STATE OF WYOMING	)	LANDER, WYOMING
	) ss.	OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF FREMONT	)	JUNE 8, 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, Clarence Thomas and Mike Jones. Vice-Chairman Larry Allen arrived later in the meeting. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

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

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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Vendor Name 2 M Construction Inc	<u>Department</u> 1% Gravel Projects	<u>Description</u> Gravel Haul	<u>Amount</u> \$6,242.50
B & B Enterprises LLC	Transportation	Signs & Supplies	\$850.00
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Segregated	Vehicle Fuel	\$18,575.15
Bank of the West Acct Analysis	Investment Pool		\$259.12
Bill Jones Plumbing & Heating	County Buildings	Analyzed Charges Supplies	\$180.21
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander		Materials, Supplies	\$238.61
Burden, Dan	Segregated County Buildings		\$4,066.00
Carver, Florek & James CPAs LLC		Security Cameras Audit Services	
Charter Communications	Segregated		\$23,000.00
	Computer Services	Internet Service	\$124.98
Clifford, Gregory P. MD PC	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$3,276.00
CNA Surety	Clerk of District Court	Bond	\$100.00
Coast to Coast Computer Products Inc	Detention Center	Supplies	\$221.00
Cowboy Chemical Inc	Detention Center	Laundry & Kitchen Supply	\$864.50
Grainger	County Buildings Detention	Materials/Supplies	\$444.93
Great Divide Towing & Recovery	County Sheriff	Vehicle Towing	\$480.00
Griffin, Bette J.	County Sheriff	Uniform Supplies	\$276.00
Jace Water Service Inc	1% Gravel Projects	Contract Services	\$2,997.50
Johnson Tool Company LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	Equipment/Supplies	\$148.50
Klaahsen, Jacob E	Transportation	Reimbursement	\$137.14
KONE Inc	County Buildings	Elevator Maintenance	\$1,299.03
Lander Medical Clinic PC	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$1,433.10
Lyles, Jesse	County Sheriff	Expense Reimbursement	\$46.80
Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton	District Court	Court Appointment	\$219.75
Master's Touch LLC	County Treasurer	Mailing Service	\$2,199.87
Medical Imaging Associates Of Idaho	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$269.00
Mid-Amer Research Chemical	County Buildings	Supplies	\$166.93
Mr D's Food Center Inc	Detention Center	Supplies	\$241.26
Norco Inc	Segregated	Supplies	\$5,379.00
Osage Industries, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Repairs Parts	\$53.71
Osborne Trucking Co. Inc	1% Gravel Projects	Contract Services	\$9,597.50
Perfect Power Electric Inc	County Buildings	Parts & Services	\$18.39
Pioneer Pharmacy LLC	PHEP COVID Response	Tests	\$1,650.00
Quadient Inc	Segregated	Postage Charges	\$32.73
Quill Corporation	Segregated	Office Supplies	\$1,261.31
Reed, David K.	1% Gravel Projects	Contract Services	\$11,165.00
Riverton Physician Practices LLC	Segregated	Drug Testing	\$206.00
Sagewest Health Care	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$244.94
Shultz, Kevin	Computer Services	Expense Reimbursement	\$70.20
Sinks Canyon Inc	1% Gravel Projects	Contract Services	\$10,725.00
Skaggs Companies, Inc	Segregated	Uniforms/Supplies	\$739.00
Specialized Pathology Consult	County Coroner	Autopsy Fee	\$1,275.00
Tractor Guys, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$200.36
Traveling Computers	Computer Services	Computer Supplies, Services	\$602.00
Western Printing, Inc	County Assessor	Printed Supplies	\$433.23
Wyoming Machinery Co	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Service	\$1,497.71
Wyoming.com	Computer Services	Internet Service	\$26.95
Wyonet Inc.	Computer Services	Telephone/Internet Service	\$4,205.40

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept the bills for payment, with the exception of a voucher to Specialized Pathology Consultants pending further clarification with the County Coroner later in the meeting.

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$2,262.00 for one Title 25 patient. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) letters of appreciation to outgoing board members JR Oakley (Planning Commission); Kaye Stoll (Museum Board) and Donald Newton (Library Board); and 2) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fuel Supply Contract between Fremont County Government, the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District and Bailey Enterprises, Inc./Bailey Oil Company from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a 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 for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of \$192,772.20. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division and Fremont County Commissioners as Governing Body for the Juvenile Treatment Court of Fremont County for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of \$176,602.08. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Amendment One to the Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Fremont County that extends the performance period of the Agreement through December 31, 2021 for public health personnel to support COVID services. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Amendment One to the Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Fremont County to extend the term of the Contract through June 30, 2024 and to amend responsibilities of Subrecipient (Public Health Emergency Preparedness). Motion carried unanimously.

There were no action items in the Priority Mail.

County Clerk Julie Freese relayed a message from Wind River Intertribal Council Transportation representative Winslow Friday asking about the status of the Memorandum of Understanding between WRIT and Fremont Count relating to four roads on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks was in the audience and Chairman Becker asked him to relay that Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jodi Darrough had advised the MOU has been sent to legal counsel representing both Tribes.

The public comment period was held and Atlantic City business owner William Moore was present to request maintenance on the Big Sandy Road as well as Lander Cutoff Road. Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks and Lander Supervisor Clyde Winchester were present in the audience. Mr. Moore referenced his knowledge of numerous flat tires on Big Sandy Road and his personal expense of at least \$1,200 in repairs over the last year. The Road is wash boarded and he asked that it be included in a yearly maintenance program and get an application of mag chloride soon. On the other road into Atlantic City, this is an extremely busy time of year and the dust is unbearable. He also asked this be put on a program for an application for mag chloride (the last application was five years ago). He stated residents in that area don't ask for much, they pay their taxes and also manage their own dump, but requested dust applications as soon as possible.

Planning Director Steve Baumann presented a plat for Rosewood Hills Subdivision Lots 1 & 2 Replat. The Subdivision is located 1.5 miles northwest of Lander off Highway 287 and the Replat will move the Lot line of Lot 1 slightly to the west from 5.30 acres to 6.54 acres, and reduce Lot 2 from 7.59 to 6.39 acres. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Rosewood Hills Subdivision Lots 1 & 2 Replat as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

In other business, Commissioner Mike Jones asked Steve Baumann for clarification of a portion of his written May Monthly Report stating "The Department received notice from Wyoming Game and Fish concerning approval of construction on Shoshone Lake Road for the purpose of Sage Grouse Habitat." Baumann noted they had followed up that approval with the Fish and Game and USFWS on where the critical habitat is in the County as well as what drives the determination on permit requirements. The department secured a GIS map of critical habitat and will use it as reference on any County activity that may require a permit. This would include road construction as well as Regular Subdivision approval. The area impacted around Lander is essentially everything north of Squaw Creek to the Wind River Indian Reservation as well as the east slope of the mountains in that area. It also includes essentially everything east of Highway 28 and east of Highway 789 to Sand Draw and east to the County line. Chairman Becker recommended former Commissioner Doug Thompson, involved in the Sage Grouse

Plan, provide an update in the near future because it was his understanding the Plan had no authority over private lands.

Commissioner Larry Allen arrived at this time.

Sheriff Ryan Lee provided a May monthly update, and began by stating the COVID quarantine area is only operating at a minimal level, helping immensely with available beds. Detention: had a total of 122 intakes (down from 8 the prior month). Current inmate populations as of June 7th is 173 in house and 180 in custody. Of those numbers, 46 are sentenced and 127 are pre-adjudicated. They continue to receive unanticipated revenues and overall budget is 85.1% for 92% of the elapsed fiscal year. Vacancies include one Cook, one Controller and four Deputy Sheriffs, several positions of which have conditional offers. A reclassification of inmate holding areas will provide 14 additional beds in three pods for dedicated space for municipalities. Building Maintenance staff will be retrofitting beds from the old Jail area at an estimated cost of \$7,000 with funding from the Detention Trust Fund. Communications: They are currently down three positions with all three having conditional offers of employment. There are no budget concerns. Patrol/Enforcement: Filled the open Lander position but have a recent retirement that will be opening soon. Riverton position remains open but a Deputy is slated to fill the position by the end of the month. There are no budget concerns and calls for service this far this calendar year is 3,000. Search and Rescue: 37 missions this fiscal year, compared to 33 this time last fiscal year. Out of these 37 missions, air resources were utilized eight times, five of the missions were fatal incidents totaling six persons. Private donations for the fiscal year total \$32,000. Working on the Forest Reserve funding amounts and gearing up for a busy summer.

In other business, Commissioner Jones reminded Sheriff Lee of the meeting the following day with Dispatch Supervisor Carl Freeman and Priority Ambulance representatives. Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jodi Darrough notified the Board that Priority Ambulance has approved the Dispatch Contract and it is ready for signing.

County Coroner Mark Stratmoen was present for his monthly report. Prior to beginning, Chairman Becker asked for clarification on the voucher for Specialized Pathology Consultants they had held from earlier in the meeting for clarification and Stratmoen stated the County's pathologist was unavailable during the time of the Shoshone train explosion and the major event required two autopsies be done immediately and were subsequently sent to that business. He stated that in this extreme instance and for baby autopsies, another agency would be used. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the voucher from Specialized Pathology Consultants for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

County Coroner Stratmoen review statistics through May 2021 by stating number of cases so far in 2021 are 57 (compared to 52 in 2020). Accidental deaths are at 18, over twice the number for 2020 (8) for the same time period. Five suicides, compared to seven at this time in 2020. One homicide, compared to two at this time in 2020. The spike in accidental deaths is still mainly attributed to an increase in vehicular accidents, with nine so far this year, compared to two for the same period in 2020. Drugs and/or alcohol use continues to be a common factor in a majority of these incidents. Budget total expenditures are estimated at 5% below expectations for fiscal year end, which will result in approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 returned to the General Fund. Stratmoen noted this would be his last monthly report pending his retirement July 1, 2021. Chief Deputy Ivie is teaching at Coroner Basic at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy this week, or otherwise she would have joined him. He hoped the monthly reports would continue with his replacement and that by having Commissioner Allen serve as his liaison, the process has worked well, both for communication and in enhancing completion of the many projects we have been able to accomplish over the years. The Commissioners expressed appreciation to Stratmoen for his service to Fremont County and wished him well in the future.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks was joined by DOWL Engineer Kasey Jones who presented the Agreement between Fremont County and 71 Construction for Construction Contract for installation of transverse rumble strips on 8-Mile Road near both the intersection with Highway 26 and Missouri Valley Road. The contract price is \$17,680.41. WYDOT has already installed blinking stop signs at both ends. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Contract with 71 Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Trihydro Engineer Scott Lee was present to review a Change Order No. 1 Request for the Paradise Valley Box Culvert project. Additional effort on the field survey and engineering and design tasks were required due to an increase in the project footprint. The earlier proposal assumed the Paradise Valley Road

roadway design could be accommodated within 150 feet on either side of the Pilot Canal. As the design progressed, it became clear more distance would be needed along Paradise Valley Road, to accommodate the proposed realignment (straightening of the road across the canal), widening and grade raise needed for the new structure. At the project informational meeting, Midvale Irrigation District requested the new structure (double-barrel reinforced concrete box culvert) be designed to provide for increased irrigation flow capacity in the canal, which Fremont County supported as well as the realignment to straighten it over the canal. The current total length of Paradise Valley Road roadway design, excluding the existing bridge, is approximately 690 feet, which is 2.3 times greater than the original estimate of approximately 300 feet. This increase in project length has led to increased design services and associated costs. Chairman Becker expressed concern with the proposed \$19,400.00 change order for the increased work, and requested Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks contact Midvale Irrigation District and request funding assistance for the overage which was at their request and if fully funded by the County, will be at the expense of taxpayers. Commissioner Jones asked that all the costs for the project be detailed and submitted for review for their information. In order to keep the project moving on schedule, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Trihydro Change Order. No. 1 for \$19,400.00 for additional surveying and design services beyond the original proposal. Voting against the motion: Clarence Thomas. Motion carried.

Billy Meeks stated he will submit an amended budget for 1% Infrastructure to allow for moving some funding from the Gravel Project to Mag and Gravel funding for the Atlantic City and Big Sandy Roads as discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Renewal County Commissioner Scholarship selection will be postponed one week.

The Wind River Visitor's Council proposed budget and operation plan, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 was discussed. Per the Joint Powers Agreement, the County as a member must approve the proposal by June 30, 2021. Mike Jones moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the proposed budget and operation plan for FY 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mike Jones provided a written report of his recent visit of the Maricopa Ambulance service in Scottsdale, Arizona. That Ambulance service is a subsidiary of Priority Ambulance, where he was able to review the business operations. He further stated his belief that the local municipalities be asked to assist the County in funding the Priority Ambulance annual subsidy of \$903,538. He noted there is some discussion with local legislators to create a District to assist local governments in funding an ambulance service but will take some time to implement. In the interim, Commissioner Jones suggested a request of \$100,000 from City of Lander and Riverton and Wind River Intertribal Council, \$20,000 from Town of Dubois and \$10,000 from Town of Hudson and Shoshoni. A formal agreement could be drafted, and different amounts agreed upon, based on actual ambulance numbers for the respective municipalities and Wind River Indian Reservation, but stated an urgency to get it on the table as budgeting is taking place for all of them at this time. The Board agreed to send out a letter to each entity with the suggested monetary request.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas was excused from the meeting.

Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley stated he has been recruiting on a vacancy in the Courthouse; however, has made the decision to move an employee from the Detention Center to the Courthouse, keeping his salary of \$29,000, and then fill the vacancy at the Detention Center with a new rehire at a salary of \$29,000. Chairman Becker excused himself from the discussion due to conflict of interest. Vice-Chairman Larry Allen proceeded over the remainder of the discussion. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve filling the vacancy at the Detention Center at a salary of \$29,000. Motion carried.

In other business, J.R. Oakley presented a revised Five-Year Plan for Capital Improvements. He discussed the tentative Capital Revolving request approval for asphalt crack seal and the heating and cooling system remote monitoring. He stated that after review, he'd like to forego the remote monitoring and replace it with many projects under the \$10,000 threshold for the same \$30,000 amount. Also the restriping project is something that should be included with the crack seal. He also found out that the Public Health has money for signage (which is on his list of projects) and he removed it from his list.

J.R. Oakley further stated that a transformer was out at the Fremont County Youth Camp and Rocky Mountain Power will get a new one installed as part of their emergency procedures so that 4-H camp can proceed as planned. Commissioner Jones thanked him for his work on this situation.

Public Health Nurse Manager Becky Parkins stated she has had a Maternal Child Health Nurse vacancy for nine months and felt the reason was due to the low wage being offered. This is a grant funded position and she recommended increasing the wage to \$30/hour. She has authorization for one full time and one part-time position, but her intent is to advertise for one full time position at the increased salary so there is adequate funding for the increased amount. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to increase the salary for the full time Maternal Child Health Nurse position to \$30/hour and advertise accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner meeting reports were given:

Chairman Travis Becker thanked Commissioner Jones for the report on his recent site visit to Maricopa County to visit the Ambulance service there, especially on such short notice.

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the monthly Library Board meeting and stated the importance of having a board member training as soon as possible. They are reviewing their policies and procedures and will move from the County phone system to another provider.

Commissioner Larry Allen has requested that Vonda Huish, Emergency Management Coordinator, assist in the Wyoming County Commissioners' Association request to gather information to inform the Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee relative to WyoLink. The Committee is scheduled to convene Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to consider whether the state should allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds to support WyoLink, including state and local equipment (e.g., radios, pagers, consoles, towers, etc.). He stated there is some minor, nuisance flooding occurring at this time.

Commissioner Mike Jones gave a shout out to County Clerk Julie Freese who was present for the Corporations Meeting the previous day in Cheyenne and thanked her for her stellar performance. He further recognized former County Treasurer Scott Harnsberger for working part-time to help with the transition process of the new Treasurer Jim Anderson. Both these individuals' efforts are very much appreciated.

Interviews were held with applicants for various Board vacancies:

Mike Zirbel attended via Zoom to interview for re-appointment for the Fremont County Museum Board. Library Director Scott Goetz was present in the audience. One other applicant was scheduled to interview but is ill so that interview is postponed until June  $15^{th}$  after which time appointments will be made.

John Ferrelli interviewed for reappointment to the Fremont County Planning Commission and new applicant Aubrey Meadow interviewed. Later in the meeting, Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to appoint John Ferrelli to a three-year term on the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to appoint Aubrey Medow to a three-year term on the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Kate Hayes and Kristen McClelland interviewed for one vacancy on the Fremont County Library Board. Library Director Anita Marple was present in the audience. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to appoint Kristen McClelland to the three-year term. Motion carried unanimously. The Board asked that Ms. Hayes be informed that her application will be kept on file for one year in case an opening occurs mid-term as they were also very impressed with her interview.

Commissioner Thomas returned to the meeting.

Priority Ambulance EMT-P Director of Government and Industry Relations Dennis Rowe, Director of Marketing & Communications Amanda Jennings and Chief Growth Communication Officer Glenn Leland were present to review Amendment No. 1 to the Priority Ambulance Contract with Fremont County. The purpose is to include a corrected Exhibit B regarding rates that are the same rates currently used by AMR. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Ground Ambulance Service Agreement between Fremont County Government and Priority Ambulance LLC. Motion carried unanimously. The group reported on employee meetings that were scheduled the following day and then

their Vice President of HR and Director of Benefits and Payroll will be coming out on Friday to visit with employees. They stressed there will be no lapse in insurance coverage and there will be sign on bonuses and an initiation of recruitment drives. They plan on monthly updates to the Commissioners to begin with and will provide real time data. Rowe spent a full day in Dubois the previous Saturday and will be meeting with Central Wyoming College officials the following day to discuss educational opportunities. He met with the medical director, Dr. Mel Myers, the preceding day.

County Clerk Julie Freese and Financial Specialist Michelle Neuenschwander gave a preliminary budget hearing for Budget Transfers within FY 2020-2021 which will be advertised for the official hearing on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Budget hearings and work session followed:

**HEALTH INSURANCE FUND: Jim Anderson, Treasurer was present.** This budget is tentatively projected at \$6,188,000. Increases are in the Third Party Administration, Stop Loss, NOVO, MASA and Medical claims lines. The Commissioners also included a 3.5% increase for the county and employees for the premium.

<u>CAPITAL REVOLVING FUND: Jim Anderson, Treasurer was present.</u> The budget is tentatively \$663,000 based on the Commissioner's tentative list of acquisitions. Discussed Building Maintenance Supervisor JR Oakley's list presented earlier today. The Judges Entry Courthouse door replacement, Courthouse entry roofing, and front vestibule court entry doors could be a project for \$16,000. The panic alarms at desks and cameras around the Justice Center for \$10,000. The crack seal could include the striping making the number \$32,000. The remote monitoring would be dropped this year. Larry also wanted to include the Fair Bathhouse stall updates to comply with ADA, the roof replacements. Jim suggested that the \$914,000 be transferred back into the Capital Revolving Fund to use on other projects or bank for another year which will be discussed during the work session.

**ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND: Jim Anderson was present.** For every title purchased, \$1.00 of that fee is put into the abandoned vehicle fund. This money pays for towing for abandoned vehicles on county and state highways. Jim updated the revenue due to the vehicle sales that are being experienced in the county currently.

<u>Budget Work Session: Present was Julie Freese and Michelle Neuenschwander.</u> Julie outlined the changes done since the last work session. She noted that the Ambulance subsidy will be paid out of the Ambulance Fund.

- 1. Fuel Distribution budget: Steve Baumann's recommendation to change the surcharge from \$.18 to \$.10 was discussed and was approved. Steve will be asked to return to the commissioner part way through the next year to report on the change.
- 2. Melinda Cox had been asked to return with her recommendation on what an Assistant Treatment Court Coordinator position would look like. She gave her recommendation and subsequent salary increase as well as the revenue through surcharges to pay for this. The Commissioners took it under advisement and will have Melinda send this through with the SOC discussion later in the year. Melinda also recommended the purchase of a vehicle and they would consider selling two vehicles. The commissioners asked that she request them in next year's capital revolving.
- 3. Library Director Anita Marple requested an addition of \$1,225 to the service agreement line due to a change-over to new phone system which will not be done before next budget period which requires them to continue their agreement with the present phone system for one more month. Anita confirmed that their insurance line item should be \$42,243 for insurance. Julie questioned the \$5800 for the DVR for security that was not approved in the CARES funding. Commissioner Thomas expressed support for this as it is a good add on for their security system.
- 4. JR's Capital Revolving list was discussed. The board decided to combine the asphalt crack seal and striping for \$32,000 and to remove the remote monitoring. They also added \$16,000 for courthouse projects and \$10,000 for Justice Center projects.
- 5. The Board asked that an email be sent to the Weed and Pest and Solid Waste to advise them that the County is looking to update SOC salaries after the budget is set in the event they wish to do something similar.
- 6. Support services: The service agreement was adjusted with better figures for the postage machine. A miscellaneous line item will be added for postage machine supplies.

- 7. IT Supervisor Kevin Shultz and Julie Freese are working with Wyoming Association of Risk Management (WARM) on a premium for Cyber Security insurance. The Board approved this action and will look at the result when it is available.
- 8. Clerk of District Court: Since the SOC's will be discussed after the budget is set, Julie reminded the board that the Clerk of District Court will need to know what she can do regarding the hiring of a new person to replace an employee retiring on July 1, 2021. There were concerns of increased pay for other employees on staff, but they agreed to give her \$40,000 (based on her lowest paid employee) as a basis to rehire another employee. All other employee increases should be requested after the budget session when the SOC's are discussed.
- 9. There was a discussion on a vehicle pool inventory and suggested replacement plans. The Board will do an interim study on this during the year.
- 10. The Commissioner budget was discussed. They decided that since Commissioner Jones had been accepted into Leadership Wyoming and Commissioner Allen had been appointed to the Search and Rescue Board which would also require some travel. They added \$3000 to their travel budget.
- 11. Sheriff and Dispatch budgets needs the updated principal and interest amounts added and will be done by the Clerk's Office.
- 12. Buildings Budget was updated to increase the employee's salary as previously approved. Buildings Detention: Julie was concerned that the travel for the certification class for the detention doors would not be adequate and she will discuss this with JR Oakley to see if it is adequate.
- 13. Public Health Nurse: Becky Parkins was asked (online on Zoom) if she had found a nurse yet and whether that would be possible in the next year, otherwise the amount of Wyoming Reimbursement to the state could be reduced and held in the cash reserve. Becky hoped to leave this in her budget and will continue to work on this replacement. The board concurred with this recommendation.
- 14. Fair General Fund: Julie asked Commissioner Allen if the line item for \$5000 in the Capital projects was the same as has been tentatively approved in the Capital Revolving Fund for the Fair. Commissioner Allen was not sure. Pat Hart will be contacted and this will be removed if this is included.
- 15. A ½% Economic Development budget needs to be drafted and the Clerk and Treasurer will bring that to the board.
- 16. The repayment of the Justice Center is projected at \$672,000 and listed as an expenditure.
- 17. To balance the budget, the board asked that the Clerk take it out of the Cash Reserve.

A preliminary budget will be presented at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval prior to legal advertising prior to the Public Hearing set for June 28, 2021.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on June 15, 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