

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 8, 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, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Michael Jones. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A & I Distributors	Vehicle Maintenance	Oil/Fluids	\$471.77
Airgas USA LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	Supplies	\$239.05
Apex Surveying, Inc	Lower North Fork	Engineering	\$14,887.44
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Segregated	Vehicle Fuel	\$17,309.83
Bill Jones Plumbing & Heating	Detention Facility Trust Fund	Supplies/Parts	\$3,464.00
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$610.55
Bowdel Steven P.	Detention Center	Contract Service	\$1,750.00
Carquest Auto Parts	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$165.74
Dubois Telephone Exchange	County Sheriff	Telephone	\$714.11
Electrical Dynamics, Inc	Fuel Facility	Services/Repairs	\$156.00
Floyd's Truck Center WY	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$697.71
Fremont Chevrolet GMC	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Repairs	\$554.98
Fremont Motors – Lander	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$502.58
Iworq Systems, Inc	Transportation	Service Agreement	\$5,400.00
Jeffrey City Volunteer Fire Dept	Forest Reserve	Burning Services	\$14,400.00
John Deere Financial	Vehicle Maintenance	Materials/Supplies	\$57.97
Jones, Michael	County Commission	Reimburse Expenses	\$360.00
Kairos Broadcasting LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	Advertising	\$250.00
Lander Journal	County Clerk	Subscription	\$40.00
Lander Valley Auto Parts	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/ Supplies	\$207.73
Lander, City of	County Buildings	Water/Sewer	\$2,638.08
Lawson Products, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$249.28
Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton	District Court	Court Appointment	\$1,085.57
McAuley, Lindsay	Detention Center	Inmate Services	\$1,718.75
Napa Auto Parts-Riverton	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts /Supplies	\$2,718.21
Norco, Inc	County Buildings	Supplies	\$3,918.27
Office Shop Inc, The	Agriculture Department	Copy Repair/Service	\$15.93
Palace Pharmacy	Detention Center	Inmate Rx's	\$7,907.47
Peterbilt of Wyoming	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$498.28
Quickspace	Detention Doors Upgrade	Container Rental	\$125.00
Quill Corporation	County Attorney	Office Supplies	\$99.58
R T Communications	Segregated	Telephone	\$540.41
Relx, Inc.	County Attorney	Research Subscription	\$674.00
Rodriguez, Jessica	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$1,500.00
Valley Lumber & Supply Co., Inc	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$11.69
Whiting Law, P.C.	District Court	Professional Services	\$1,567.50
WY State Lands & Investments	Transportation	Application Fee	\$200.00
Wyoming Behavioral Institute	Health & Welfare	Title 25	\$5,278.00
Wyoming Machinery, Co	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$3,772.44
Wyonet, Inc	Computer Services	Telephone Service	\$4,947.49

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$2,262.00 for one Title 25 patient and a voucher from Fremont Counseling Service in the amount of \$5,850.00 for the months of October, November and December 2021 for numerous Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) letter of appreciation to Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley for serving as Facilities and Program Manager for the Detention

Center Facility Security Retrofit project; and 2) Record of Proceedings. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve a Magnesium Chloride Supply Agreement between Fremont County Government and Desert Mountain Corporation. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no action items in the Priority Mail.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith requested authorization to hire a Journey level mechanic contingent on a background check. He would like to offer a starting salary of \$50,500 (between Levels 1 and 2) and after a successful six-month period, raise the salary to \$51,523. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the plan to hire the Journey level mechanic. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Ryan Lee and Undersheriff Mike Hutchison were present for a monthly update. Detention: A new jail module has been completed and reports are being reformatted. January bookings total 183 inmates in house and 190 in custody with 59 sentenced (40 males and 19 females). Pre-adjudicated inmates total 124. There are no COVID issues at this time. The Facility Security Upgrade project has been completed and they expressed appreciation to Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley for his leadership. Currently have an opening for one Cook (one conditional offer); six Deputy Sheriffs (two conditional offers) and one Nurse. Budget at 58% of the fiscal year shows Prisoner Board holding (57%); Overtime Pay over (69%); Medical under (32%); Contractual Services over (69%) and overall budget under (49% of budget). Emergency Dispatch Center: Currently down five positions (one conditional offer). The data merge with Frontier Ambulance has been completed and is going well with no concerns or issues reported. There are no budget concerns at this time. Patrol/Enforcement: Down one position in the Riverton Division. Total calls for service are 580 this calendar year. Capital Revolving purchases were discussed and the new trucks are waiting to be shipped from Salt Lake. Undersheriff Hutchison reviewed the Capital Revolving Fund vehicle purchases and informed the Board that due to the inability to purchase vehicles for several years, three of the four turned back several years ago were in surplus and have been used by the Department on an as needed basis. He requested the same scenario for the current purchases, to be able to keep three as back up units. County Clerk Julie Freese asked for a current list of the vehicles being purchased, those being removed from the fleet, etc. for the Capital Revolving Fund Committee. Commissioner Jones reminded everyone that there may be ARPA money available for some of the vehicle purchases and that process is just beginning. Search and Rescue: There have been 16 missions this fiscal year (compared to 26 this time last year). Out of there 16 missions, air resources were utilized six times. There have been three fatalities this fiscal year.

County Assessor Tara Berg, Deputy Angie Wilson and Mapping Technician Andy Fontaine invited the Commissioners to a presentation by EagleView about Aerial Imagery the following day. The presentation will teach how to access Fremont County aerial imagery, demo the EagleView software, refresh GIS knowledge and provide time for questions. Berg is interested in being able to access the aerial imagery instead of sending crews out to remote locations. Some counties are using ARPA funds to cover the cost of areas not already being paid for as the State has allocated funding for high populations centers and towns. She reviewed estimated cost to Fremont County based on square miles that totaled \$791,650. Assuming that the Wyoming Department of Revenue renews its State contract, it would reduce that total by about \$54,000. The State plans to fly in 2020, 2022 and 2024 in their current contract. The company's recommendation is for Fremont County to execute an eight year/two project contract, where the entire county is flown in the first project and a partial county in the second project, four years after the first project. For the second project, the recommendation would be to just fly the Urban and Suburban areas, as the rural areas are likely not to change as much in four years. More discussion will be held at a later date following the presentation the following day.

Chairman Becker stated the County's contract with Home Source Realty, Inc. for the 322 North 8th West (former Public Health building) in Riverton expires the end of the month. Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley suggested that Community Entry Services be contacted as they surround the facility; however, Chairman Becker stated he had but they did not feel it fit their plan. The list of realtors who submitted a letter of interest last year when both that building and the 130 Eugene Street building in Lander was reviewed. Chairman Becker suggested the Riverton property be listed with ReMax when the current contract expires at the end of February. Mike Jones moved, Larry Allen seconded, to list the Riverton building with ReMax of Riverton when the current contract expires with Home Source Realty. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas was absent from a portion of the meeting.

Commission meeting reports were given.

Chairman Travis Becker reviewed a recent e-mail from the Wyoming County Commissioners Association regarding a proposed congressional staffer tour of Wyoming, which would increase the County's annual dues by \$1,600. Commissioner Jones stated more information would be forthcoming at the upcoming WCCA Legislative Meeting later this month, and that Park County has already been doing this and the idea is to educate staffers on the logistics of Wyoming, citing misinformation and lack of understanding of the size of Wyoming and what it really looks like on the ground. He feels the intent is really good but he also struggles with the increased dues. Congresswoman Liz Cheney's Field Representative Lindy Linn was available via Zoom and Chairman Becker asked if she had any thoughts on the proposal. She stated communication is always good and will put it on their radar.

County Clerk Julie Freese stated final plans for legislative redistricting are due today and a final meeting will be held February 11th before the Legislature convenes the following week. Once the legislative districts are finalized, work on Commissioner Districts can begin. Attended a meeting Saturday in which Secretary of State Buchanan was present to discuss election misinformation issues, also attending were the State's election vendor ES&S representatives, including Chairman of Security Affairs and Government Affairs and Regional Manager. She felt the presentation went very well and she would like to see like presentations statewide.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas returned to the meeting.

Fremont County Recreation Commission members Bobby Hague (Chair), Kristen Ressler, Margaret Wells, Ron Cunningham, Walt Geis and Josh McNeary were present to review their recent work session listing maintenance and associated costs for the three areas they manage for Fremont County. Discussed was Green Mountain, Fremont County Youth Camp and Heritage Trail. The maintenance is based upon the possibility of one-time fund availability and based on the following: increased longevity and duration of County assets, increase public access while actively mitigating user risk, quantifying asset use to better inform future allocations and hazard management and leveraging relationships with relevant stakeholder groups. Each project was discussed individually and Chairman Becker asked the group to prioritize their list and expenses for upcoming budget considerations. Other funding sources was discussed as possible funding avenues (Governor's Survive, Drive and Thrive Program, Wildlife Trust Fund, SLIB, etc.). In another matter, as the County budget had not been able to fund the Recreation Commission's grant funding for various groups for the last several years, Chairman Becker stated the Commission had discussed budgeting \$100,000 for the upcoming Fiscal Year; however, it is just a placeholder at this time and will not be finalized until June. This gave the group direction to begin advertising for grant applications with the understanding a final amount will not be known until that time. The Commission thanked the group for their work and dedication on behalf of Fremont County.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2022. 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