

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

**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, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Mike Jones (via Zoom). Vice-Chairman Larry Allen was absent. 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 October 5, 2021. 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	1% Infrastructure Projects	Materials	\$176,741.60
A & I Distributors	Vehicle Maintenance	Oil/Fluids	\$178.65
A. D. Martin Lumber Co	Transportation	Materials/Supplies	\$54.72
Ace Hardware-Lander	Segregated	Materials/Supplies	\$346.13
Ace Hardware-Riverton	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$358.08
AlSCO Inc	County Buildings	Laundry	\$267.62
Anda Inc	Public Health	Vaccine	\$11,699.20
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Inventory	Bulk Fuel	\$31,786.76
Bank of the West	Segregated	Credit Card Purchases	\$42,265.79
Bank of the West Account Analysis	Investment Pool	Analyzed Charges	\$282.66
Big Horn Tire, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Vehicle Tires	\$9,584.00
Big Horn Water	Youth Services	Water Bottles	\$94.50
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander	Segregated	Materials, Supplies	\$69.77
Bloedorn Lumber-Riverton	County Buildings	Materials & Supplies	\$161.41
Bobcat of the Big Horn Basin, Inc	Detention Doors Upgrade	2019 Bobcat	\$8,000.00
Carroll Septic Service	Transportation	Services	\$150.00
Charter Communications	Computer Services	Internet Services	\$124.98
Communication Technologies, Inc	Support Services	Maintenance Agreement	\$2,961.87
Danyne Cooper Counseling, LLC	Juvenile Treatment Court	Contractual Services	\$2,700.00
Desert Mountain Corporation	Transportation	Materials	\$1,680.00
Dowl LLC	Road Construction	Project-Engineer	\$396.29
Dubois Frontier, The	Support Services	Advertising	\$52.20
Dubois Telephone Exchange	Segregated	Telephone Service	\$715.07
Edwards Communications	Prevention Program	Radio Advertising	\$1,484.00
Fremont Motor Riverton Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$151.85
Fremont Motors - Lander	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$325.12
High Plains Power, Inc	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$899.51
Inberg-Miller Engineers	Road Construction	Project- Engineer	\$3,622.50
Kail, Jared O.	County Attorney	Service Fee	\$250.00
Klaahsen, Jacob E	Transportation	Expense Reimbursement	\$160.00
Lander Valley Auto Parts	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/ Supplies	\$1,175.22
Lander, City of	County Buildings	Water & Sewer	\$3,472.57
Mark's Supply	County Buildings	Supplies / Trim	\$1,164.00
Napa Auto Parts of Dubois	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts / Supplies	\$12.65
Napa Auto Parts-Riverton	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Supplies	\$1,506.15
Norco Inc	Segregated	Supplies	\$5,622.21
Orkin LLC	County Buildings	Pest Control Service	\$125.00
Premier Vehicle Install Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts / Freight / Service	\$209.20
Quickspace	Detention Doors Upgrade	Container Rental	\$300.00
Quill Corporation	County Attorney	Office Supplies	\$141.13
R T Communications	Segregated	Telephone Service	\$541.37
Relx, Inc.	County Attorney	Research Subscription	\$665.00
Riverton Ranger, Inc	Segregated	Advertising	\$1,529.60
Riverton, City of	Transportation	Water	\$27.91
Rocky Mountain Automatic Doors	County Buildings	Repair/Materials	\$383.36
Rocky Mountain Power	Segregated	Utilities	\$11,934.37
S & L Industrial	Road Construction	Delineator Project	\$291,069.00
Stewart & Stevenson, LLC	Segregated	Service / Parts	\$1,175.25
Terrance R. Martin PC	District Court	Contractual Services	\$1,901.25
Tilton, Kathleen	District Court	Court Appointment	\$4,747.50

Traveling Computers	Computer Services	Computer Supplies, Services	\$34.95
Verizon Wireless	Segregated	Telephone Service	\$393.01
WY State Lands & Investments	Operation Safeguard	Reimburse State CARES Funds	\$34,613.80
Wyoming Machinery Co	Segregated	Parts & Service	\$2,894.18
Wyoming Waste Systems	County Buildings	Trash Removal	\$2,630.51

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$3,770.00 for one Title 25 patient. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Record of Proceedings. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2021-22 "Hamilton Property Eminent Domain Action for Property to Repair the Wiggins Fork Bridge." Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve two manual warrants to 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for a \$20,000 deposit and \$125 filing fee in conjunction with the Hamilton Property Eminent Domain action with 1% project funding. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept the resignation of July Pedersen from the Fremont County Historic Preservation Commission and John Ferrelli from the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to ratify approval of the request from Greg Rochlitz d/b/a Lou's Midvale Store to apply to the City of Lander for a catering permit for a funeral at the Lander Community Center on October 13, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Comment period was held with nobody present.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks was joined by Apex Engineer Robert Hatle who presented the Agreement between Apex Surveying and Fremont County for the Riverview Cutoff Overlay and Widening Project. Expected completion is December 2022. Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jodi Darrough stated all her requested changes had been made. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the Agreement as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Billy Meeks gave a general report noting all blades are plowing snow this morning. He was requested to present a written update of the status of the purchase of used sanders and several new sanders, what they are replacing as well as funding avenues for review at the next meeting.

Sheriff Ryan Lee provided a monthly update. Detention: September bookings totaled 155 (down 11 from August). Current inmate population as of October 11<sup>th</sup> is 188 in house and 195 in custody. Currently four inmates are housed out of County. Sentencing demographics total 48 males and 13 females. Pre-adjudicated total 106. There are currently 19 males quarantined due to COVID-19. The facility security project is ongoing. Staffing vacancies consist of one cook (conditional offer in place), four Deputies (one conditional offer) and one nurse. There are no budget concerns at this time. Emergency Dispatch Center: September statistics total 2,039 calls dispatched and 1,300 emergency 911 calls answered (89% are originating from cellular devices). Mapping interface software ongoing for Frontier Ambulance reporting upgrades. Currently down four positions (one conditional offer in place. No budget concerns. Patrol/Enforcement: Down one position in Riverton and one in Dubois. There have been 6,000 calls for service this calendar year. Acquiring Capital Revolving Fund assets and no budget concerns at this time. Search & Rescue: There have been 14 missions this fiscal year (compared to 19 this time last fiscal year). Of the 14 missions, air resources were utilized five times and there were three fatalities. There has been a \$5,000 donation pledged from the Adam Stewart Foundation and \$1,000 donated by Mr. Sam Lightner. He is working with County Clerk Julie Freese and Treasurer Jim Anderson to set up a special revenue account for donations so that carry-overs are possible to purchase equipment and provide training vs. having to expend donations within a specific time frame.

County Coroner Larry DeGraw presented a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Summary (as of 10/1/2021): There have been 381 recorded deaths for the first ¾ of 2021; 33% were Coroner cases (124). So far compared to 2020 (113), the number of cases have increased by 11. For this time period, the total cases of "non-natural" in manner is 42% of the total Coroner cases (32% in 2020). Of those, accidental deaths total 38 (seven more than this time last year); deaths by suicide is 11 (three less than this time last year) and deaths by homicide is 2 (one less than this time last year). Motor-vehicle traffic deaths total 15 so far in 2021 (four more than this time last year). Of these, nine of the deaths were drug and/or alcohol related, two pedestrian deaths, two ATV deaths and two motorcycle deaths. Six of eight individuals in equipped vehicles were not wearing safety restraints where they were available. Of the accidental deaths, 15 were

motor-vehicle related, six were falls, 10 were direct drug/alcohol toxicity, three fire deaths, two asphyxias, one drowning and one hypothermia. Drugs and alcohol related deaths for this time frame account for 30% of all Coroner cases (compared to 34% last year) and 73% of the non-natural deaths (compared to 46% last year). Drugs and/or alcohol were involved in both homicides (100%), three of the 11 suicides (27%) and 21 of the 38 accidental deaths (55%). Suicides are the only manner of death that is down percentage wise from 2020. Total cases (natural and non-natural) most common drug related cause: Alcohol – 24; Methamphetamine – 10; Cannabis – 5; Fentanyl – 4; Opiates (non-fentanyl) – 3. Although Fentanyl is on the rise and is a major concern, Methamphetamine accounts for over two times more deaths. For the first quarter, the Coroner's Office is 8% over budget. They continue to flex and adjust schedules to avoid overtime as much as possible. Monies allocated to Dr. Frost's position have been reallocated to the "contractual" budget line item and will offset the change in location/autopsy costs. County Clerk Freese recommended doing a budget hearing to transfer \$2,000 to the overtime line item which was inadvertently left out when the new budgets were finalized. She continues to monitor the budget with Coroner DeGraw.

Chief Civil Deputy Attorney Jodi Darrough updated the board on a recent opioid settlement for counties which is being administered by the Attorney General's Office. Several drug manufacturers had judgements against them, some of them are appealing and three distributors have settled with state thus far. The AG's office will be sending out more information regarding the monetary awards and distribution formulas in the near future

County Clerk Julie Freese thanked the Commissioners for allowing the previous day, Columbus Day, to have the Courthouse closed to the public so that employees could participate in an in-house training and cleaning day. The morning began with a fire drill and then training commenced at the Carnegie Room for several hours in the morning, followed by fire extinguisher training throughout the day. Roughly half of the departments in the Courthouse participated in the training, and the Commissioners indicated they would take this into account when determining if this day would be given as a training and cleaning day in 2022.

County Commissioner Mike Jones has been working with BLM, State Trails and County Sheriff's Department in working on a Patrol Agreement with the County for the Government Draw area on Coal Mine Road. Have met with both the Circuit Court and District Court judges regarding their request for better separation between the two courts and long term security in the Courthouse. This will be an ongoing capital project.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session with Treatment Courts Director Melinda Cox for personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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