

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 16, 2021

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Chairman Becker stated the Special Meeting had been scheduled for one purpose only and that is for the selection of a Fremont County Coroner. The Republican Central Committee had their meeting July 12, 2021 and by state statute, submitted three candidates for consideration as a replacement for Mark Stratmoen's remaining term. The Commissioners had interviewed the three applicants on July 13, 2021 and subsequently rejected all three names, and agreed to ask the Chairwoman of the party to reconsider additional names due to the limited qualifications possessed by the candidates presented at that time. There were 14 people in the audience (a list is on file in the Commissioners' Office) and multiple people on Zoom. Chairman Becker stated he would allow public comment but limited each to one minute. A number of audience members addressed the commission. A list of attendees is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners.

There being no further discussion, Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to select Larry DeGraw as Fremont County Coroner to complete the remainder of Mark Stratmoen's term. Voting against the motion: Larry Allen and Mike Jones. Motion carried. Vice-Chairman Allen stated his concern that Mr. DeGraw keep current staff in place. (Note: after the meeting was adjourned, Mr. DeGraw so stated nothing will change under his administration).

Chairman Becker stated Mr. DeGraw will be sworn in at 10:00 a.m. this morning by Judge Jason Conder. As stated in his earlier statement, this process needs to be fixed, and he felt the system failed the citizens and Fremont County as a whole.

There being no further business, the Special meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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