

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 15, 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.

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

Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the bills as presented. Chairman Travis Becker abstained from voting on The Print Shop voucher. Motion carried.

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor – Department – Description – Amount: 71 Construction-County Buildings-Paving Project -\$26685.00; A & I Distributors-Vehicle Maintenance- Oil/Fluids-\$377.40; Ace Hardware-Lander-Segregated-Materials/Supplies -\$292.41; Alexander Excavation-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$34147.50; AlSCO Inc-County Buildings-Laundry-\$243.44; Amer Academy Of Forensic Sciences-County Coroner-Certification Dues -\$165.00; Amerigas-County Buildings-Utilities -\$313.76; Anda Inc-Public Health-Vaccine-\$9274.57; Anderson, Sandra L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Aponte, Joanie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Ash, Linda W.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; B & B Enterprises LLC-Road Construction-Signs & Supplies-\$1195.00; Bailey Enterprises, Inc-Segregated-Fuel -\$34904.50; Baker, Lynda C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Ballinger, Jennet L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Ballou, Janet Marie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Ballou, Jeffery L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Bank Of The West-Segregated-Charges/ Services-\$72849.72; Bank Of The West Acct Analysis-Investment Pool-Analyzed Charges-\$365.26; Barr, Virginia A.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Barta, Michelle C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Baxter, Kathryn A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Bebout, Linda L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Beckwith, Larry E.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Bennett, Ginger V.R.-County Elections-Canvass Board-\$21.00; Big Horn Water-Youth Services-Water Bottles-\$49.83; Bill Jones Plumbing & Heating-County Buildings-Services / Repairs-\$96.47; Bletner, Susannah R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Bloedorn Lumber-Lander-Segregated-Materials Supplies -\$1035.38; Boesch, Geraldine-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Borders, Karla J.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Bower, Roger K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Brodrick, Marlene E-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Bull's Service & Towing LLC-Search & Rescue-Vehicle Fuel -\$283.71; Bush, Renee M-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Carroll Septic Service-Transportation-Services -\$150.00; Centurylink-Computer Services-Telephone Service-\$666.11; Charter Communications-Computer Services-Internet Service-\$129.98; Christensen, Bradley J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Clifford, Tina M-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Clifford, Gregory P. MD PC-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$8050.00; CNA Surety-Segregated-Surety Bond-\$400.00; Cole, Maureen-County Elections-Expenses Reimburse-\$222.74; Cole, Forrest J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Collins, Kim-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Communication Technologies Inc-Support Services-Maintenance Repairs-\$2961.87; Cone, Lucy A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Crane, Steven P-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Cunningham, James W.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Cunningham, Theresa L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Dahl, Pamela J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Danyne Cooper Counseling, LLC-Cast-Contractual Services-\$1750.00; Davis, Brenda S-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Davis, Georgia M.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Davis, James E-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Double S Trucking Inc-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$19792.50; Dowl LLC-Segregated-Road Projects-\$29530.10; Dubois Frontier, The-County Elections-Advertising -\$305.94; Dyer, Benjamin L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Eagle Uniform & Supply Co-Vehicle Maintenance-Laundry-\$439.70; Eaton Sales & Service, LLC-Fuel Facility-Parts & Supplies-\$2496.67; Eustice, Nancy D-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Fifield, Teresa L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Flohr, Mary Ellis-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Fremont Chevrolet GMC-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Repairs-\$415.80; Fremont County Assoc. Of Govt.-Special Tax-Economic Development -\$78007.41; Fremont County Fair-Loan Distribution-CRF Loan Distribution -\$27000.00; Fremont County Solid Waste-County Buildings-Dump Fees-\$15.00; Fremont Motor Riverton Inc-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Supplies-\$167.70; Fremont Motors - Lander-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Supplies -\$163.93; Fuechsel, Karen S-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Geotec Industrial Supply-County Buildings-Paving Project -\$3700.00; German, Lynda Z.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Glassburn, Jennifer M.-County Attorney-Court Transcripts-\$80.00; Globalstar USA-Search & Rescue-Satellite Phone-\$271.98; Grainger-Segregated-Materials/ Supplies-\$244.89; Greenwood Mapping Inc-County Assessor-Map & Web-Support -\$5700.00; Griewahn, Cynthia-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Hafner, Terry M-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Haslam, Kenneth-Vehicle Maintenance-Reimbursement-\$193.04; Hedderman, Kevin C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Hehr, Ryan B-Prevention Program-Admin Assistance-\$108.75; High Plains Power, Inc-County Buildings-Utility Services-\$1241.12; Hinds, Paula E.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Homelvig, Mary A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Honsaker, Mary-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Hornet Trucking Inc-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$16530.00; Houser, Michelle J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Hub International Mtn States Ltd-Clerk Of District Court-Surety Bond -\$100.00; Hudson, Celina M.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Hulme, Linda M.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Inn At Lander-Search & Rescue-Lodging -\$2888.00; Jameran, Joy A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Jerry Bornhoft Construction Inc-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$13485.00;

John Deere Financial-Segregated-Materials/Supplies -\$133.96; Jones Trucking Inc-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$8772.50; Jones, Mary Ann-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Jones, Cheryl A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Jones, Thomas W.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Judicial Dialog Systems-County Attorney-Maintenance & Support -\$10159.27; Kairos Broadcasting LLC-Segregated-Advertising -\$2130.00; Kasper, John F-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Kasper, Nadine F-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Kellner, Ruth K.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Kenyon, Rebecca L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Kopriva, Patricia A.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Kostreva, Patricia C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Ladner, Willard R. Jr-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Lander Valley Auto Parts-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/ Supplies -\$974.06; Lander, City Of-County Buildings-Water & Sewer-\$2556.64; Larsen, Debra L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Larsen, John L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Larsen, Rebecca L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Lavoie, Marilyn J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Lebeau, Wade-County Buildings-Courthouse Paint-\$11300.00; Long, Jennifer A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Lynch, Carol A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton-District Court-Court Appointment-\$1497.80; Malcolm, Donna K.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Malcolm, William A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Mark's Auto Sales & Towing-Abandoned Vehicles-Vehicle Towing -\$273.00; Mason, Nancy J.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Master's Touch LLC-County Treasurer-Mailing Service -\$1092.98; Maxon, Nathan-District Court-Court Appointment-\$300.00; Mayes, Amy K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Midwest Connect-Support Services-Postage Machine -\$566.00; Moravek, Cynthia K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Moravek, Gail J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Moscicki, Anna T S-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Mountain Dental PC-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$1860.00; Mr D's Food Center Inc-Search & Rescue-Supplies-\$2292.93; Napa Auto Parts-Riverton-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts & Supplies-\$4411.50; Nichols, Amy-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; NMS Laboratories-County Coroner-Toxicology Services -\$1247.00; Nolan, Melody-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Non Typical Services & Logistics LLC-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$8264.50; Norco Inc-Segregated-Supplies -\$5125.69; Northwest Power Systems Inc-County Buildings Detention-Supplies / Materials-\$350.30; O'brien, Cheryl-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Office Shop Inc, The-Computer Services-Maintenance / Repair-\$9271.43; Office Shop Inc, The-Computer Services- Printer Lease-\$155.00; One Stop Market-Search & Rescue-Vehicle Fuel -\$533.17; Orkin LLC-County Buildings-Pest Control Service-\$485.00; Packer, Rebecca F.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Palace Pharmacy-Detention Center-Inmate Rx's-\$2932.40; Pavillion, Town Of-County Buildings-Water Utilities-\$112.50; Peart, Margaret-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Pedersen, Beverly K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Perfect Power Electric Inc-County Buildings-Parts & Services -\$27.47; Peterbilt Of Wyoming-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$481.98; Petersen, Darrell-Transportation-Reimbursement-\$274.95; Pitt, Orley C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Postmaster-Fuel Facility-Reimburse Postage Due-\$3.94; Print Shop,The-Segregated-Printed Office-\$547.00; Quadient Inc-County Sheriff-Postage Machine-\$171.17; Quill Corporation-County Attorney-Office Supplies-\$155.45; Rector, Mary Elizabeth-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Reed, David K.-1% Gravel Projects-Contract Services -\$17907.50; Reed's Moghaun Office Supply-County Elections-Office Supplies-\$18.32; RELX, Inc.-County Attorney-Research Subscrip-\$694.00; Richardson, Elizabeth A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Richardson, Kenneth P-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Riverton, City Of-Special Tax-Economic Development -\$156014.82; Rocky Mountain Automatic Doors-County Buildings-Repair / Materials -\$3350.00; Rocky Mountain Boilers Inc-County Buildings-Boilers Service-\$3123.50; Rocky Mountain Power-Segregated-Utilities-\$11370.02; Rogers, Peny L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Rose,Barbara C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$97.50; Sagewest Health Care-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$3182.30; Schilling, Stephanie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Schumacher Law Firm, P.C.-District Court-Court Appointment-\$775.50; Selley, Mary B-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Shirts & More Inc-Vehicle Maintenance- Vehicle Decals-\$90.00; Shortgrass Hospitality LLC-County Assessor-Lodging -\$980.00; Shoshoni, Town Of-County Buildings-Water/Sewer-\$70.00; Skinner, Amy-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Smith, Carol L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Smith, Lucyelle J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Smith, Stephen P-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Soule, Sierra-District Court-Court Appointed -\$457.50; Stanbury, Rose M-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Stillman, Gailee R.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Sweetwater Aire LLC County Buildings Detention-Repair / Maintenance -\$428.34; Swistowicz, Beverly G-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Swistowicz, Katherine J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; Sylvestri Customization-Prevention Program-Website Maintenance-\$6800.00; Tendore, Rory K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Townsend, Barbara L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Traveling Computers-Computer Services-Supplies, Services-\$756.50; T-Y Excavation Inc-Road Construction- Road Maintenance-\$2625.00; Vann, Katherine S.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Verizon Wireless-Segregated-Cellphone Service-\$1295.18; WACERS-Transportation-Membership Dues -\$75.00; Wagon, Wilma-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Weller, Karl R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Wells, Dixie M-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Western Printing, Inc-County Sheriff-Printed Supplies-\$34.00; White, Lynda R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Whiting Law, P.C.-District Court-Professional Services-\$480.00; Wilson, Bethany S-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Wilson, Jennifer S-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Wilson, Kevin L. RN-Detention Center-Medical Services-\$1550.00; Windmill, LLC-Transportation-Crushed Fines-\$12150.81; Wood, John F.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$220.00; WY Public Health Laboratory-Segregated-Testing /Supplies-\$270.00; WY State Lands & Investments-Transportation-Lease-\$17.00; Wyoming Machinery Co-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$5593.74; Wyoming Office Attorney General-Clerk Of District Court-Background Check-\$156.00; Wyoming State Bar-County Attorney-Annual Licenses-\$2372.50; Wyoming Waste Systems-County Buildings-Trash Removal-\$2890.67; Wyoming.Com-County Elections-Internet Service-\$91.00; Yates, Annette-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Yellow Boy, Jennifer-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Yennie, Gerald A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Young, Deborah L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$195.00; Youngchief, Jesse-County Attorney-Reimbursement-\$58.00.

Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to accept the vouchers for Title 25 patients from Fremont Counseling Service in the amount of \$1,800 (September patients); Wyoming Behavioral Institute for two patients in the amount of \$4,524.00 and Cloud Peak Counseling Center for three patients in the amount of \$1,300. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Sympathy Card; and 2) Record of Proceedings. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve an Approach/Access Permit for Ed Frink on Baldwin Creek Road and Mark Rainwater on West Pavillion Road. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve a Bore, Cut, Parallel Public Utilities Right-of-Way Easement Application for Jeffrey Kimber on Western Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve a BCBS ASO Group Plan Change document to replace Copay Max pharmacy program with Flex Access. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve a Business Associates Agreement with HCMS Group LLC dba Workpartners for data warehousing, data analytics and clinical prevention services. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve a Confidentiality Agreement with HCMS Group LLC dba Workpartners. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) City of Lander Notice of Public Hearing for Dillon Vista Subdivision Block 1 Lot 11 Replat. 2) Regional Nutrition Supervisor request that the WIC Tech for Lander and Riverton has been approved in July by the State for a new pay rate of \$19.64 to be in line with other WIC Technicians across the state due to his experience. The Board noted this is a pass through cost for the County as the program is fully funded by the State. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the new pay rate as approved by the State to be made retroactive to July 2022. Motion carried unanimously. 3) Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Fremont County Commissioners and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management by and through the Wyoming BLM State Director regarding Plan Amendments for the Management of Greater Sage-Grouse and appointing Mike Jones as Fremont County's primary representative and Larry Allen as second representative. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Becker stressed that in the future the County should apply for Coordination status instead of Cooperating Agency Status with BLM to insure the County's representation at the table. 4) 2023 WCCA Legislative Conference and New Commissioner Workshop draft Program of Events. 5) Annual report for the MOVE grant for Bow Spider/RAD Innovations.

The Public Comment period was held.

Extension Educator Chance Marshall informed the Board that the new 4-H Educator, Jan Matosky, will begin on November 21st and he will bring her to their next meeting for introduction. He will follow up with the State on the salary agreement between UW Extension and Fremont County. The Board asked Attorney LeBrun to make sure reimbursement rates coincide with the county rates.

Sheriff Ryan Lee apologized for missing the October meeting due to scheduling conflicts. He presented a monthly report.

In another issue, Commissioner Thomas asked Sheriff Lee to work with DCI and BIA Chief of Police Blackburn to develop a hard core task force to become pro-active against drug dealers and curb the amount of Fentanyl coming into Fremont County and the Wind River Indian Reservation. Sheriff Lee stated this is indeed a joint effort and will move forward with various agencies to form a task force. He stated they are pro-active on the street level; however, major organizations prove difficult in investigating as most originate from out of state.

County Coroner Erin Ivie presented the 3rd quarter summary.

Coroner Ivie stated there is a proposal through Natrona County and the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee to place two or three forensic pathologists in the State. The proposed positions would be initially funded through the Department of Health with counties billed for autopsies to reimburse the initial out-of-pocket expense and future funding. Placement and suitable facilities were discussed as well as credentials, costs and usage (coroner participation and caseload) at the Coroner's Association meeting held earlier this fall. The proposal is in its infancy stage but is gaining ground with a second meeting occurring in October. She stated that preliminary work and plans were distributed earlier for a new Fremont County Coroner's Office including a forensic facility. She has been working with Building Maintenance Supervisor Oakley to determine if there were any buildings available for the project, and stated another issue will exist regarding moving the 10-person cooler at the Riverton County Shop depending on where a suitable office location is found. A better financial picture is needed for this project to keep it moving forward. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to form a committee consisting of Commissioners Clarence Thomas and Mike Jones, Coroner Erin Ivie, Sheriff Ryan

Lee and Building Maintenance Supervisor Oakley to begin a feasibility study for a new Coroner Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Coroner Ivie had requested authorization the previous week, immediately following her appointment to County Coroner, to promote Deputy Tony Simmers to Chief Deputy and Administrative Assistant and she had distributed the Position Description for review. She also had requested at the same time to begin advertising to fill Simmers' position of Coroner Deputy/Operation Officer. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to ratify approval of the promotion and advertising the existing vacancy as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

County Assessor Tara Berg had previously reviewed the Abatement Summary the Commission reviewed the prior meeting, specifically the value change for Wind River Energy Commission for a reduction to the county market value of \$614,474 and \$668,878 for equipment located at the well sites. That Commission has assumed ownership of Merrit Energy oil and gas field at Circle Ridge and have requested exempt status. She had been requested to calculate the actual tax dollar the reduction would various districts (county, fire, solid waste, CWC, and school districts) and she and Deputy Mike Klaassen presented maps of the areas as well as spreadsheets from 2017 through 2022 for comparison purposes. County Clerk Julie Freese and Berg present training to special districts and they noted it is important for the individual districts to be made aware of changes to their funding based on tax changes that take place once their budget is set.

Commission meeting reports were given.

Kyle Anderson was present to interview for the Fremont County Health Officer position. Interim Fremont County Nurse Manager Christy Kraus was present via Zoom. Anderson introduced herself and stated she is currently working as a Nurse Practitioner at Community Health of Central Wyoming (Riverton). She has been an RN since 1994 and Nurse Practitioner since 2018. The Job Description had been amended to include Nurse Practitioners as qualified individuals per state statute. Following the interview, Mike Jones moved, Larry Allen seconded, to appoint Kyle Anderson as the Fremont County Health Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

County Planner Supervisor Steve Baumann presented Stagner Subdivision, a four lot simple subdivision located approximately 3.5 miles east of Kinnear on Highway 26 and adjacent to the Lakeview Gun Club. The Subdivision breaks out 44.65 acres from the existing 235.96-acre parcel. This subdivision was approved on July 22, 2021. The larger acreage abuts ceded Reservation lands; however, the 44.65 acres does not. An e-mail was received from the Northern Arapaho Business Council after the Planning Commission approved the Subdivision and he sent a follow up memo to the Business Council informing them they could make comments when the Commissioners reviewed the proposed subdivision, but no further correspondence was received. The subdivision improvements were not completed within the one-year timeframe and the Planning Commission voted to recommend a six-month extension for completion on September 22, 2022. On October 26, 2022, the Planning Department visited the subdivision and found everything to be in conformance with regulations. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the Stagner Subdivision as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission on July 22, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The Rosewood Hills Subdivision Lots 3 and 4 Replat was reviewed. The Subdivision is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Lander off Highway 789. The Replat is being done to move the lot line of Lot 4 to include the area of Lot 3 located north of the Cottonwood Ditch. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Replat as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann presented the Vacation of Lots 1 & 2 of the Vasco Addition to the City of Riverton. This was an annexation done to facilitate a state grant for the purpose of building a drill rig rehabilitation facility on the site. The project was never completed and in late 2019 the area was de-annexed from the City. Lots 1 and 2 were never developed and together, exist as 20 acres of irrigated land. The current owner wishes to vacate the two lots and combine them with the intent of re-developing in the future. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the Vacation as approved by the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. In a related item, Steve Baumann noted that the petition for the vacation of an unnamed, unconstructed publicly dedicated road, utility and drainage easement in the Vasco Subdivision is unnecessary as the road is a dedicated private road.

Steve Baumann reviewed the Wind and Solar Energy Facility Siting Regulations, which is a revised draft of the Regulations first presented in June. It incorporates the concerns expressed by the Commissioners as well as additional information brought forward by the Fremont County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended the revised draft be discussed with the County Commissioners. Chairman Becker expressed concern over a particular clause "Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources" as infringing on private property rights. The inclusion of priority statements of Fremont County's Natural Resource Management Plan was discussed. Further discussion will occur and upon agreement by the Board to proceed at a later date, a public comment period will be set prior to adoption of the regulations.

County Treasurer Jim Anderson provided an update on the annual audit.

County Attorney Patrick LeBrun and County Clerk Julie Freese reviewed IRS guidelines that require an agency to either provide payment for, or require forfeiture of, an employee's unused compensatory time off. Some departments have their own policy on using/accruing the time and some let employees decide if they want comp time off or payment of time, budget permitting. However, the IRS guidelines state all accrued comp time to be used or paid or forfeit by December 31st of each calendar year and not be carried over to the next calendar year. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to require any employee with comp time to use it or get paid for it prior to the end of the calendar year. Voting against the motion: Clarence Thomas. Motion carried. Department Heads and Elected Officials will be encouraged to work with employees to take accrued time off, and if payoff is necessary, to make sure they have an adequate budget to cover the cost.

Holidays for 2023 were discussed. County Clerk Julie Freese reminded the Board that Senator Case had sponsored a bill regarding legal holidays and that the Commission would review the statutes and their holiday schedule. The Commission determined they would not allow Good Friday as a holiday as banks are open that day. The day after Thanksgiving is normally a holiday, and they left that one intact, as business is very light or non-existent that day. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2022-24 "Adopting Legal Holiday Closures and Other Closures for 2023". Motion carried unanimously. Holidays for 2023 are as follows: New Year's Day - January 1 (observed January 2); President's Day - February 20; Memorial Day - May 29; Independence Day - July 4; Labor Day - September 4; Veterans Day - November 11 (Observed November 10); Thanksgiving Day and Friday following - November 23-24; Christmas - December 25. Columbus Day - October 9, was again approved to have the Courthouse closed to the public for an in-house training and cleaning day.

The Commission meeting schedule for 2023 was reviewed, based on the current year's schedule. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the 2023 Commission meeting schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mike Jones and Chairman Larry Allen have been working on Fremont County's application for EMS Regionalization. The goal of the pilot program is to add availability of ground ambulance service to reduce the amount of medical flights in Fremont County. The plan would be to add two ambulances to the county fleet, and add staffing (4) for 24-7 availability for non-emergent transfers to trauma centers. The grant states that preference will be given to those entities willing to put in matching funds and Fremont County's portion would be \$500,000 for the two vehicles with a request of \$1.4 million from the State for a period of two years to study the pilot program. Since it takes two years to get a new ambulance, our current schedule would be to order vehicles in January and run the pilot program in 2025 and 2026 which is still compliant with the program guidelines. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a match funding of \$500,000 for the pilot program match with funding through the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund allocation. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner meeting reports continued.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas presented a sample Workplace Violence Resolution at the Elected Officials/Department Heads meeting. The group in attendance were in agreement that the Policy Committee look into drafting a document for Fremont County. He will also be attending a meeting with the Christmas Committee to encourage them to do a full blown party this year.

County Clerk Julie Freese will reach out to the legislators to see what dates would work for them to meet with the Commission prior to the legislative session. She is also working on updating the ARPA grant

requests for round two and new submissions for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funding and hopes to have the projects ready for review the first part of December.

Chairman Travis Becker stated that due to time constraints, the Executive Session with Steve Baumann (evaluation) would be postponed until the following meeting. The self-evaluation for Brad Meredith will be updated via e-mail this week and the final ready for the following meeting. He is meeting with the MOVE committee the following day to hear from this quarter's applicants and expects the committee to make their recommendation for funding by the end of the month so that the Commission can make a final decision in December.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn the Regular meeting at 12:45 a.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 22, 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