

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FREMONT)

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

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 (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.

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor - Department - Description- Amount: 71 Construction-Road Material Inventory-Materials -\$115824.54; A & I Distributors-Vehicle Maintenance-Oil/Fluids-\$6264.45; 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-\$3902.53; Anderson, Sandra L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Apex Surveying, Inc-Transportation-Project Engineer -\$4120.26; Aponte, Joanie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Arcasearch Corporation-Clerk Of District Court- Research Fee-\$2800.00; Ash, Linda W.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Bailey Enterprises, Inc-Segregated-Bulk Fuel -\$31939.21; 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-\$77477.94; 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-\$1900.00; 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-\$9225.00; Capital Business Sys. 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-\$2000.00; 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-\$1165.45; 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-\$1168.00; 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 -\$2842.70; Fremont County Assoc. Of Govt.-Special Tax-Economic Development-\$32523.93; Frontier Ambulance LLC-Fremont County Ambulance-Ambulance Subsidy-\$119627.00; 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-\$7677.26; Jameran, 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 -\$4609.64; Media Works, Inc-County Sheriff-Supplies-\$62.98; Midwest Connect-Segregated- Supplies-\$524.00; Montana Shed Center-Covid 19 Grant-Utility Shed-\$3769.54; 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-\$284574.00; Mountain Dental PC-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$1136.00; Napa Auto Parts-Riverton-Transportation-Parts & Supplies -\$140.95; NMS Laboratories-County Coroner- Services -\$1088.00; Nolan, Melody-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Norco Inc-Transportation-Equipment Lease-\$157.50; Novo Benefits-Health Benefit Plan-Insurance Services-\$5253.00; 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 -\$10197.90; Olson's Auto Body & Towing-County Sheriff-Vehicle Repair-\$3168.64; Orkin LLC-County Buildings-Pest Control Service-\$485.00; Palace Pharmacy-Detention Center-Inmate Rx's-\$14531.13; Paris, Clarke A-Prevention Program-Training -\$4000.00; 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 -\$7263.22; Pitt, Orley C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Post And Associates-County Sheriff-Administrative Fee -\$3000.00; Post, Raymond-Segregated-Car Wash -\$136.70; Premier Vehicle Install Inc-Capital Asset Acquisitions-Set Up Vehicle-\$14674.89; 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-\$5008.34; 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-\$9677.04; Riverton, City Of-Special Tax-Economic Development -\$65047.85; Rocky Mountain Information-County Sheriff-Membership Dues -\$250.00; Rocky Mountain Power-County Buildings-Utility Service-\$1666.38; 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-\$7000.00; 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 -\$1200.00; Smith, Carol L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Smith, Lucyelle 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-\$4328.00; 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 -\$3070.00; Wood, John F.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; WY Brand Industries-Detention Center-Inmate Uniforms & Supplies-\$1444.00; 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-\$616328.00; Wyoming Office Attorney General-24/7 Program-Program Fees-\$5696.00; Wyoming State Veterinary Lab-County Sheriff-Service-\$2413.35; 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. 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.

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 magging 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:

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. 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.

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 6th.

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). 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