

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JULY 20, 2021

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2021 and the Special Meeting held on July 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor – Department – Description – Amount: Ace Hardware-Lander-Segregated-Materials/Supplies-\$268.01; Ace Hardware-Riverton-County Buildings-Materials/Supplies -\$140.46; Airgas USA LLC-Vehicle Maintenance-Cylinder Rental-\$267.86; AlSCO Inc-County Buildings-Laundry-\$220.96; Arcasearch Corporation-Clerk of District Court-Research Site -\$2800.00; Axon Enterprise Inc-Detention Center-Supplies-\$5440.77; B & B Enterprises LLC-Planning-Signs & Supplies-\$180.00; Bailey Enterprises, Inc-Segregated-Vehicle Fuel-\$28960.04; Bloedorn Lumber-Lander-County Buildings-Materials, Supplies -\$211.13; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$300.00; Bull's Service & Towing LLC-Search & Rescue-Vehicle Fuel-\$225.82; Burden, Dan-County Buildings-Alarm Monitoring-\$720.00; Centurylink-Computer Services-Telephone Service-\$640.29; Charter Communications-Computer Services-Internet Service-\$224.98; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Dell Marketing, L.P.-Sheriff Victim Services-Computer Equipment, Supplies-\$925.77; Desert Mountain Corporation-Road Construction-Contract Services-.\$7229.54; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Eagle Uniform & Supply Co-Vehicle Maintenance- Laundry-\$122.48; Eaton Sales & Service, LLC-Fuel Facility-Parts & Supplies-\$2932.75; Evan's Trucking-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$4235.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Fremont County Assoc. of Govt.-County Commission-Membership -\$5000.00; Fremont County Fair-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$300.00; Fremont County Fire-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$900.00; Fremont County Library System-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$90.00; Fremont County Weed & Pest-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$900.00; Grainger-County Buildings Detention-Materials/Supplies-\$65.37; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Great Divide Towing & Recovery-County Sheriff-Vehicle Towing-\$210.00; Hall, Sterling-Forest Reserve-Firewise Defensible Space-\$4200.00; High Plains Power, Inc-County Buildings- Utility Services-\$1173.40; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Injury Prevention Resources-Segregated-Contractual Services-\$9116.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$300.00; Lander Medical Clinic PC-Segregated-Services-\$4575.75; Lander Valley Auto Parts-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Supplies -\$1127.06; Lawson Products, Inc-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts & Supplies-\$41.45; Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton-District Court-Court Appointment -\$82.60; Mark's Auto Sales & Towing-Abandoned Vehicles-Vehicle Towing-\$210.00; Master's Touch LLC-County Treasurer-Mailing Service-\$2070.63; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc-Clerk of District Court-Supplies-\$225.31; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$210.00; Medical Imaging Associates Of Idaho-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$25.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$300.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$90.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Midwest Connect-Support Services-Postage Supplies -\$334.95; Mountain Drivetrain-Vehicle Maintenance-Supplies / Equipment-\$1105.43; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Mr D's Food Center Inc-Segregated-Supplies -\$540.50; NMS Laboratories-County Coroner-Toxicology Services-\$2907.60; Novo Benefits-Health Benefit Plan-Insurance Services -\$5100.00; Office Shop Inc, The-Computer Services-Copier Services-\$1594.54; One Stop Market-Search & Rescue-Vehicle Fuel-\$104.28; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse-\$210.00; Pavillion, Town of-County Buildings-Water Utilities-\$125.09; Post, Raymond-Segregated-Car Wash -\$60.17; QPR Institute Inc-Prevention Program-Certified Instructor Course-\$509.95; Riverton Ranger, Inc-Segregated- Advertising-\$1880.05; Shoshoni, Town of-County Buildings- Water/Sewer-\$56.00; Six Robbles' Inc-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$76.09; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Redacted-Health Promotion-Wellness Reimburse -\$300.00; Traveling Computers-Computer Services-Subscriptions-\$6358.00; Tyler Technologies Inc-County Clerk-Eagle Support -\$26810.42; Union Telephone Company-Segregated-Cellphones-\$559.59; Wind River Towing-County Sheriff-Abandoned Vehicle-\$490.00; WY Brand Industries-Detention Center-Inmate Supplies-\$1616.00; WY Public Health Laboratory-Public Health-Lab Fees/Supplies-\$322.00; Wyoming Behavioral Institute-Health & Welfare-Title 25-\$1508.00; Wyoming Catholic College-Search & Rescue- Expenses-\$3041.00; Wyoming Dept of Transportation-Segregated-WYDOT Fuel-\$1627.64; Wyoming Machinery Co-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$2993.59; Wyoming Office Attorney General-24/7 Program-Sobriety Fees Collected-\$3188.00.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) letters of appreciation to Karl Falken and Joseph Lucero for interviewing for the County Coroner vacancy; and 2) Record of Proceedings. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the bid from Fremont Chevrolet in the amount of \$35,275.00 for a 2022 Chevy Silverado Pickup with Topper and Grill Guard for the Emergency Management Agency with funding through the Capital Revolving Fund. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to accept the bid from Fremont Chevrolet and Summit

Truck Bodies in the amount of \$145,613.00 for a 2022 4wd Service Truck for Vehicle Maintenance with funding through the Capital Revolving Fund. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve a letter of support to WYDOT for the designation of a proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 76 through Fremont County. Motion carried unanimously.

The following item in the Priority Mail was reviewed: 2021 Wyoming Association of County Officers Conference Agenda for September 21-23, 2021 annual meeting.

The public comment period was held with nobody in attendance.

Treasurer Jim Anderson updated the Commission on his progress to fill two vacancies, one part-time and one full-time. He stated that recent interviews indicate nobody interested in the part-time position and that current employees have accrued over 30 hours in overtime within the last two weeks alone to keep up with the work load. To fund the other half of the part time position would require an additional \$16,000 to \$18,000 of a budget infusion, including benefits. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to increase the part-time position to full-time for an annual salary of \$29,016. Motion carried unanimously. County Clerk Freese reminded the Board that as with any office, the budget will be monitored and a transfer will not be made until needed later in the year.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks updated the Board on a request from Wyoming Indian High School for assistance in installing a structure across a canal that is necessary in conjunction with a state cross country meet scheduled at the school for the next two years. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the donation of salvaged pipe to the Wyoming Indian High School for installation across a canal in conjunction with the WIHS Chief Nation Invitational track meet to be held in October. Motion carried unanimously. Meeks stated there is no dollar value associated with the pipe but will complete the necessary paperwork to take it out of inventory. Later in the meeting, Keith Bauder distributed a brochure indicating the route that will be taken and photos of the canal that needs a crossing installed and expressed appreciation of the donation.

In other business, Vice-Chairman Larry Allen expressed appreciation to Billy Meeks for the road maintenance on upper Badwater Road, it has gone from nearly impassable to a good road. Meeks noted mugging is near completion with the exception of Atlantic City which may have to wait until fall or next spring as water sources in that area are drying up.

Doug Thompson updated the Board on the availability of the draft Fremont County Natural Resource Management Plan. Y2 Consultants has already issued press releases on its' availability this date. Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to set a 45-day comment period beginning July 20, 2021 and ending September 5, 2021 for review. Motion carried unanimously. The Release states the document's availability on the Fremont County website for review and download, and copies for review at the public libraries and conservation districts in Dubois, Lander and Riverton as well as in the County Commissioners' Office. Public meetings will need to be scheduled and the Commission agreed to set those dates when they meet on August 3rd and give people a chance to review the document before the attending a meeting. Written comments will be requested to ensure a full understanding of thoughts and concerns and will be fully considered before finalizing the document. Comments can be submitted to the Y2 site or hand delivered to the Commissioners' Office. The Committee will take all the comments and review for substantive comments and modify the draft accordingly prior to presentation to the Commission for final action (accept, modify or start over).

Later in the meeting, Doug Thompson informed the Board of the Sage Grouse Implementation Team (SGIT) meeting that is scheduled in Lander on August 10th. Commissioners Becker and Allen will begin attending the local working group meetings.

Commission meeting reports were given:

Coroner Larry DeGraw joined the meeting to give a brief update since his appointment the following week.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen presented Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith with a fishing pole in recognition of 20 years of service to Fremont County. Family members and co-workers were present in the audience. Allen thanked him for spending endless hours on necessary projects, adding the ambulance fleet as additional responsibility, and stating he's very budget minded and always looking out

for the good of Fremont County in all his actions. The Commissioners thanked Brad for his dedication to Fremont County.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvene for a Special Meeting on August 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to set Mill Levies and then hold a Board of Equalization tax protest hearing at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Regular Meeting on August 3, 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