

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 28, 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, Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas and Michael Jones. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Chairman Becker abstained from voting on The Print Shop voucher. Motion carried.

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor – Department – Description – Amount: A & I Distributors-Vehicle Maintenance-Oil/Fluids-\$647.88; Addison, Ashley-County Attorney-Witness Fee-\$49.80; Apex Surveying, Inc-Road Construction-North Fork Project-\$14438.38; Big Horn Tire Inc-Vehicle Maintenance-Vehicle Tires-\$10982.40; Black Hills Energy-County Buildings-Utility Service-\$3987.29; Brazil, Megan-Sheriff Victim Services-Expense Reimbursement-\$64.16; Burden, Dan-County Buildings-Security System-\$1170.00; Cloud Peak Counseling Center-Health & Welfare-Title 25-\$6175.00; CMI Teco-Vehicle Maintenance-Supplies -\$8.04; Cowboy Chemical Inc-Detention Center-Supplies-\$1030.15; Dealers Electrical Supply-County Buildings-Materials/Supplies-\$22.58; Desert Mountain Corporation-Road Construction-Mag Chloride-\$236823.60; Donahue, James K-County Attorney-Witness Fee -\$590.00; Drug Testing Services LLC-Transportation-Drug Testing Service-\$95.00; Election Systems & Software, Inc-County Elections-Voting Machines Supplies-\$539.00; Federal Express Corp-Detention Center-Shipping Fees -\$22 .24; Fremont County Assoc. of Govt.-Special Tax-Economic Development -\$16124.43; Fremont County Solid Waste-County Buildings-Trash-\$25.00; Frontier Ambulance LLC-Fremont County Ambulance-Ambulance Subsidy-\$150588.00; Grainger-County Buildings Detention-Materials/Supplies -\$142.32; Heidenreich, Aurora L-County Sheriff-Compliance Services-\$220.00; Hometown Freedom Healthcare LLC-Special Tax-Move Award-\$75000.00; Jones, Thomas W.-Planning-Reimburse Expenses-\$3.60; Kessler, Douglas E-Planning- Expense Reimbursement-\$53.10; Kintzler Holdings LLC-Special Tax-MOVE Award-\$50000.00; Kisling, Lisa-District Court-Professional Services-\$5208.94; Lander LLC-Special Tax-MOVE Award-\$100000.00; Lander Old Timer's Rodeo Assn Inc-Special Tax-MOVE Award-\$15000.00; Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.-County Coroner-Coroner Bond -\$100.00; Lowe, Sara-Detention Center-Enforcement Training-\$1000.00; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc-County Treasurer-Gov't Accounting Principles-\$592.72; Medow, Aubrey-Planning-Expense Reimbursement-\$67.50; Miller, Margaret-District Court-Court Appointments-\$352.50; National Test Systems-Segregated-Drug Testing-\$5759.10; Natrona County Sheriff-Detention Center-Inmate Housing -\$13552.50; Novo Benefits-Health Benefit Plan-Insurance Services-\$5253.00; Peterbilt Of Wyoming-Transportation-Used Trailer -\$27500.00; Peterbilt Of Wyoming-Transportation-Parts -\$1441.01; Print Shop, The-Segregated-Print Services-\$1463.00; R C Lock & Key-Capital Asset Acquisitions-Key Programming-\$65.26; R C Lock & Key-Vehicle Maintenance-Code Keys-\$23.00; Ratigan, Daniel, M.D.-Detention Center-P.A. Supervisor Contract-\$4675.00; Riverton, City of-County Buildings-Water/Sewer-\$1102.22; Riverton, City Of-Special Tax-Economic Development-\$32248.86; Shaw, Taliana-County Sheriff-Compliance Services-\$330.00; Shoulderblade, Leighanna-County Attorney-Witness Fees-\$49.80; Smith Psychological Services-Detention Center-Psychological Services-\$400.00; Sweetwater Aire LLC-County Buildings Detention-Supplies / Parts / Repair-\$9585.00; Terrance R. Martin PC-CAST-Contractual Services-\$2835.00; Tilton, Kathleen-Juvenile Treatment Court-Contractual Services-\$2250.00; W C C A-County Commission-Congressional Tour -\$1626.00; Wilkerson, James A, Iv, MD PC-County Coroner-Autopsy-\$1250.00; WY Law Enforcement Academy-Detention Center-Training-\$1716.00; WY Public Health Laboratory-Juvenile Treatment Court-Drug Testing-\$9.00; Wyoming Behavioral Institute-Health & Welfare-Title 25-\$3016.00; Wyoming Dept of Transportation-County Sheriff-Fuel-\$2772.13; Wyoming Machinery Co-Transportation-Parts -\$623.22; Youngchief, Jesse-County Attorney-Witness Fee-\$83.40.

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$754.00 for one Title 25 patient. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) sympathy card; 2) thank you letter to John Bass for service on the Wind River Visitor's Council; 3) Abatement Summery and Adjustment to Assessment Summary cover page; and 4) Record of Proceedings. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding among the Boards of County Commissioners of the Sate of Wyoming Regarding the Congressional Tour Initiative. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield ASO Group Plan Changes document, effective July 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no action items in the Priority Mail.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

Commissioner meeting reports were given:

A Public Hearing was held at 9:15 a.m., as advertised, regarding the uses for Title III County Funds. In accordance with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, there is a requirement that Fremont County must hold public comment for forty-five days, of which the comment period began May 11, 2022 and ended June 27, 2022. No comments were received regarding the proposed funding of Title III funds as follows: Search & Rescue - \$15,000; Fire Prevention Programs - \$38,992 for a total of \$53,992. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Title III funding as advertised for Calendar Year 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen stated Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks was unavailable to report on the Riverview Road Cutoff as scheduled, so he provided a brief update. The ROW and Easements are secured, engineering is done and the project will be put out to bid this fall for construction in the spring of 2023. This project encompasses the road from Highway 26 to Riverview Road.

In another matter, he reviewed an updated 71 Construction Budget Proposal for the Fremont County Fairgrounds and Youth Services building parking lots totaling \$908,034.28. The ARPA funding award for the projects was \$700,000 and the original 71 Construction Proposal was \$858,000.00 to which the Transportation Department had planned to remove the asphalt to bring the cost down to the ARPA award amount. Updated information indicated the Company had contracted with another company to roto-mill the asphalt so the County could not perform the work to reduce the proposal. Included in the final proposal was ADA work for the sidewalks and doors and striping in front of the buildings. Another cost will be the removal of the large light pole in the Fairgrounds parking lot and lights will be mounted on the buildings instead. The County is also requesting testing be performed at an estimated additional cost to the County of \$4,600. Vice-Chairman Allen requested an additional ARPA amount of \$220,000, which as a current balance of \$340,000. Chief Civil Deputy Jodi Darrough will review the contract with 71 Construction when available as the proposal prices if only good for seven days. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to reauthorize the amount for the Fairgrounds and Youth Services parking lot projects from \$700,000 to \$920,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Department Supervisor Steve Baumann presented a plat for the Mustang Meadows Subdivision, Lots 27, 28 & 29 and 30A Re-Subdivision, Lots 29A & 30A Re-Subdivision. The proposal is to divide the current two 23.3 acre lots into three lots for residential purposes. One issue was discussed by the Planning Commission regarding the improvements to the ephemeral drainage along the west side of the Re-Subdivision and they subsequently determined it to be adequate to convey any runoff from the drainage to alleviate any runoff washing out Jackson Drive. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the Re-Subdivision as proposed and as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann presented proposed Wind and Solar Energy Facility Siting Regulations, as requested by the Commission in November of 2021 when he approached them as their department was routinely receiving questions regarding the status of certain properties within Fremont County for the purpose of installing utility scale solar project(s). The Planning Commission developed the Regulations pursuant to what Title 18, Chapter 5, Article 5 of the State Statutes said regarding the permitting of Wind and Solar Energy Facilities. They further looked at all other County Regulations already in place.

Wind River Visitor's Council Executive Director Helen Wilson was joined by Board President Randy Lahr and newly appointed County Representative Kip Post to continue review of the FY 2022-23 budget. Several Commissioners still expressed concern with the large cash carry over amount and Commissioner Jones asked for a bylaw review specifically related to TAD funding in the very near future. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the Wind River Visitor's Council FY 2022-2023 budget and operating plan. Motion carried unanimously.

A Budget Hearing was held at 10:30 a.m., as advertised, regarding Unanticipated Revenues and Budget Transfers. County Clerk Julie Freese stated they will be the final actions taken to close out the FY 2021-2022 budget year. Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2022-17 "FY 2021-2022 Budget Amendment No. 8". Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Jim Anderson presented the Fremont County Health Benefit Plan Contribution Rates proposal. Jim and Julie Freese had estimated a premium for the county budgets and that amount was very close to what is needed. The discussion about how much the county and employees would pay had never been discussed. It is the recommendation of the Health Insurance committee to have the county pay the increase this year with the message to employees that they should plan on a small increase every year as rates go up every year. Rates are as follows: Death Benefit goes stays the same at \$12/month, MASA from \$14.00 to \$19.00/month, Fulltime Health Premium from \$1550 to \$1704/monthly and Part time Health from \$882 to \$954/monthly. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the health insurance premium with the County paying the increase this year. Motion carried unanimously.

The presentation the previous evening by Communications Supervisor Carl Freeman was reviewed in which he proposed that the E-911 surcharge remain at \$.75 for the upcoming fiscal year. This is a 911 surcharge per access line, both wireless and landline, for an estimated revenue of \$408,769. Each of the ten Users of the Dispatch Center are requested (charged) to contribute a revenue percentage based upon that agency's call volume. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the \$.75 surcharge for FY 2022-23. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Julie Freese reviewed changes that had been made to the advertised proposed FY 2022-23 Fremont County Government budget which has an amended assessed valuation of \$847,207,649 and changes that had been requested within the last several weeks by various departments. Chairman Travis Becker expressed his frustration that the county is once again having to subsidize the ambulance service, this year for a total of \$1.438 million. He stated that the City of Lander did contribute \$100,000 as requested last fiscal year; however, is the only entity to do so, including the Tribes. He stated his disappointment that the other have chosen not to contribute to the county wide operation. He further stated his intent to make it very clear that the Fremont County Fire District be required to pay their share of Dispatch Fees as proposed for all ten agencies using the system, as the County did fund the Fremont County Fire Warden \$15,000 for the new fiscal year, but only if the FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 payments are made to the county. Again, due to only budgeting what the county needs to operate, the upcoming fiscal year budget is based on 10 mills and not 12 mills. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the FY 2022-2023 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Becker proceeded to read a written statement, first and foremost thanking the elected officials, department heads and employees of Fremont County Government, whom if they had not had an eye towards fiscal conservancy and common sense, the County would not be in the shape they are in today by being able to base the budget on 10 mills instead of 12. (The full letter is available in the Commissioners' Office). He concluded by stating Fremont County is the only county who lowered the mill levy that will result in lower property taxes.

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 July 5, 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