issues and legislative issues that need dealt with and he acknowledged there would be some strain the first year of implementation. Chairman Becker stated the concern of the impact on special districts and Reiman felt that the County's ability to offer them loans should cover any gaps that may exist. WYOLINK funding is being discussed through the summer with the Joint Transportation Committee and Chairman Becker stated Fremont County has a large vested interest. There may be some incoming federal Recovery money available to fund the system over the next four years. Commissioner Jones asked that the Emergency Medical Services issues facing Fremont County, as well as other counties, be kept on the radar. Rieman stated funding modules are being researched, also medical districts, etc. and the Labor Committee is interested in helping.

Sheriff Ryan Lee and Detention Lt. Rick Filman presented a monthly report. Detention: April had a booking total of 130 (up 39 from the previous month). Totals by agency were reviewed: Riverton (50); Fremont County (28); Lander Police Department (22); Wyoming Highway Patrol (17); Shoshoni Police Department (1). Current inmate population is 175 in house, 183 in custody, 49 sentenced and 126 pre-adjudicated. The overall Detention budget is at 77.4%, of which 87% of the fiscal year has elapsed. Revenues already hit their projected \$147,000 revenue over a month ago and they continue to receive unanticipated revenues. They are currently short one cook and two Deputy Sheriffs. Communications: Currently down three positions and there are no concerns with the budget. Patrol/Enforcement: Two patrol positions vacant, no concerns with the budget. There have been 2350 calls for service this calendar year and they did a county-wide tribute to all fallen Peace Officers in the United States, and more locally, Steve Crerar who was killed in the line of duty April 30, 1995. Search and Rescue: 36 missions this fiscal year (compared to 26 this time last fiscal year). Of these, 36 missions utilized air resources and five of the missions were fatal incidents that totaled six persons. Private donations this fiscal year total \$32,000 which enabled the purchase of a crew cab truck and UTV in Dubois and a jeep in Lander. Forest Reserve funds will be budgeted at \$40,000.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session with Sheriff Ryan Lee, County Coroner Mark Stratmoen and Deputy Coroner Erin Ivie regarding privileged and confidential information. Detention Lt. Rick Filman was in the audience. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen joined the meeting at this time.

County Coroner Mark Stratmoen presented a monthly report. Deputy Erin Ivie was in the audience. Number of cases so far in 2021 is 47 (compared to 4 in 2020 for the same time period). Case numbers are up a bit with accidental deaths at 15, over twice the number for 2020 (6) for the same time period. Two suicides for this period (compared to 6 in 2020 for the same time period). Only one homicide, compared to two for the same period in 2020. The spike in accidental deaths is due mostly to traffic fatalities, they are at seven (compared to one for the same time period in 2020). All traffic deaths, except one, involved alcohol or drugs. In total, 76% of the accidental deaths involved alcohol and/or drugs. Sixteen (34%) of total cases for the year were drug and/or alcohol related: 12 involved alcohol, five methamphetamine, four cannabis and two pharmaceuticals. Note: this is only counting those cases where levels are high enough to be considered relevant, not necessarily all cases where they are present. Nine are still pending toxicology. Budget total expenditures are estimated at 5% below expectations for this fiscal period, with two months to go.

Coroner Stratmoen proceeded to produce a letter officially announcing his resignation and subsequent resignation as Coroner of Fremont County, effective Thursday, July 1, 2021. He stated his work in the Coroner's Office for the last 23 years in one capacity or another, and expressed his high honor to serve

the people in Fremont County in this capacity. He stated the accomplishments and changes implemented in the Coroner's Office to better serve the public could not have been accomplished without the assistance and input of many others in County Government. In closing, the letter stated "I am grateful to have had this opportunity, but the time has come to move on to other things." He recommended that the Commissioners consider the accomplishments and expertise of Deputy Ivie when considering his replacement. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to regretfully accept the resignation of Fremont County Coroner Mark Stratmoen, effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners will alert the Republican Central Committee of the vacancy, effective July 1, 2021, at which time they will submit the official letter to the Central Committee, pursuant to W.S. § 22-18-111(a)(iii) declaring the vacancy. The county central committee will hold a meeting not later than fifteen days after officially receiving the notice, at which time they will select and transmit to the Commissioners the names of three qualified persons to fill the vacancy. Within five days after receiving the names, the Commissioners shall fill the vacancy by appointment of one of the three names submitted. The Commissioners expressed appreciation to Stratmoen for his contributions and service to Fremont County and wished him well.

County Clerk Julie Freese presented a 25-year service award to Administrative Secretary Becky Enos. Family and co-workers were present in the audience.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks was joined by DOWL Engineer Casey Jones who reminded the board that the 8-Mile Road Transverse Rumble Strip project had been rebid with three bids being received. The project is a joint project with WYDOT with the County's portion funded by the Road Construction Fund. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Notice of Award to 71 Construction in the amount of \$17,680.41. Motion carried unanimously. The project is slated for completion by July 1st.

Fremont County Planner Steve Baumann presented the Pavillion South Subdivision, a one lot Simple Subdivision located south of Pavillion on Highway 133. The Subdivision will break out a 5.36-acre lot from the existing 151.81 acre parcel around an existing house with the intentions of being sold. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the Pavillion South Subdivision as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Committee on April 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann continued review of the proposed changes to the Simple Subdivision Regulations. He stated changes are recommended due to changes in 2019 and 2021 Wyoming State Statutes, new real estate and banking requirements and changes recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission. He continued discussion from where he left off the previous meeting to the end of the document's proposed changes. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to proceed with advertising a 45-day comment period on the proposed changes to the Simple Subdivision Regulations and schedule the public hearing for July 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Becker had reservations about a change regarding the Road Maintenance Agreement section but agreed to begin the comment period.

Treatment Court Director Melinda Cox and Fremont County Prevention Program Coordinator Tauna Groomsmith returned to continue discussion on the Drug Free Community grant requirements. Several Attachments are required to accompany the application and were discussed in detail. The Fremont County Prevention Partnership & Suicide Prevention Taskforce (Coalition) continues to work on the application process. They reiterated that both their salaries will be used as in-kind match and no additional funding is being requested as the grant would expand and enhance existing services. The target population will be children of incarcerated individuals. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Attachment 4: Legal Entity; Attachment 6: Assurance of One DFC Grant at a Time; and Attachment 7: Assurance of DFC 10-Year Funding Limit. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget hearings were held:

INFORMATION SYSTEMS. KEVIN SHULTZ WAS PRESENT. The current year's budget is \$428,342 and this next year's request is \$378,926. Kevin will need one UPS replacement and there will be a change of services for the Library WIFI and firewall. The rental payments for computer replacements were discussed and as he completes the computer replacement project, he will notify the Clerk and Treasurer and those rental payments will be computed and added to this budget. Kevin is still working on the telephone migration which should save some money. Shultz handles the county's paper and the cost of paper is going up about 20%. Kevin stated that there are 3 copiers that 7-8 years old, that are working

well now, but may need to be replaced in the future. Discussions on cybersecurity was held and he is keeping up on these issues and is making some changes to the systems.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE. BRAD MEREDITH WAS PRESENT. The current budget is \$760,323. This next year's request is \$763,417. Brad went over the extra sheet which goes over how much of the vehicle maintenance budget has been returned to the general fund every year. Commissioner Jones asked why they continue to give money back in these volumes. Brad stated that they are doing better at saving money. Their revenue has also increased in the past several years. Some of this was attributed to the fact that Brad has used online auction companies to sell surplus county equipment and vehicles. They are seeing cost increases in fuel and supplies and the budget increases are in this area. Brad has a request for some vehicle replacements and has a 5-year plan on those replacements by priority.

SHERIFF'S BUDGET. RYAN LEE, RICK FILMAN, CARL FREEMAN AND KARLA DAVIS WERE PRESENT. The current year's budget is \$3,844,981. Their next year's request is \$3,844,981. The trends they are seeing are in fuel consumption and overtime. These are both things they see based on cases they have. Ryan has secured a contract for \$52,000 for Dubois Patrol and they got their Highway Safety Grant for \$14,900. They have a grant for ballistic vests. These vests have a 5-year shelf life. They continue to help their employees with mental health issues and they do this through a contract with outside agencies which Sheriff Lee stated has been very beneficial. Commissioner Becker asked about the fingerprinting machine and whether he should charge the people who use the services other than his uses. Sheriff Lee stated he thinks the taxpayers paid for the machine and his employees and it should be utilized by the public at no charge. Ammunition is coming in sporadically. Training has been going well and they have done a lot in house over the last year. Equipment is listed at \$63,750 with \$58,750 being the Motorola radio equipment. The principal and interest was to correct the Motorola contract last year. The Clerk and Treasurer will review this again.

SHERIFF DETENTION. RYAN LEE, RICK FILMAN, CARL FREEMAN AND KARLA DAVIS WERE PRESENT. The current budget is \$4,540,433 and the upcoming request is \$4,540,433. They have billed the state penitentiary for their portion of the costs when their inmates are still in the county facility. Federal and municipal housing fees generate the highest revenue. The medical services line item is always the hardest to make sure it stays in line. The amount usually put in this line item doesn't work and they have adjusted the budget to reflect what they are paying. Commissioner Becker still hears from constituents that there is a need to have detention center space for juveniles, but the cost to send them to a juvenile facility is more effective. Equipment needed are Tasers for the detention center along with personal safety equipment. The detention center is 20 years old and keeps filled, which makes it difficult to be able to contract out space for other entities. The 24-7 program is not started again due to lack of personnel to run this.

SEARCH AND RESCUE. RYAN LEE, RICK FILMAN, CARL FREEMAN AND KARLA DAVIS WERE PRESENT. Current year's budget is \$63,700 and next year's budget request is \$31,700. This budget has stayed within budget and therefore will be reduced. Commissioner Becker shared his concerns about adequate training for their search and rescue volunteers. Sheriff Lee stated that they do a lot of in house training. Sheriff Lee has funds available through the Forest Reserve fund that may be used for federal land training and equipment.

SHERIFF DISPATCH AND E-911 FUND. RYAN LEE, RICK FILMAN, CARL FREEMAN AND KARLA DAVIS WERE PRESENT. The current budget is \$1,502,855 and next year's request is \$1,524,151. The revenue for this fund comes from the 9-1-1 Surcharge of \$0.75 per cellular access line estimated at \$334,200. Dispatch fees by entities who use the dispatching service is \$375,021 for internal users and \$589,831 for external users. The user fees have not increased in 3 years and this is likely due to the ability to carry over monies from the account at the end of the year. They still have equipment under warranty which saves money.

Sheriff Lee discussed the supplemental budget document that noted that in 2019 the Sheriff Employees did not get an adequate salary review when the rest of the county employees wages were reviewed. This was due to the Sheriff being new and making changes in the agency. He has now had time to look at the staff wages and the SOC wage report and is looking at a way to equalize the wages.

YOUTH SERVICES. MELINDA COX WAS PRESENT. The current year budget is \$343,655. Next year's budget request is \$335,160. This budget is a biennium budget. They have been told they will get a reduction in the Community Juvenile Service Board grant worth \$47,652.50. Melinda continues to look

for other funding. Melinda has not increased any spending in this budget. Melinda does not have an assistant director, and feels like there needs to be a person that is second in command to learn the process and CARF recommended that they develop a succession plan. This is not budgeted in the current budget. Commissioner Becker asked Melinda to put this in a separate request. A vehicle will be needed in the next 5 years. Commissioner Becker asked that this be requested so it can be on the committee's radar. Day reporting is under this budget and is full. Cox was surprised that it has been full due to the COVID pandemic.

JUVENILE TREATMENT COURT. MELINDA COX WAS PRESENT. The current year's budget is \$262,977. The next year's budget request is \$250,775. The Wyoming Department of Health has cut the budget to the Juvenile Treatment Court of Fremont County by \$23,548.60 without the Surcharge funding request. They will apply for surcharge funding when it is available.

CAST. MELINDA COX WAS PRESENT. The current year's budget is \$300,238. The next year's budget request is \$275,195. The only major change for last fiscal year is the decrease from the Wyoming Department of Health. They are considering applying for a Medicaid number for billing of services in the upcoming year so they don't need to rely so heavily on DOH.

COMMISSIONERS. LARRY ALLEN AND MICHELLE NEUENSCHWANDER WERE PRESENT. The current year's budget is \$355,916. The next year's budget request is \$337,356. Changes include an increase in WCCA dues of 4.98% and the removal of health insurance for one Commissioner. We will be getting a reimbursement of expenses related to the Natural Resource Management Plan update from the Governor's Office FNRPA account. Commissioner Jones asked the Board consider paying dues to FCAG, he recommended \$8,000 but would settle for \$5,000 for goodwill among the other Joint Powers Board members. He stated the County may be requesting their financial support for upcoming emergency management services assistance if the County takes it back over. Chairman Becker asked that the FCAG dues be considered after all budget hearings have been held.

AMBULANCE FUND. LARRY ALLEN AND MICHELLE NEUENSCHWANDER WERE PRESENT. The current year's budget is \$236,000. The next year's budget request is \$236,000. This is status quo from last year, this fund is to purchase new rigs. Chairman Becker stated this fund will be different than a fund set up for budget operations if the County is to take over management of the emergency management services. The budget used five years ago will be used as a template if that happens.

RECREATION BOARD. KRISTEN RESSLER, RON CUNNINGHAM, DON REYNOLDS, AND MARGARET WELLS WERE PRESENT. The current budget is \$167,585 and this year's request is \$165,500. Due to the budget received last year and commissioner's direction, they did not accept requests from the outside entities. The money they have budgeted will take care of Green Mountain, Youth Camp and Heritage Trail. Ron Cunningham explained that the power line underground to the Youth Camp has a fault somewhere in it and the electrical transformers needs fixed. They took out the nurses' cabin last year and hope to get it replaced when weather permits. They are still having issues with the EPA on the water issues in the area as well. They are working on how many people use the Heritage Trail. They continue to replace planking on all bridges.

MUSEUM BOARD. SCOTT GOETZ WAS PRESENT. The Consolidated budget is requested at \$544,138 this year. Per the commissioner's discussion at the retreat, the consolidated budget is more of a general fund budget. Their programming etc. is included in the self-generated budget. They expect the expenditures to remain static. This budget covers the cost of staff and benefits and the infrastructure. Scott mentioned that some of the museums are better at raising self-generated funds. They are also looking at the ½ cent Economic Development funds as a tool to help them with revenue that in turn will bring in more funding to their museums.

MUSEUM BOARD SELF GENERATED. SCOTT GOETZ WAS PRESENT. The next year's self-generated budget request is \$87,380. The Pioneer Museum will replace the last AC unit as well as phase 2 of the crack sealing of the parking lot and potential sign replacement of the second entrance sign to the museum. The Riverton Museum will address repointing the brick on the south and east sides of the building. They will refinish the concrete floor in the basement, replace electrical outlets and install lighting in the new hand on history exhibit. The Dubois Museum will look to address the needs of the School House this year. The south end of the gallery will be insulated and sheet rocked and an entirely new exhibit will be put in place most likely related to oil and gas development. The staff will continue to address the storage issues. The board will focus on exhibits, interpretation, and programming.

Commissioner Larry Allen was absent from the remainder of the meeting.

WEED AND PEST DISTRICT BOARD. AARON FOSTER AND SOLLIE CADMAN WERE PRESENT. Last year's budget was \$3,146,050. This year's request is \$3,145,455. This budget will equal 1.99 mills. They provide noxious weed management services to many state and federal agencies. The district provides quality weed control on public lands and rights of way that directly affect nearly every property owner and taxpayer in the county. The district charges for these services at market rates for herbicide and labor. They have anticipated having a cash reserve of \$808,000 which should help fund the district while property tax is coming in and also to account for the SEA0009 bill passed in the legislature. They will not be replacing any vehicles or equipment in the upcoming year. They indicate they will give raises of 3% across the board. Commissioner Becker had concerns when other county employees are not getting raises. He cautioned that to continue this may result in a smaller mill levy for the Weed and Pest. Sollie indicated this would not be a problem and they could adjust this.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on May 18, 2021. 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/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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