

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 23, 2022

### 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, Vice-Chairman Larry Allen (via Zoom), Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Michael Jones. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

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

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
71 Construction	Road Material Inventory	Materials	\$115,824.54
A & I Distributors	Vehicle Maintenance	Oil/Fluids	\$6,264.45
Ace Hardware-Riverton	Vehicle Maintenance	Materials/Supplies	\$29.65
Airgas USA LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	Cylinder Lease	\$751.70
American Shooters Las Vegas, Inc	Detention Center	Ammunition	\$151.82
ANDA Inc	Public Health	Vaccine	\$3,902.53
Anderson, Sandra L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Apex Surveying, Inc	Transportation	Project Engineer	\$4,120.26
Aponte, Joanie	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Arcasearch Corporation	Clerk of District Court	Research Fee	\$2,800.00
Ash, Linda W.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Segregated	Bulk Fuel	\$31,939.21
Baker, Lynda C	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Ballinger, Jennet L.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Ballou, Janet Marie	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Ballou, Jeffery L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bank of the West	Segregated	Credit Card Purchases	\$77,477.94
Bank of the West Acct Analysis	Investment Pool	Analyzed Charges	\$298.38
Barr, Virginia A.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Barta, Michelle C	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bebout, Linda L.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Beckwith, Larry E.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bletner, Susannah R	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bob's Truck Repair, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Service/Repair	\$46.48
Borders, Karla J.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bower, Roger K	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Britain, Heather	CAST	Expense Reimbursement	\$135.00
Brodie Excavation LLC	Transportation	Road Construction	\$1,900.00
Brodrick, Marlene E	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Bull's Service & Towing LLC	Search & Rescue	Vehicle Fuel	\$72.77
Burback's Refrigeration	Covid 19 Grant	Medical Freezer	\$9,225.00
Capital Business System Inc	Covid 19 Grant	Supplies & Service	\$64.89
Carroll Septic Service	Transportation	Services	\$150.00
Caselle, Inc	County Treasurer	Conference22	\$990.00
Centurylink	Computer Services	Telephone Service	\$663.96
Charter Communications	Computer Services	Internet Service	\$229.98
Children's Advocacy Project Inc	Health & Welfare	Allocation 2022-2023	\$2,000.00
Christensen, Bradley J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Cole, Forrest J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Collins, Kim	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Comesrunningbuck, Nicole PC	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Communication Technologies Inc	Segregated	Antenna Repair	\$465.35
Cone, Lucy A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Cowboy Chemical Inc	Detention Center	Laundry & Kitchen Supply	\$1,165.45
Crane, Steven P	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Cunningham, James W.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Cunningham, Theresa L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Davis, Georgia M.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00

Davis, James E	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Delay, Lea M.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Dick, Wayne C	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Dooley, Theil	County Attorney	Reimburse Expenses	\$25.20
Eagle Uniform & Supply Co	Vehicle Maintenance	Laundry	\$140.75
Edwards Communications	Prevention Program	Radio Advertising	\$1,168.00
Fifield, Teresa L.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Flohr, Mary Ellis	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Floyd's Truck Center WY	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$2,842.70
Fremont County Assoc. of Govt.	Special Tax	Economic Development	\$32,523.93
Frontier Ambulance LLC	Fremont County Ambulance	Ambulance Subsidy	\$119,627.00
Fuechsel, Karen S	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Globalstar USA	Search & Rescue	Satellite Phone	\$400.15
Great Divide Towing & Recovery	County Sheriff	Vehicle Towing	\$562.80
Griewahn, Cynthia	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hafner, Terry M	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hasco Industrial Supply	Vehicle Maintenance	Materials/Supplies	\$282.07
Hedderman, Kevin C	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hehr, Ryan B	Prevention Program	Admin Assist Contract	\$202.50
Hill, Julie A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hinds, Paula E.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Homelvig, Mary A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Honsaker, Mary	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Horton, Leena M	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hotsy Equipment of Wyoming Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Supplies	\$62.50
Houser, Michelle J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hudson, Celina M.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Hulme, Linda M.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
ID Wholesaler	County Buildings	ID Card Printer	\$7,677.26
Jamerman, Joy A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Jones, Cheryl A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Judd, Jill K.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Kahl, Bruce	Transportation	Expense Reimbursement	\$150.00
Kellner, Ruth K.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Kenyon, Rebecca L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Kessler, Sallye J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Koltiska, Teresa Lyn	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Kopriva, Patricia A.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Larsen, Debra L.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Larsen, John L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Larsen, Rebecca L.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Long, Jennifer A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Lynch, Carol A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Malcolm, Donna K.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Malcolm, William A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Marple, Anita	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Mason, Nancy J.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Master's Touch LLC	County Treasurer	Prepaid Postage	\$4,609.64
Media Works, Inc	County Sheriff	Supplies	\$62.98
Midwest Connect	Segregated	Supplies	\$524.00
Montana Shed Center	Covid 19 Grant	Utility Shed	\$3,769.54
Moravek, Cynthia K	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Moravek, Gail J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Moscicki, Anna T S	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Motorola Solutions Inc	County Sheriff	Equipment Lease	\$284,574.00
Mountain Dental PC	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$1,136.00
Napa Auto Parts-Riverton	Transportation	Parts & Supplies	\$140.95
NMS Laboratories	County Coroner	Services	\$1,088.00
Nolan, Melody	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Norco Inc	Transportation	Equipment Lease	\$157.50
Novo Benefits	Health Benefit Plan	Insurance Services	\$5,253.00
Oakleaf, Barbara J.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
O'Brien, Cheryl	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Office Shop Inc, The	Segregated	Copy Repair/Service	\$10,197.90
Olson's Auto Body & Towing	County Sheriff	Vehicle Repair	\$3,168.64
Orkin LLC	County Buildings	Pest Control Service	\$485.00
Palace Pharmacy	Detention Center	Inmate Rx's	\$14,531.13
Paris, Clarke A	Prevention Program	Training	\$4,000.00
Pavillion, Town of	County Buildings	Water Utilities	\$124.39
Peart, Margaret	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Pedersen, Beverly K	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Peterbilt of Wyoming	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$7,263.22
Pitt, Orley C	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00

Post and Associates	County Sheriff	Administrative Fee	\$3,000.00
Post, Raymond	Segregated	Car Wash	\$136.70
Premier Vehicle Install Inc	Capital Asset Acquisitions	Set Up Vehicle	\$14,674.89
Purdum, Virginia	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Quadiant Inc	County Sheriff	Postage Machine	\$253.18
Quest Diagnostic	Detention Center	Inmate Medical	\$75.37
Quill Corporation	Segregated	Office Supplies	\$398.65
Ratigan, Daniel, M.D.	Detention Center	P.A. Supervisor Contract	\$5,008.34
Rector, Mary Elizabeth	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Reed's Moghaun Office Supply	Segregated	Office Supplies	\$304.42
Remote Satellite Systems	Search & Rescue	Equipment	\$118.00
Richardson, Elizabeth A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Richardson, Kenneth P	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Riverton Physician Practices LLC	County Sheriff	Drug Testing	\$151.00
Riverton Ranger, Inc	Segregated	Advertising	\$9,677.04
Riverton, City of	Special Tax	Economic Development	\$65,047.85
Rocky Mountain Information	County Sheriff	Membership Dues	\$250.00
Rocky Mountain Power	County Buildings	Utility Service	\$1,666.38
Rogers, Peny L.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Rose, Maia	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Rose, Barbara C	County Elections	Election Judge	\$97.50
Schilling, Stephanie	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Secretary of State	Segregated	Notary Fees	\$180.00
Selley, Mary B	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Shirts & More Inc	Segregated	Vehicle Decals	\$71.00
Shoshoni Senior Center Inc	Health & Welfare	Allocation 2022-2023	\$7,000.00
Shoup, Mary Sue	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Skaggs Companies Inc	County Sheriff	Uniforms/Supplies	\$492.00
Skinner, Amy	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Smith Psychological Services	County Sheriff	Services	\$1,200.00
Smith, Carol L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Smith, Lucielle J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Smith, Mariah	Prevention Program	Administrative Assistance	\$479.25
Stanbury, Rose M	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Stillman, Gailee R.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Stotz Equipment	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Equipment/Supplies	\$93.00
Swistowicz, Katherine J	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
Sylvestri Customization	Prevention Program	Website Services	\$4,328.00
Tendore, Rory K	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Thompson, Douglas L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Union Telephone Company	Segregated	Cellphones	\$400.94
University of Wyoming	Agriculture Department	Conference Registration	\$75.00
Valley Lumber & Supply Co Inc	Transportation	Materials/Supplies	\$37.75
Vann, Katherine S.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Verizon Wireless	Computer Services	Cellphones	\$199.12
Wagon, Wilma	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Western Printing, Inc	County Elections	Printed Supplies	\$320.11
White, Alanita	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
White, Lynda R	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Wilderness Rescue International	Search & Rescue	Training	\$3,070.00
Wood, John F.	County Elections	Election Judge	\$220.00
WY Brand Industries	Detention Center	Inmate Uniforms & Supplies	\$1,444.00
WY Public Health Laboratory	Public Health	Lab Fees/Supplies	\$522.00
Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture	Detention Center	Food License	\$100.00
Wyoming Machinery Co	Capital Asset Acquisitions	Motor Graders	\$616,328.00
Wyoming Office Attorney General	24/7 Program	Program Fees	\$5,696.00
Wyoming State Veterinary Lab	County Sheriff	Service	\$2,413.35
Yellow Boy, Jennifer	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Yennie, Gerald A	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00
Young, Deborah L	County Elections	Election Judge	\$195.00

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Capital Revolving Fund purchases as follows: Three precision rifles from Crosseyed Custom Rifles for a total cost of \$28,522; Yukon transferred from the Fremont County Commission pool vehicle fleet totaling \$10,000; four 2023 Police Package pickups from Fremont Motors totaling \$62,744 each; two 2023 Ford F-150 pickups totaling \$57,987 each; and two 2023 Police Package pickups from Fremont Motors totaling \$67,188 each. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve three Cooperative Agreements between Wyoming Department of Transportation and the Fremont County Commissioners for the bridge over Big Wind River on Wilderness Road (Structure No. ELJ); bridge on Diversion Dam Road (Structure No. ELY) and bridge over Wyoming Canal (ELX) on Diversion Dam Road. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones

moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to ratify approval of the Federal Highway Administration Federal Lands Highway Agreement to perform roadway rehabilitation on Horse Creek Road in Dubois. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Amendment One to the Grant Agreement between Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and County of Fremont to extend the date to September 30, 2022 to expend funds. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Approach Permit/Access Application from Michael Parker for Tunnel Hill Road and from Dennis Warden for Upper Little Warm Springs Road. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Bore, Cut, Overhead and Parallel Public Utilities Right-of-Way Permit from James Cooper for Elkhorn Drive Road and from Black Hills Energy for Western Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wyoming Office of Guardian *Ad Litem* and Fremont County, Wyoming to provide legal representation in accordance with Agency Rules through the term of June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) Clarence Thomas moved, Mike Jones seconded, to ratify approval to refill the Day Reporting Center, Direct Services Provider/Case Manager position at the budgeted salary. Motion carried unanimously. 2) WCCA Inquiry – Governor’s Task Force on ARPA Funds (Chairman Becker to complete); 3) Riverton Valley Irrigation District Certificate of Assessment Roll for the Year 2022 was acknowledged by the Board.

The Public Comment period was held. County Clerk Julie Freese introduced newly hired Financial Specialist Dave Hood to the Commission. Representative Pepper Ottman was present via Zoom and expressed congratulations to those Commissioners’ moving forward to the General Election and to further thank them for all they do.

Care and Share Food Bank treasurer Jim Massman requested a letter of support for their application to Rocky Mountain Power’s Blue Sky program to install solar photovoltaics (PV) on their facility, coupled with battery storage. Massman reported 1,750 individuals were served in July as the Food Bank is an essential part of Lander’s safety net serving 1,000 to 1,700 food insecure individuals per month since 1986. A PV system was installed in 2014; however, does not meet current needs at this time. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the letter of support to Rocky Mountain Power’s Blue Sky program for PV installation. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Manager Anita Marple presented the Library System Annual Report for last fiscal year. Present in the audience was Assistant Director Shari Haskins, Board members Carrie Johnson and staff Tamara Anderson. Present via Zoom was Board members Perry Cook and John Angst. Various charts and graphs were reviewed, denoting FY 2021-2022 General Fund (\$1,054,422) and Special Revenue Fund (\$162,702) totaling \$1,217,124 compared to FY 2022-2023 General Fund (\$1,121,622) and Special Revenue Fund (\$171,639) for a total of \$1,293,261. FY 2021-2022 library visits total 159,512 (Riverton 88,560, Lander 62,350 and Dubois 8,602). Circulation totals 149,037 were Digital 27%; Adult 33%; Children 35% and Young Adult 5%. Meeting room uses totaled 1,133 with 12,330 attendees. There were 1,003 library cards issued with a total of 18,762 Fremont County library card holders (48% of residents). Public Computer (17%) and Wireless Internet (83%) uses occurred in the fiscal year. Program attendee totals were 589 with 11,130 attendees over the various departments. Inter-Library Loan transactions and 4-Year Circulation Trends were discussed. A comparison of pre-pandemic and post-pandemic Open Hours Circulation Activity was discussed. Marple noted the Library System is developing a new website in addition to the County website. A statistics summary was discussed along with a list of community partnerships (businesses, non-profits and individuals) that provide programming and/or financial support, listing 108 current community partners. In closing, Marple read eight comments from patrons, indicating how the library helped them in a variety of ways.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks presented a proposal from Cole Lumber & Construction Co, Inc. for gravel at Red Desert #1 Gravel Pit, located south of Jeffrey City. There is approximately 8,000 to 12,000 ton for sale to the County for \$7.50/ton, loaded. He has checked with an adjoining County who has used the material with good results. Vice-Chairman Allen asked for a status report on crushing costs, to which Meeks stated he is waiting on final figures but estimates it will be between \$6.00 and \$8.00/ton. He would like to use Contract Trucks with 1% funding to haul the material to Crooks Gap Road. This will be the first time gravel will be applied to the road and the location of the pit will be a short haul. He further noted the 1% Committee has approved this additional amount for funding, totaling \$320,000, pending the Board’s approval. County Clerk Julie Freese will work with Meeks to prepare the information needed for a budget hearing.

Billy Meeks presented a sales quote from Tapco in the amount of \$31,364.60 for a solar message board and trailer. He has funding in the Road Construction Fund he would like to use for the purchase. As several funding sources are available, he was asked to present the various scenarios for funding the purchase at the next meeting. Some discussion was held by the Commission that this was not part of his budget request for the current fiscal year.

Billy Meeks provided a department report and distributed a list of One Percent Hot Mix projects for 2022, totaling \$341,622.02. Of the budgeted \$600,000, there is \$258,377.98 remaining. There were some culvert and cattle guard repairs requiring hot mix, and those roads receiving hot mix were Long Point, Two Valley, Angler, Honor Farm, Smith, Diversion Dam, Buckhorn Flats, Ocean Lake, Tunnel Hill, East Pavillion, Delfelder, Young, Clothesline in the Riverton area and Mortimore and Hillcrest Drive Roads in the Lander area. He stated the projects are rotated between Lander and Riverton on an annual basis and he was requested to issue a public statement letting the County residents know the work took place and on which roads for their information on how the 1% funding is being used.

Recent rain events caused blow outs on East Fork Road and crew are digging and flushing out culverts. Leseberg Construction bladed the road and the Wyoming Game and Fish also had equipment in the area and assisted with the damage caused by 2.5 inches of rainfall. High rains on Ore Road in the Jeffrey City area caused some pipes to be washed out. Chairman Becker has been receiving complaints about the condition of Wilderness Road and asked for Meeks to come up with some options as soon as possible. Meeks stated maging county roads was their summer project and is complete. The new motor graders are here but still waiting some set up items (radios, etc.).

Museum Director Scott Goetz requested authorization to fill the newly approved maintenance position at a salary of \$36,000 and to refill the Riverton Site Manager position at a salary of \$38,300. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve refilling both positions at the designated salary. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission meeting reports were given:

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the Fremont County Recreation Commission meeting held at the Fremont County Youth Camp on an annual basis. They toured the new Nurse's building and she stated the new solar system will be installed in September. There are still many items needing addressed and they will submit additional requests when funding opportunities arise (ARPA).

Commissioner Mike Jones attended the Solid Waste Disposal District meeting and they expressed concern that the Commission discussed cutting their mill levy due to surplus funding during the Mill Levy setting on August 1, 2022. He recommended the District representatives communicate with the Commission regularly to let them know they are using some of the funding currently.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen and Commissioner Mike Jones attended the Wyoming County Commissioner's Association sponsored Congressional Tour for their visit to the Big Horn Basin last week. There were 15 congressional staff members in attendance. He gave a presentation to them on the issues facing the emergency services in Fremont County. They participated in part of the tour of the Admiral Beverage facility and Wyoming Winery.

Chairman Travis Becker attended the Central Wyoming (Riverton) Airport Board meeting last week. Enplanements continue to be fairly stable with only one flight in and out of Riverton daily. He reiterated the many calls of concern on the condition of Wilderness Road. He has participated in several interviews for the State Public Health Nurse Manager position, to which all have rejected an offer of employment due to the salary set by the State. The sale of the North 8<sup>th</sup> West property in Riverton has closed and he was happy the Commission was able to return two county properties back into the public sector within the last year.

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith stated he had a successful interview earlier in the day for a vacant Mechanic position. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded to hire the successful applicant at the budgeted salary of \$50,500. Motion carried unanimously.

Popo Agie Conservation District Manager Kelsey Beck was joined by Popo Agie Estates Homeowners Association representative Bill Lee to request the Commission co-sponsor an Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project within the Subdivision. Present in the audience was Steve Baumann, Billy

Meeks, and Katie and Brad Meredith. Beck stated the project will protect Deer Valley Road and be administered by their District and any monetary expenses paid by the Homeowners Association. The project qualifies for EWP assistance in light of recent flooding that occurred from spring runoff that impacted Deer Valley Road. The project will protect Deer Valley Road and create an open channel (like a barrow ditch) to capture and redirect flows back to the lower elevation that returns to the river. She further referenced a statement from Biota (Project Engineer) who explained why the engineering designs and construction, completed in the fall of 2021, which held through the runoff event, still had flooding that occurred despite the structures holding as expected. Katie Meredith explained the situation they have experienced as landowners who live above the Subdivision where this work was performed in 2021, specifically removing sediment and willows that diverted water away from a channel they use for irrigation purposes. Fremont County Planning Department Supervisor Steve Baumann reminded the Board that any work within the floodway will require a variance from the County just like was required several years ago. Chairman Becker asked that they return with assurances that the new work will not create more problems as well as meet with the landowners who were expressing concern.

Fremont County Fair Manager Pat Hart was joined by Fair Board President Scott Walters so present a 2022 Night Events Profit/Loss Statement which indicated all events made money for a grand total profit of \$82,854.51. The carnival income totaled \$21,937.00 and discussion was held regarding whether or not holding it a week before the Fair was a good move. Hart indicated the Board had elected to have the income speak for itself and the pre-Carnival numbers have been higher than when it was part of the Fair, so they will keep it a pre-carnival. The Fair had a total of 590 exhibitors with FFA exhibits up this year and open class exhibitors down. The Native American Art exhibits was the highest yet. The Livestock Sale totaled \$802,686.25 that includes add ins. Last year was the highest grossing sale to date with this year's coming in second. She expressed appreciation to the Fair Board members who worked nonstop, along with staff and volunteers. She reviewed their decision not to have the Poultry Show this year due to the Avian Flu issue. With increased protocols needed, they did not feel they had adequate people to handle it this year. The other issue was the Sale Committee's rule effective in January of this year regarding the mandatory meeting for those exhibitors who would be selling or else a portion of their proceeds would go to the Committee. Out of 226 sale exhibits, 11 exhibitors did not make the mandatory meeting so 10% of their earnings went to the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. Walters stated the Committee felt the new Rules did enhance the Sale this year. During the Fair Board's monthly meeting last week, there were a lot of complaints raised about the new Rule, but he defended it by stating the 10% goes right back into the Sale expenses (wood shavings, insurance if an animal dies, etc.). Commissioner Thomas asked if the Fair Board was considering a five to ten-year plan for expansion and Chairman Becker stated the Majors property is an option; however, funding will be an issue and that a special revenue tax may be a possibility in the future. In closing, Walters thanked the Commission for their continuing support and to Pat for her wonderful efforts as Fair Manager.

In a related item, a letter of resignation from Terri Castle (formerly Long-Cash), was discussed, creating a vacancy in her term that will expire December 30, 2023. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the resignation and to advertise the vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mike Jones has been working on amending the Department Head evaluation process and will present his proposal at the meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Becker stated the Board of Fremont County Commissioners would adjourn at 11:35 a.m. and reconvene at the Fremont County Board of Equalization at 1:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Room at the Fremont County Library.

John Schumacher presided as Hearing Examiner. Fremont County Board of Equalization members Travis Becker, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Michael Jones were present. Larry Allen was absent.

The following Orders of Dismissal and Vacation of Hearing were reviewed and unanimously approved:

Docket No. 2022-05	City of Lander (Lander Community Center)
Docket No. 2022-06	City of Lander (Lander Golf Course)

The hearing for Cameco Resources (Docket No. 2022-01 and Docket No. 2022-02) proceeded. Taxpayer counsel Walter Eggers, Holland and Hart, and Assessor counsel Amanda Esch and Catherine Young, Davis and Canon, were sworn in, along with witnesses.

The hearing adjourned at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened on August 24, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

The evidentiary portion of the hearing concluded at 1:30 p.m. The Board of Equalization requested that under the Rules, each party submit Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law by September 2, 2022, unless there is a delay with the court reporter getting the transcript completed.

The hearing closed at 1:50 p.m.

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/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN  
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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