

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 3, 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.

Larry Allen 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 April 19, 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> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Airgas USA LLC | Vehicle Maintenance | Supplies | \$161.66 |
| American Family & Life Insurance | Segregated | Insurance | \$6,161.66 |
| Bailey Enterprises, Inc. | Inventory | Bulk Fuel | \$30,262.01 |
| Bank of the West Acct Analysis | Investment Pool | Analyzed Charges | \$260.93 |
| Big Horn Tire Inc. | Vehicle Maintenance | Vehicle Tires | \$384.00 |
| Black Hills Energy | Fremont County Ambulance | Utility Service | \$115.11 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of WY | Co Admin | Health Insurance Claims | \$450,524.05 |
| Bull's Service & Towing LLC | Search & Rescue | Vehicle Fuel | \$200.96 |
| California State Disbursement | Payroll | Child Support | \$50.00 |
| Capital Business Systems, Inc. | COVID 19 Grant | Supplies & Service | \$64.89 |
| Carroll Septic Service | Transportation | Services | \$150.00 |
| Circuit Court | Payroll | Garnishment | \$124.10 |
| CMI TECO | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts & Supplies | \$455.45 |
| CNA Surety | Clerk of District Court | Surety Bond | \$100.00 |
| Colonial Life & Accident Insurance | Segregated | Insurance | \$1,212.05 |
| Cowboy Chemical, Inc. | Detention Center | Laundry & Kitchen Supply | \$660.20 |
| Dealers Electrical Supply | County Buildings | Materials/Supplies | \$335.78 |
| DOWL LLC | 3rd Street Bridge Project | Road Reconstruction | \$29,208.73 |
| Drug Testing Services LLC | Transportation | Service Enrollment | \$50.00 |
| Fahey, Penny | Health Promotion | Services/Reimbursement | \$3,713.37 |
| Floyd's Truck Center WY | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts | \$148.28 |
| Fremont Chevrolet GMC | Capital Asset Acquisitions | Vehicles | \$262,626.00 |
| Fremont County Assoc. of Govt. | Special Tax | Economic Development | \$47,561.00 |
| Fremont County School District #25 | Youth Services | Program Meals | \$267.00 |
| Fremont County Solid Waste | County Buildings | Dump Fees | \$6.60 |
| Fremont County Treasurer | Co Admin | Health Insurance | \$324,826.00 |
| Fremont County Treasurer | Co Admin | Section 125 Benefits | \$41,870.99 |
| Fremont Motor Riverton, Inc. | Vehicle Maintenance | Parts/Supplies | \$2,523.32 |
| Grainger | County Buildings | Materials/Supplies | \$36.79 |
| Great West Trust | Segregated | Wyoming Benefits | \$6,955.00 |
| HDR Engineering, Inc. | Transportation | Engineering Hillcrest Drive | \$8,432.49 |
| Healthsmart Benefit Solutions | Segregated | Insurance | \$896.00 |
| Hehr, Ryan B | Prevention Program | Admin Assist Contract | \$137.75 |
| Inberg-Miller Engineers | Road Construction | Delineator Project | \$2,002.73 |
| Injury Prevention Resources | Juvenile Treatment Court | Contractual Services | \$405.00 |
| Intoximeters Inc. | Detention Center | Supplies | \$1,604.75 |
| Kairos Broadcasting LLC | Segregated | Advertising | \$1,250.00 |
| Kisling, Lisa | Public Defender | Office Rent | \$450.00 |
| Klaahsen, Jacob E | Transportation | Reimbursement | \$216.26 |
| Laboratory Corporation of America | Detention Center | Inmate Medical | \$18.00 |
| Lowham Surgery & Endoscopy PC | Detention Center | Inmate Medical | \$1,773.50 |
| Master's Touch LLC | County Treasurer | Printing/Mailing | \$2,384.30 |
| Miller, Margaret | District Court | Court Appointments/Rent | \$2,835.00 |
| Mountain Dental PC | Detention Center | Inmate Medical | \$879.00 |
| Mountain West Towing LLC | Abandoned Vehicles | Vehicle Towing | \$390.00 |
| Mr D's Food Center, Inc. | Segregated | Supplies | \$96.44 |
| New York Life Insurance | Segregated | Insurance | \$133.11 |
| NMS Laboratories | Segregated | Services | \$375.00 |

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| Novo Benefits | Health Benefit Plan | Insurance Services | \$5,253.00 |
| Office Shop, Inc., The | Prevention Program | Printer Maintenance | \$122.00 |
| One Stop Market | Search & Rescue | Vehicle Fuel | \$154.54 |
| Orkin LLC | County Buildings | Pest Control Service | \$260.00 |
| Osage Industries, Inc. | Vehicle Maintenance | Vehicle Repairs | \$1,124.47 |
| Payroll Taxes | Co Admin | Withholding/FICA | \$205,444.63 |
| Post, Raymond | County Sheriff | Car Wash | \$18.82 |
| Quill Corporation | County Attorney | Office Supplies | \$187.82 |
| Ratigan, Daniel, M.D. | Detention Center | P.A. Supervisor Contract | \$4,675.00 |
| RELX, Inc. | County Attorney | Supplies | \$206.10 |
| Remote Satellite Systems | Search & Rescue | Equipment | \$56.00 |
| Riverton Physician Practices LLC | Transportation | Drug Testing | \$220.00 |
| Riverton, City of | County Buildings | Water/Sewer | \$962.58 |
| Riverton, City of | Special Tax | Economic Development | \$95,121.98 |
| Schoneberger, Valerie | District Court | Court Appointed Representation | \$150.00 |
| Skaggs Companies, Inc. | Detention Center | Uniforms/Supplies | \$369.85 |
| Smith Psychological Services | County Sheriff | Psychological Services | \$1,200.00 |
| Smith, Mariah | Prevention Program | Administrative Assistance | \$381.25 |
| Soule, Sierra | Public Defender | Office Rent | \$450.00 |
| State Disbursement Unit | Payroll | Child Support | \$1,066.25 |
| State of Wyoming | Public Defender | Office Rent | \$1,650.00 |
| Sweetwater County Sheriff | Detention Center | Juvenile Housing | \$10,530.00 |
| Terrance R. Martin PC | Public Defender | Office Rent | \$450.00 |
| Tilton, Kathleen | District Court | Court Appointment | \$5,407.50 |
| Total Net Salaries | Segregated | Salaries | \$665,570.55 |
| Union Telephone Company | Segregated | Cellphones | \$1,191.84 |
| W C & P A A | County Attorney | Membership Dues | \$100.00 |
| Wamcat | County Treasurer | Caselle Training | \$100.00 |
| Western Printing, Inc. | County Clerk | Printed Supplies | \$534.74 |
| Wilkerson, James A, IV, MD PC | County Coroner | Autopsy | \$1,250.00 |
| Wind River Power Sports | Search & Rescue | Parts/Supplies | \$839.82 |
| WY Dept of Employment | Segregated | Unemployment Claims | \$0.00 |
| WY Dept of Health | Health Nurse | 3rd Quarter Payroll | \$36,241.38 |
| WY Dept of Transportation | County Sheriff | LECC Conference | \$100.00 |
| WY SDU | Payroll | Child Support | \$1,480.00 |
| Wyo Child Support Enforcement | Segregated | Child Support | \$806.00 |
| Wyo Dept of Workforce Service | Co Admin | Workers Comp | \$18,060.48 |
| Wyoming Dept of Transportation | Segregated | Fuel | \$2,666.41 |
| Wyoming G A L Program | District Court | Guardians Ad Litem Fees | \$24,336.98 |
| Wyoming Retirement System | Co Admin | Contributions | \$158,568.97 |
| Wyoming State Bar | County Attorney | Annual License | \$121.00 |

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a voucher from Cloud Peak Counseling Center in the amount of \$4,225 and Natrona County Legal Department in the amount of \$1,800 for Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

Items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Sympathy card; 2) Birthday card; 3) Checklist for Executive Exemption for Michael Klaassen, Angela Wilson and Cora Gist; 4) Checklist for Professional Exemption for Seth Griswold, Micah Wyatt, Dan Stebner, Jodi Darrough and Timothy Hancock; and 5) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Agreement between Fremont County Commissioners and S & L Industrial for the Fremont County 2022 Delineator Project. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Cooperative Agreement for Responsibilities between Wyoming Department of Family Services, Child Support Program and Fremont County Clerk of District Court. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Catering Permit from Bucks BBQ, LLC to cater the Lucid Optics Event on May 7, 2022 at 1697 N 8th Street West, Riverton. Motion carried unanimously. Receipt of the \$25 fee and letter of approval from City of Riverton was acknowledged. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Subrecipient Agreement between the Fremont County Commissioners and Greater Wyoming Big Brothers Big Sisters. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Bore, Cut, Overhead and Parallel Public Utilities Right-of-Way Permit from Sehnert Systems, Inc. for Fairway Drive. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Bore, Cut, Overhead and Parallel Public Utilities Right-of-Way Permit from Black Hills Energy for Marlatt Road. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the 2022 Wildland Fire Management Annual Operating Plan. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Nelson Architects, LLC Proposal for Professional Services for the Courtroom Remodel, new ADA Restrooms and Offices and Jury Room Remodel for a cost of \$47,060. Motion carried unanimously.

Items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve a County License for the Shrine Club for the June 22, 2022 Circus performances at the Fremont County Fairgrounds. Motion carried unanimously. Receipt of the \$10 fee was acknowledged. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to ratify approval of refilling the full-time, benefitted Adult Services Lead Librarian for the Lander Library with a base salary not to exceed \$33,800. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to ratify approval of the Promissory Note from the State of Wyoming in the amount of \$822,511.00 to cover funding shortfalls caused by the transition to payment of ad valorem taxes under W.S. § 39-13-113(g). Motion carried unanimously.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

County Clerk Julie Freese and Financial Specialist Michelle Neuenschwander were present to review a preliminary budget hearing for Unanticipated Revenue from the Wyoming Juvenile Services Board for Youth Services. The information will be advertised and a formal hearing held the following meeting. County Clerk Julie Freese informed the Commission of a recent resignation of a Title Clerk. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve refilling the position. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Julie Freese and Deputy Margy Irvine reviewed Election Districts and Precincts (32) for the next two years in Fremont County. They stated the Vote Center (8) locations will remain the same with the exception of Dubois which has changed from the School District #2 Administration Building back to the Headwaters Community Arts Center. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2022-13 setting Election Districts and Precincts and Vote Centers. Motion carried unanimously. Vote Centers are located at Headwaters Community Center, Dubois; Ft. Washakie School, Ft. Washakie; Wyoming Indian High School Gym, Ethete; Kinnear Fire Hall, Kinnear; Arapahoe School Charter Multipurpose Room, Arapahoe; Fremont Center, Riverton; Shoshoni Senior Citizens Center, Shoshoni; and Bob Carey Memorial Fieldhouse, Lander.

Election Judges Wages were discussed, pursuant to W.S. 22-8-116. County Clerk Julie Freese stated they are requesting approval for an increase in the hourly rate as the wages have not increased since 2006. Increased rates are based on a 12-hour day and the difficulty in attracting volunteers for this job. County employees won't get paid this wage unless they want to take a day off (vacation) and get paid the stipend instead. Those that work overtime are asked to flex out their time if possible, and if not, they pay overtime on their salary out of the Election budget. Proposed wages are \$220 per Election for Manager Judge; \$195 per Election for other Judges; \$14 per Hour for Early Voting/Absentee Judges; \$.58 per mile, one-way, after 5 miles; and \$25 for attendance to one Judges' School. Freese stated the importance of compensating Judges for their hard work. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Election Judges Wages as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Fremont Air Service Team (FAST) spokeswoman Missy White was joined by members Ernie Over, Kevin Kershnik and Mick Pryor to give an update on the Central Wyoming Regional Airport. A history from 2014 when FAST was formed to present was given, indicating enplanements for the first three months of 2022 higher than those reported in 2021. 2020 was difficult due to COVID hitting in March and only 28 enplanements in April of that year. As a result of COVID, CARES Act funds received by Wyoming Aeronautics were available through the end of that year and paid 60% with the remaining 40% split between the State (60%) and local airports (40%), allowing the airline to continue in business. The end of 2020 saw the .5% Economic Development Tax being passed, with an estimated \$640,000 dedicated to the Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG). In 2021 the Tax collected totaled \$636,868. Christmas through mid-January 2022, saw 30,000 flights canceled across US domestic carriers (aggressive schedules, mechanical issues, illness, weather) and also pilot shortages increased due to hour limitations and mandatory retirement age. 2022 has included flight disruptions, flight reductions (1 flight/day through summer), United, American, Delta, Alaska canceling service to communities, and without the CPA program, RIW would likely have 0 flights. White provided a power point presentation for the air service partnership (State, SkyWest, local and public entities). SkyWest connects small and medium sized communities to the global air service network which was depicted by a route map of SkyWest. A Historical Enplanement Report was reviewed and Cumulative Growth Comps. The Capacity Purchase Program replaced the Air Service Enhancement Program and WYDOT Aeronautics contracted with SkyWest to purchase air service capacity or multiple Wyoming communities. SkyWest owns and operates designed aircraft and capacity is purchased by the state (requires a revenue guarantee and the State and local communities split cost at a 60:40 ratio). Components to the MRG were discussed and

State of the industry in general was discussed, with flight cuts taking place nationwide. The upcoming contract period is requesting 2 daily flights but there will likely be limited crew but maybe a possibility of a larger plane. The MRG finances for FY23 include factors as block hour, fuel cost and revenue from tickets. Bussing travelers to Denver has also been discussed via the Wind River Transportation Authority bus line. The Board thanked White and board members for the update and for their continued work and stressed the importance of letting the public know the dilemma they are facing. The Commission further noted that the structure of the .5% Economic Development Tax that was passed was very specific on how much would be allocated to transportation infrastructure so that if additional funding is needed, that would not be what was voted on. Chairman Becker stated he is the liaison to the Central Wyoming Regional Airport Board; however, FAST does not have a Commission representative.

County Assessor Tara Berg and Treasurer Jim Anderson were present to provide assessed valuation and revenue projection values for FY 2022-2023. Berg presented a spreadsheet indicating an estimated 2022 assessment of \$889,774,671. Due to Senate File 60 regarding changes in the way ad valorem taxes will be paid, \$386,889,608 taxes will be deferred until 2023. She reminded the Board that the second half of 2021 of certified mineral value until 2023 (\$673,358). Total valuation the County will actually receive revenue on is estimated at \$502,885,063. Anderson stated that the implementation of SF60 has changed procedures within his office and he stated he would a better idea of a revenue projections at the following meeting. Discussion was held on developing an assessed valuation in order to proceed with the budgeting process for FY 2022-23. Chairman Becker suggested that perhaps using a percentage of the deferred amount be used, as Berg noted residential and commercial properties have a firm assessed valuation, it is just the mineral industry that is not known. County Clerk Julie Freese stated the urgency of the Finance Committee to convene to discuss this issue, along with a process for setting up loans for Special Districts.

Frontier Ambulance Director Adam Stockton and Operations Manager Diane Lane presented a Response Time Report from July 2021-April 2022. Scott Harnsberger was present in the audience. Stockton noted the report only encompasses those calls that require lights and siren, not other types of non-emergent calls. All reports contain the same information, and March 2022 listed the following numbers: Average Response Time – 14.00; Calls – 461; Interfacility Transports by percentages (911 – 212; Interfacility – 131); Count of Incidents by Transport Status (Transport – 343; Cancelled – 139) and then an overall report titled Response Compliance – 91.94%. A crew status report was given, with Stockton reporting they are currently down 3 ALS and 1 BLS staff. He stated that part-time employees and overtime for current employees have been getting them through this shortage. The County subsidy was discussed, as budget season is upon us, Vice-Chairman Allen stressed the importance of getting these figures. Stockton stated they do not foresee requesting a change for the next 6-9 months. Dubois still needs to get more volunteers and providing training there is an option they are looking at. They had done one previously with three volunteers passing the training. An EMR class at the Shoshone Rose Casino is filled and people are on a waiting list. They are planning an EMT class for the summer. Chairman Becker reiterated that firm numbers for the subsidy for the upcoming fiscal year are needed as soon as possible.

Planning Department Supervisor Steve Baumann reviewed proposed fee changes that were originally presented to the Board on March 23, 2021, based on time spent on subdivision review and salary in compliance with W.S. § 18-5-309. At that meeting, the Commissioners requested an additional proposal considering “fully loaded” salaries. The requested alternative was presented on March 30, 2021 and, at that time, the Commission determined that the increase in fees to “fully loaded” was too much of an increase at this time and asked that he return in a year to revisit the fees with the idea a new fee structure would be put in place to include “fully loaded” costs. As a result, he reviewed a spreadsheet showing current fees, the changes in those fees necessary to address the current “unloaded” salaries and the proposed “fully loaded” fees assuming the current salaries. As the Planning Department had assumed the fee structure change based on the Commissioners discussion last year, the “fully loaded” fees have been used for the Planning Department’s FY 2022-23 budget. At this time, Baumann recommended beginning a 45-day Public Comment period for the fee change so that the new fees could be effective July 1, 2022, if approved following the comment period. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve advertising for a 45-day comment period with comments due by 5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. A public hearing will be held on June 21st to review comments received and make the final determination on the proposed fee increases.

John Schumacher, Attorney at Law, representing Michael and Stephanie Harris, presented the Petition to Vacate Spur Road connected to Deer Valley Drive or, in the alternative, to designate it as Private. Petitioners were present in the audience. Also present was Rick Sollars, Western Law

Associates, representing Ira and Jessica Waldron, Brad and Katherine Meredith (also present) and Catherine Guschewsky of Four G, LLC a/k/a Popo Agie Estates LLC (not present) who objected to the Petition. Chief Civil Deputy Darrough had submitted a written memorandum regarding the Petition, which meets the requirements outlined in W.S. 24-3-101(b)(i). She noted that, while Mr. Schumacher provided the names and mailing addresses of all the residents of the subdivision, he did not provide the address for the Popo Agie Ranch Estates Association, which borders the Road on the south side. If this Road were to be vacated, the land reverts to ownership of the adjoining landowners, each to the centerline of the road. She has requested Mr. Schumacher provide an addendum to his client's Petition, to include this landowner name and address. She noted the objection filed by Mr. Sollars and stated that it should not be addressed now but at a hearing that will be set following the comment period. Clarence Thomas moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the Petition. Voting against the motion: Jennifer McCarty and Larry Allen. Motion carried. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to appoint Steve Baumann as Viewer. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to require the petitioners to pay the expenses for these proceedings. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Becker stated the Public Notice will be published and objections for claims for damages will be due by 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. A public hearing will be scheduled for June 7, 2022 to review objections or claims for damages. Darrough noted that if anyone claims monetary damage, the Commission will then need to appoint appraisers and continue the hearing set on the matter. Along with advertising the Public Notice in the newspaper, it will also be posted on the County Website and mailed to "all persons owning lands or claiming any interest in any lands over or across which said road is proposed to be located or altered."

Discussion was held on the establishment of salaries for the next elected term of office for the Fremont County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk of District Court, Coroner, Sheriff, County Attorney and Commissioners pursuant to W.S. § 18-3-107. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2022-15 setting salaries for Elected Officials for next elected term of office. Voting against the motion: Travis Becker. Motion carried. County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Clerk of District Court and Coroner will have an annual salary of \$88,000, County Attorney and Sheriff will have an annual salary of \$98,000 and County Commissioners will have an annual salary of \$34,000.

Budget Hearings were held.

County Extension: Educator Chance Marshall and Rachel Fisk were present. Last year's budget received was \$178,886. This year's request is \$182,324. They increased fuel and travel due to higher prices. They included the request for a pickup and they request that the old pickup be transferred for use at the Youth Camp. This is request is also in the Capital Revolving Requests as well as ARPA. Commissioners requested a discussion regarding the renewal of the contract with the University of Wyoming very soon.

Building Maintenance: Present was Supervisor JR Oakley, Assistant Supervisor John Harmelink and Jay Gunsch. John Harmelink presented: Last year's budget received was \$870,621. This year's request is \$3,080,273. Most of the increase is the list of capital project updates list which can be decided upon to bring this budget down to a final number. The utilities have been increased based on the last year of spending. Propane is also increasing and they are working with the Fremont County Fire Chief to see if they can get propane with their deliveries to decrease the costs. There is a large ARPA request for numerous updates to county buildings and is also included.

Building Maintenance Detention: Present was Superintendent JR Oakley, Assistant John Harmelink and Jay Gunsch. Jay Gunsch presented: The expenditures for this building are driven by the inmate population. This building needs a pod refurbishment. Included in this budget is a parking cover over the connex box to house the sander and they have applied to ARPA—this would only need to be added if funded. Discussion was held on Building Improvements less than \$10,000 for \$5,000 with no specific purpose. JR stated this is for any unforeseen repairs. JR will work with Treasurer Jim Anderson on the Endowment Fund.

Fair Board: Board Chairman Scott Walters and Manager Pat Hart were present. The General Fund Budget for last year was \$461,444. This year's request is \$421,972. Pat thanked the Commissioners for the capital projects that they were able to finish last year. They still have many projects to complete and have applied to ARPA. Their part time Custodian is more experienced than the last custodian and they feel he meets a Level 2 and they requested an increase in his wages from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per year. Their natural gas prices have increased by approximately 35% as well as the water, sewer and trash

which have also had a 3% rate hike through the City of Riverton. Fuel prices were discussed and whether they had budgeted an adequate amount for next year.

Fair Board Self Generated: Scott Walters and Pat Hart presented: Pat and Scott discussed their events and how they are adjusting to the rising costs of these entertainments. Their first year of having a self-generated budget was successful and they have some revenue above their expected expenditures which will be carried over to help with funding of events for this next fiscal year. Revenues projected was \$158,650 in the current year and they brought in \$201,378. They are projecting revenues lower than what they received last year just to be conservative with their revenue potentials.

Assessor, County Assessor Tara Berg was present: Last year's budget received was \$939,038. The next year's request amount is \$932,813. Tara stated she has added an increase in training fees. This year she sent her employees to Riverton for training, but all trainings for next year. All trainings will be held in Cheyenne and those trainings are a requirement that all staff report for 5 days of training. The part time person listed in salary will eventually be a full time employee and this will need to be filled later in the year. Berg has asked for 2 new pickups from capital revolving. As for their work, sales are up on residential properties. Tara has been working with special districts on how the Mineral Production payment plan will affect their projected revenues. Their fuel will not increase as the field crews will focus on the Lander area this year. Selby's machine is run through Kevin in IT and only toner and paper are divided between Clerk, Assessor and Planning. The ESRI web-based software is for cloud based GIS services and was most recently used by the County Clerk for redistricting. Clerk Freese also discussed the other possibilities for the use of this system such as those needing maps who are running for office.

Public Defender Jonathan Gerard was present. Last year's budget was \$166,000. This year's request is \$166,000. The state will be notifying them of the county's portion based on what the state amount is which will be set in May /April of 2023. The county portion is 15% of the state amount. The Governor is considering salary increases for public defenders with the hope of retaining defenders. Rental stipends for their main public defender office is currently \$19,800 a year and the other 3 public defenders receive \$450/month as a stipend for their ¾ time work as public defenders with their own office. Gerard requested that the three contract offices receive more money for their stipends if possible. Commissioners tentatively agreed to increase the three contract defender's office stipend to \$600/month.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program Ms. Fearney was present via zoom. Last year's budget was \$78,358. This year's request is \$77,080. WIC is a fully state reimbursed fund. Minor decreases are included in the overall budget by 1,097 which is related to a reduction in expenses for the program. They are seeing a reduction in Communications due to less mailings to participants since they have switched to automated appointment reminders. There are reductions in the Other Expenses line item due to unspent Misc. funds. They will also see a reduction in Nutrition Education expenses due to decrease in participation and the decrease in the amount per participant. This line item is based on a state agency formula. There is also a reduction in supplies. Monthly enrollment in Fremont County is 382. Their Office Manager working 40 hours that the clinic is open is essential for clinic operations. They are in the process of recruiting a state employee, Regional Nutrition Supervisor for Fremont County which will be a 40 hour/week position. They were asked to finish the estimated expenditures for the rest of the year.

The Commissioners did a weighted vote on the 16 applicants applying for the County Commissioner Scholarships, which is in the amount of \$500 per semester (\$1,000 for the academic year) and will be in addition to the Hathaway merit scholarship. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to award the three scholarships to Chloe Brammer (Lander Valley High School), Laura Dockery (Lander Valley High School) and Conor Christensen (Shoshoni High School) and to name Reece Hindman, Britney Edwards and Ciarah Hall as first, second and third alternates, respectively. Motion carried unanimously. The one Renewal Scholarship will be awarded next month following release of spring grades.

Commissioner meeting reports were given:

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen informed the Board that a blade needs a new hydraulic pump and will be down for one month. They have an option to lease one from Wyoming Machinery at a rate of \$9,823/month which can be funded by the Road Construction Fund.

Commissioner Mike Jones acknowledged receipt of the Wind River Visitor's Council proposed budget and operating plan and will have questions for the Executive Director when she presents her budget hearing on May 24th.

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the Recreation Commission monthly meeting and informed the Board of sign vandalism along the Heritage Trail. She expressed concern with the Youth Camp electrical and water filtration systems. She attended the Fremont County Planning Commission meeting where subdivision plats were reviewed with one needing more work and another coming before the Commission next week.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 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