

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 9, 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, Vice-Chairman Larry Allen, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Mike 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, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| A & I Distributors | Vehicle Maintenance | Oil/Fluids | \$250.39 |
| Ace Hardware-Riverton | Segregated | Materials/Supplies | \$95.66 |
| AlSCO Inc | County Buildings | Laundry | \$276.20 |
| Bailey Enterprises, Inc | Inventory | Bulk Fuel | \$9,776.56 |
| Baldwin Creek Rental Center | County Buildings | Machinery Rental | \$50.00 |
| Bill Jones Plumbing & Heating | County Buildings Detention | Services, Repairs | \$94.00 |
| Bloedorn Lumber-Lander | County Buildings | Materials, Supplies | \$290.40 |
| Bowdel Steven P. | Detention Center | Contract Service | \$2,250.00 |
| Cloud Peak Counseling Center | Health & Welfare | Title 25 | \$975.00 |
| Communication Technologies Inc | Support Services | Maintenance Agreement, Repairs | \$2,961.87 |
| Dowl LLC | Road Construction | County Roads | \$7,187.02 |
| Dubois Telephone Exchange | Segregated | Telephone Service | \$703.41 |
| Fremont Motor Riverton Inc | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts/Supplies | \$440.00 |
| John Deere Financial | Vehicle Maintenance | Materials/Supplies | \$319.99 |
| Lander, City of | County Buildings | Water & Sewer | \$2,208.81 |
| Leonard, Anthony G. | Detention Center | Contract Service | \$1,187.50 |
| Napa Auto Parts-Riverton | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts & Supplies | \$2,059.24 |
| Norco Inc | Segregated | Supplies | \$3,982.42 |
| R T Communications | Segregated | Telephone Service | \$541.68 |
| RELX, Inc. | County Attorney | Research Subscription | \$625.00 |
| Riverton Ranger, Inc | Support Services | Advertising | \$1,673.13 |
| Rocky Mountain Power | Segregated | Utilities | \$9,940.37 |
| Shoshoni, Town of | County Buildings | Water/Sewer | \$56.00 |
| Stroupe Pest Control Inc | County Buildings | Pest Control | \$200.00 |
| Sweetwater Aire LLC | County Buildings | Repair, Maintenance | \$919.12 |
| Terrance R. Martin PC | CAST | Professional Contractual Services | \$4,162.50 |
| Traveling Computers | Computer Services | Computer Supplies, Services | \$1,618.75 |
| Verizon Wireless | Youth Services | Cellphone Service | \$322.57 |
| Western Printing, Inc | County Assessor | Printed Supplies | \$308.24 |
| Wind River Power Sports | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts, Supplies | \$104.99 |
| Wyoming Machinery Co | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts, Service | \$140.54 |
| Wyoming Waste Systems | County Buildings | Trash Service | \$2,784.88 |

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Extension of the Employer Benefit Agreement between Fremont County Government and MASA Medical Transport Solutions (motion to approve took place at the previous meeting); and 2) Record of Proceedings.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) Wind River Inter-Tribal Council letter regarding re-affirmation of Resolution No. 2020-11397 accepting transfer of Trout Creek, Ethete, South Fork and North Fork Roads from Fremont County road inventory. Chairman Becker scheduled the topic for discussion at the next meeting with notice of the agenda item to be given to the WRITC and related tribal entities. 2) Notice of National Association of Counties partnership with Wyoming Association of County Officers to share the NACO Leadership Academy on line program. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to correct the motion made on January 5, 2021 regarding designation of official depositories for Fremont County Government for 2021 for Dubois depositories by removing Wells

Fargo Bank of Wyoming and adding Wyoming Community Bank to the former motion that included Bank of Jackson Hole. Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Comment period was held. Cy Lee was present to express interest in applying for the Fremont County Economic Development Committee to represent Commissioner District 1. It was noted that one other application had been received the previous day, after the deadline set of January 30, 2021, also for District 1. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the two late applications for District 1 as no other applications had been received by the deadline. Motion carried unanimously.

Brady Slack interviewed for the Economic Development Tax committee, to represent Commission District 2.

UW Extension Office Administrative Secretary Rachel Fisk reported on the completion of the National Association of Counties Leadership Academy, an on-line, 12-week program that focuses on soft skill leadership skills. Last year the County had received a full scholarship for an employee to participate, and the Commissioner selected Fisk. She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to take the course, which she found to be both informative and rewarding. Highlighted topics included positivity, empowerment and engagement, communication and leading effective change, and finally coming up with a personal leadership oath. In closing, Fisk felt the knowledge gained will be very helpful in her current position with Extension. Commissioner Mike Jones thanked Fisk for dedicating the time to complete the course that will benefit Fremont County.

Commissioner meeting reports were given:

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen informed the Board that ConocoPhillips is in the initial stages of marketing its Wind River Basin asset, which includes the Madden Field and Lost Cabin Gas Plant.

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the Library Board meeting and stated they have hired a new Facilities Manager, and they are in the process of filling several positions internally in the Riverton Library Branch. Attended the Weed and Pest District meeting and received their 2020 Annual Report, a copy of which has also been distributed to the other Commissioners by District Supervisor Aaron Foster.

Commissioner Mike Jones noted the Wind River Outdoor Collaborative meets later in the day and will begin conversations with landowners and stakeholders near Government Draw. The Wyoming Trails Program may be an avenue for assistance to develop trails, enforcement, etc. in this area.

Chairman Travis Becker has been in contact with 1838 Rendezvous Association members regarding ownership of the site, which is owned by the State and leased to Fremont County, with the lease agreement up for renewal in 2022. He briefly referenced correspondence from AMR which will be discussed later in the meeting.

Commissioner Clarence Jones discussed tribal law enforcement issues being discussed in the legislature, however, was informed it has been taken off the table for this year.

County Coroner Mark Stratmoen provided a monthly report. Number of January cases were 10, compared to the same number in 2020. While case numbers are the same, accidental deaths are at four, twice the number for 2020. The first traffic fatality occurred January 31st, compared to zero traffic fatalities in 2020 until April. Two coroner cases are still pending investigation. Total budget expenditures are 3% under expectations for the fiscal period. COVID-19 related deaths were reviewed, and Stratmoen noted he categorizes them the same as he would any virus as related to a natural death, as follows: Six related COVID at-home deaths in 2020, and one natural death in January 2021. All other deaths attributed to Fremont County have been in medical facilities and not Coroner cases. Per the Department of Health priority listing, all Coroner staff have received the COVID vaccinations. Due to the nature of their job, the policy was to add this to the required immunizations for the Office. In closing, discussion was held regarding the status of his budget, which he acknowledged that a savings has been reflected in several budget line items (travel, overtime, etc.) as a result of the in-house Forensic Pathologist in Fremont County.

County Planning Supervisor Steve Baumann presented the proposed Grand Cedars Third Subdivision Lots 11 & 12 Replat. The purpose is to combine the two lots into one single 15-acre lot. The Subdivision

is located about eight miles south of Lander off Willow Creek Road. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Grand Cedars Third Subdivision Lots 11 & 12 Replat as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission during their meeting of January 28, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann presented the proposed Hardtke Subdivision, a simple three lot subdivision, located one-mile north of City Limits of Riverton near the intersection of Burma Road. He reviewed several issues including alignment of Young Road and LeClair Irrigation District water fees (although there is no access to the water), which purchasers would be apprised of. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the Hardtke Subdivision as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission on January 28, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley and Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith continued discussion on the need for a forklift as part of the Detention Facility Security Upgrade project, specifically installation of new sliding security doors. The machine would be needed for six months. A rental/lease on a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader with heavy duty pallet fork would be \$4,000/month for a total of \$24,000 for the six months. To purchase the unit would be \$49,239.24, less the \$24,000 rental fee for a total of \$25,239.24, plus costs for a plow and sweeper attachment of an additional \$3,544.10, for a balance of \$30,736.34. They would like to request the Commission agree that the \$30,736.34 could be funded through the Capital Revolving Fund. Meredith stated the machine has a 20-year life expectancy and could be used in other departments as needed. An existing 530 John Deere tractor used by Building Maintenance can then be sold or moved to another department, at a value of \$5,000. The Commissioners were agreeable to submitting the purchase to the Capital Revolving Committee for consideration.

A Colonial Life quote for coverage for air and ground ambulance benefits was briefly discussed. The Executive Health Insurance Committee will be requested to review the information and compare with the current provider, MASA. The Committee will be asked for their recommendation by the following meeting of February 16th.

Chairman Becker reviewed document changes made to the ½ Percent Economic Development Tax Program Objectives as discussed the prior meeting. Several questions remained and discussion took place on them. A final document will be prepared by Chairman Becker. The terms on the Committee currently being formed will mirror the Commission District they represent.

Chairman Becker began discussion regarding the Ambulance renewal contract, set to expire with current provider, AMR, on June 30, 2021. AMR Regional Director Matt Strauss reviewed a letter from their company, dated February 9, 2021, indicating Notice of Non-Renewal of Agreement with Fremont County; and 2) Notice Intent to Purchase Equipment. Strauss stated the company's interest in negotiating revisions to the contract; however, they are not interested in renewing the current contract as is. Vice-Chairman Larry Allen stated he and Chief Civil Deputy Jodi Darrough are working on revisions to the current contract with input from other County departments. Chairman Becker suggested the revised Contract be ready for final review at their next meeting of February 16th in preparation of advertising for an RFP which needs to be done as soon as possible.

Upper Wind River Valley Ambulance Association representatives Harold Albright and Margaret Wells asked for Commission support to request the legislature revisit HB194 in 2019 and HB172 passed in 2020. As passed, the State of Wyoming is requiring Air Medical provider membership programs to license as disability insurers with the Wyoming Department of Insurance. Air medical transport memberships are a prepayment for discounted services, not insurance, and is a key component to their emergency medical care in the Dubois and Crowheart area. MASA has been identified as an insurance company licensed with the State to sell ground and air medical transport insurance, along with others, however it is out of their financial reach for their community contract. Prior to 2020, air memberships were available, which protected the patient from balanced billing fees. They reiterated their belief that the legislature did a great disservice to the residents of Wyoming when they passed the two bills, and asked them to fix it by supporting SF0045. They further asked to be kept apprised of negotiations moving forward with a revised Ambulance contract.

County Clerk Julie Freese reviewed the HR training presented the previous day during the Elected Officials/Department Heads monthly meeting titled "Reducing Turnover and Increasing Retention." She stated Capital Revolving Fund projects will be submitted as part of the budget packet and she would like the Committee to review them on March 23rd. Fremont County is hosting the annual County Clerk's

Association meeting in Lander two days this week. A work session with the legislators will be scheduled for February 16th and she will get the invitation out.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas was absent from the remainder of the meeting.

Interviews were held with the following individuals for appointment to the Economic Development Committee: Scott Ratliff, Cy Lee, Marybelle Snider, Kassie Holdren, Grace Andrus, Jon Mayes, Holly Butler, Ron Hansen, Maralyne Middour, Brett Berg, Michael Lilygren, Andy Gramlich and Kate Martin. A weighted vote was taken on applicants in each Commission District. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to appoint the following individuals to the newly formed committee: District 1 – Cy Lee; District 2 – Scott Ratliff; District 3- Jon Mayes; District 4 – Holly Butler; and District 5 – Brett Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report (for informational purposes only) and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website.

/s/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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