

STATE OF WYOMING        )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT     )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 16, 2023

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners convened in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Larry Allen, Jennifer McCarty and Clarence Thomas (via Zoom) with Vice-Chairman Mike Jones and Ron Fabrizius absent. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present and Treasurer Jim Anderson was present for the first portion of the meeting.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was a Work Session to review the Capital Revolving Loan Fund, ARPA and LATCF applications.

Applications received for the ARPA and LATCF are coming in higher than what is available. As a starting point to prioritize those projects still unauthorized, Julie outlined her priorities as a committee member: 1) Infrastructure (Existing - update buildings/equipment/property); 2) Infrastructure (New - only if it helps replace other buildings or shows a need for an additional building); 3) Projects that are expenditure neutral (meaning if we add something, it reduces expenditures somewhere in our budget and does not increase more in the budgets); 4) Technology Upgrades; and 5) Keep at least \$2 million in reserves (LATC). She further stated the projects should be prioritized on NEED vs. NICE TO HAVE items. She would still like to tour the project the Fair requested for an Indoor Arena.

Julie distributed a copy of the Fremont County tentative budget for FY 2023-2024 for review, based on budgets received from the departments. Due to the economy, almost every budget has increased and the mill levy is at 15.264. The total Cash Reserve is at \$12,631,739 (General Cash Reserve - \$9,081,739; CARES Reimbursement - \$3,500,000 and Rental Payments - \$50,000).

Chairman Allen stated he is speaking with realtors and companies to perform a building inspection and he was told the County could make a tentative offer on a piece of property pending the inspection. An environmental study of the site would also be required.

LATC projects not yet authorized were reviewed.

It was recommended to place a \$2 million placeholder in this fund for future unknown uses.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks inspected the Riverton Library parking lot as requested and recommended a total resurface (\$240,000) vs. repairs (\$24,000). The LATC projects are not yet authorized. Meeks had stated that non-structural maintenance such as chip seal will not help the problem. Just sealing/filling new cracks would be better as it appears that surface water infiltrations is an ongoing issue. He recommended some investigations to identify how thick the current asphalt/base is and to characterize the subgrade soils and identify if there is any groundwater. That information will allow the Commission to identify the root cause of the pavement deterioration and to select a more appropriate rehabilitation option. He suggested drilling two or three soil borings, and noted Inberg-Miller Engineers could not schedule the work until July. That way, if a full reconstruction of the parking lot is the option approved, it would be a good time to identify any functional improvements that could be made to the layout. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve hiring Inberg-Miller Engineers to provide core sampling at the Riverton Library parking lot for an amount of \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Assessor Tara Berg was present to discuss the Eagleview project, currently in the Capital Revolving Fund. Later in the meeting, Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to authorize LATC funding in the amount of \$355,000 for the aerial photography project and remove from the Capital Revolving Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

The project totaling \$1,515,989 for Dispatch radios and paging, GE Mapping, ESRI Software, Console Furniture and Repeater for Griffey Hill Tower Rebuild was discussed. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to have the Dispatch Fund pay \$109,220 for Console Furniture and \$46,000 for GEO Mapping and ESRI Software. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that \$90,000 had already been approved for the Griffey Hill Network Tower through ARPA #1. The remainder of their request for radios etc. is still to be discussed.

Chairman Allen stated he would work with the Fair to schedule a tour of their Indoor Arena Project, and have them provide facility costs. He will ask Undersheriff Hutchison for a list of needs vs. wants on Search and Rescue buildings and specific dimensions necessary. The Garfield Street building will be discussed in more depth for other uses if another location is found for the Lander site.

A Work Session will be scheduled during the next regular meeting to continue prioritizing projects.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn the Regular meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report (informational only) and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website ([www.fremontcountywy.gov](http://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