

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 29, 2020

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Board of Fremont County Commissioners met in Special Session at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Travis Becker, Vice-Chairman Larry Allen, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Michael Jones. Fremont County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present for the meeting.

A Public Hearing was held, as advertised, to hear comments regarding the E-911 Special Revenue Fund and Fremont County's Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposed budget. Nine people were present in the audience (a complete list is on file in the Commissioners' Office).

The hearing opened with the E-911 Budget hearing. Communications Supervisor Carl Freeman and Sheriff Ryan Lee gave an update on both the E-911 and Dispatch budget, and stated all anticipated revenue will come from User Fees from agencies for which Dispatch provides a service for and from the 911 surcharge money collected from each traditional and wireless devices. Freeman gave his recommendation to keep this surcharge at \$0.75 per line for a projected revenue total of \$348,069 with all agencies paying at 100% of actuals. There were no comments from the audience on the proposed budget for E-911.

Chairman Becker asked County Clerk Julie Freese to provide an update on the budget to date. The proposed FY 2020-2021 budget was advertised with an assessed valuation of \$627,693,309.

As the County has taken over the bookkeeping duties of the Library system, there is some work to be done to bring their benefits policy into compliance with the County. Vice-Chairman Larry Allen asked for confirmation that the Library Board is taking this issue seriously, to which Acting Library Manager Anita Marple replied was the case.

Chairman Becker stated the County is experiencing one of the most trying times and the budgets will be looked at on a monthly basis, to be compared to anticipated revenues. He stated the Commission will be very proactive to stay ahead of any changes that need to be made. He thanked the departments and Elected Officials for working together on the budget and that everyone needs to be part of the overall team.

Public comments were taken.

Local businessman Brett Berg thanked the Commissioners for their work during to get to a balanced budget during this very trying time, and for taking the heat they have taken regarding cuts they have made. He further stated that it takes good people to sit at the table and make the hard decisions for the benefit of the county as a whole.

Chairman Becker thanked Berg for his positive comments. He further thanked all those offices involved in preparing the budget and continued monitoring throughout the year, with special thanks to County Clerk Julie Freese, Deputy Treasurer Jim Anderson and Assessor Tara Berg for their continued work on providing updated assessed valuation and projected revenues throughout the process.

The budget will be adopted the following day during their regular meeting at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing closed at 5:50 p.m.

/s/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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