

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF FREMONT )

LANDER, WYOMING  
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 6, 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, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the minutes of November 22, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. County Clerk Julie Freese stated she would do a recap of Election related costs for the Board's information at their December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Jones expressed appreciation to her and her staff for all their work during the election process.

Bills are listed in the following format: Vendor – Department – Description – Amount: AlSCO Inc-County Buildings-Laundry -\$243.44; American Family & Life Ins.-Segregated-Insurance-\$5276.53; Anderson, Sandra L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$30.80; Apex Surveying, Inc-Lower North Fork -Project Engineer-\$20439.32; Aponte, Joanie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$430.80; Ash, Linda W.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$1084.00; Bailey Enterprises, Inc-Inventory-Bulk Fuel-\$33206.75; Baker, Lynda C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$478.63; Ballinger, Jennet L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$222.40; Ballou, Janet Marie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$54.00; Ballou, Jeffery L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$54.00; Bang, Patricia J.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$451.20; Bang, Perry-County Elections-Election Judge-\$358.40; Barr, Virginia A.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$234.12; Barta, Michelle C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$48.20; Baumann, Steve-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.52; Baxter, Kathryn A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$47.04; Bebout, Linda L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$791.60; Beck, Jared R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Beckwith, Larry E.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$48.20; Bell-Milby, Susan A.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$59.80; Black Hills Energy-County Buildings-Utility Service-\$8347.39; Bletner, Susannah R-County Elections-Election Judge -\$200.00; Blue Cross Blue Shield Of WY-Co Admin-Health Ins Claims-\$417548.51; Boesch, Geraldine-County Elections-Election Judge -\$47.04; Borders, Karla J.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$136.42; Bower, Roger K-County Elections-Election Judge -\$118.38; Brazil, Megan-Sheriff Victim Services-Expense Reimbursement-\$278.00; Brock, Kristine-Search & Rescue-Search & Rescue Assignment-\$777.32; Brodrick, Marlene E-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Bromley, Craig L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$81.00; Burlison, William J.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$33.12; Bush, Renee M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; California State Disbursement-Payroll-Child Support-\$603.75; Calvert, Hattie-County Elections-Election Judge -\$5.80; Chidsey, Carol-County Elections-Election Judge -\$81.00; Christensen, Bradley J-County Elections-Election Judge -\$49.36; Clifford, Tina M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Clifford, Gregory P. MD PC-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$2522.00; Cole, Maureen-County Elections-Election Judge -\$50.00; Cole, Forrest J-County Elections-Election Judge -\$182.12; Colonial Life & Accident Ins-Segregated-Insurance-\$699.07; Comesrunningbuck, Nicole PC-County Elections-Election Judge -\$739.00; Cone, Lucy A-County Elections-Election Judge -\$52.90; Cowboy Chemical Inc-Detention Center-Inmate Supply-\$579.35; Cox, Melinda K-County Elections-Election Judge -\$12.76; Crain, Michael-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Crane, Steven P-County Elections-Election Judge -\$64.44; Cullers, Candi-County Elections-Election Judge -\$69.08; Cunningham, James W.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$48.20; Cunningham, Theresa L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$48.20; Dahl, Pamela J-County Elections-Election Judge -\$416.94; Davis, Brenda S-County Elections-Election Judge -\$138.68; Davis, Georgia M.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$1123.30; Davis, James E-County Elections-Election Judge -\$714.20; Delay, Lea M.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Dick, Wayne C-County Elections-Election Judge -\$47.04; Dooley, Theil-County Attorney-Reimburse Expenses-\$15.00; Dowl LLC-Bridge Project- Road Construction-\$262.50; Duenas, Breana-County Elections-Election Judge -\$50.00; Election Center, The-County Elections-Membership Renewal-\$495.00; Election Systems & Software, Inc-County Elections-Voting Machines Supplies-\$9227.10; Empower Trust-Segregated-Wyoming Benefits-\$6140.00; Eustice, Nancy D-County Elections-Election Judge -\$57.48; Fahey, Penny-Health Promotion-Wellness Contract-\$2500.00; Fidler, Edessa-County Elections-Election Judge -\$27.32; Fifield, Teresa L.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Flohr, Mary Ellis-County Elections-Election Judge -\$686.60; Floyd's Truck Center WY-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts -\$58.58; Fremont County Home Inspection-County Buildings-Inspection Service-\$2025.00; Fremont County School Dist #25-Youth Services-Meals-\$618.75; Fremont County Treasurer-Co Admin-Health Insurance-\$375173.00; Fremont County Treasurer-Co Admin-Section 125 Benefits-\$35460.32; Frontier Ambulance LLC-Fremont County Ambulance-Subsidy -\$119627.00; Fuechsel, Karen S-County Elections-Election Judge -\$111.48; Gans, John N-County Elections-Election Judge -\$410.38; Gardner, John S.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$166.62; German, Lynda Z.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$67.92; Glassburn, Jennifer M.-Public Defender-Court Transcripts-\$342.00; Goff, Sage-County Elections-Election Judge -\$36.60; Graff, Rosemary P-County Elections-Election Judge -\$100.40; Griewahn, Cynthia-County Elections-Election Judge -\$29.00; Gunsch, Irene-County Elections-Election Judge -\$64.44; Hafner, Terry M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$47.04; Hahn, Janelle L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Hall, Timothy R.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Harmelink, John-County Elections-Election Assist-\$14.76; Harper, Carol A.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$564.00; Hasco Industrial Supply-Transportation-Materials/ Supplies -\$300.56; Healthsmart Benefit Solutions-Segregated-Insurance-\$704.00; Hedderman, Kevin C-County Elections-Election Judge -\$35.44; Hill, Julie A-County Elections-Election Judge -\$48.20; Hinds, Paula E.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$232.12; Holder, Philip-County Elections-Election Assist-\$98.00; Homelvig, Mary A-County Elections-Election Judge -\$56.32; Honsaker, Mary-County Elections-Election Judge -\$109.68; Horton, Leena M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$57.48; Houser, Michelle J-County Elections-Election Judge -\$749.98; Hudson, Celina M.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$557.00; Int'l Academies Of Emergency Dispatch-Dispatch Center-Training -\$50.75; Jameran, Joy A-County Elections-Election Judge -\$303.43; Jeffrey City Water Sewer Distr-1% Gravel Projects-Water For Crooks Gap-\$2152.50; Johnson, Jill-County Elections-Election Judge-\$11.60; Johnson, Edie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$58.87; Jones, Mary Ann-County Elections-Election Judge-\$27.90; Jones, Cheryl A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$49.36; Jones, Thomas W.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$27.90; Judd, Jill K.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$106.20; Kasper, John F-County Elections-Election Judge-\$75.46; Kasper, Nadine F-County Elections-Election Judge-\$75.46; Keiser, Janet E. Mullins-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Keiser, Patricia L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$168.90; Kellner, Ruth K.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$733.00; Kenyon, Rebecca L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$79.00; Keralis, Frank J-County Elections-Election

Judge-\$48.20; Kessler, Douglas E-Planning-Expense Reimbursement-\$29.50; Kessler, Sallye J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$118.44; Kisling, Lisa-Public Defender- Rent-\$600.00; Kopriva, Patricia A.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Kostreva, Patricia C-County Elections-Election Judge-\$55.16; Kuchler, Melody A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Ladner, Willard R. Jr-County Elections-Election Judge-\$67.92; Lander Medical Clinic PC-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$669.80; Larsen, Debra L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$626.82; Larsen, John L-County Elections-Election Judge-\$41.82; Larsen, Rebecca L.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$84.62; Lavoie, Marilyn J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$48.20; Lee, William C.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Long, Jennifer A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$33.12; Lopez, Darlene-County Elections-Election Judge-\$5.80; Lynch, Carol A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$50.52; Malcolm, Donna K.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$550.00; Malcolm, William A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$550.00; Marple, Anita-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Mason, Nancy J.-County Elections-Election Judge-\$646.80; Mayes, Amy K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Mcomie, Lisa-County Elections-Election Judge-\$62.70; Mcwain,Sara-County Elections-Election Judge-\$63.92; Medow, Aubrey-Planning-Expense Reimbursement-\$75.00; Meyer, Timothy R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$67.92; Mid-Amer Research Chemical-Vehicle Maintenance-Supplies -\$5206.10; Miller, Margaret-District Court-Gal Office Rent -\$300.00; Moravek, Cynthia K-County Elections-Election Judge-\$108.00; Moravek, Gail J-County Elections-Election Judge-\$208.92; Moscicki, Anna T S-County Elections-Election Judge-\$1360.68; Motorola Solutions Inc-Capital Asset Acquisitions-Copper Mountain Antenna-\$19480.00; Murray, Cassie-County Elections-Election Judge-\$36.60; Nations, Yesenia-County Elections-Election Judge-\$50.00; Natrona County Circuit Court-Payroll-Garnishment-\$206.21; Ness, Margaret A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$165.00; New York Life Insurance-Segregated-Insurance-\$133.11; Nichols, Amy-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Nimmo, Paige-County Elections-Election Judge-\$25.00; Nolan, Melody-County Elections-Election Judge-\$675.20; Norco Inc-Segregated-Supplies -\$3950.56; Oakleaf,Barbara J.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; O'brien, Cheryl-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Packer, Rebecca F.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$83.90; Parrill, Jeanine-County Elections-Election Judge -\$109.74; Payroll Taxes-Co Admin-Withholding/FICA-\$206820.10; Peart, Margaret-County Elections-Election Judge -\$309.40; Pedersen, Beverly K-County Elections-Election Judge -\$50.52; Penn, Margaret C-County Elections-Election Judge -\$36.60; Perez, Dianne M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Peters, Susan J.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$50.52; Pitt, Orley C-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Plainsman Printing & Supply-County Clerk-Plat Cabinet-\$6147.00; Post, Raymond-County Sheriff-Car Wash -\$51.00; Premier Vehicle Install Inc-County Sheriff-Vehicle Certification-\$125.00; Quill Corporation-County Attorney-Office Supplies-\$200.61; R T Communications-Dispatch Center-Telephone -\$444.11; Rector, Mary Elizabeth-County Elections-Election Judge -\$390.30; Reed's Moghaun Office Supply-County Attorney-Supplies-\$3.59; Rejda, Ellen R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$48.20; Remote Satellite Systems-Search & Rescue-S & R Equipment-\$59.00; Richardson, Elizabeth A-County Elections-Election Judge-\$123.00; Richardson, Kenneth P-County Elections-Election Judge-\$123.00; Riggs, Ella-County Elections-Election Judge-\$95.24; Riverton Ranger, Inc-Segregated- Advertising-\$1631.00; Riverton, City Of-County Buildings-Water/Sewer-\$754.02; Rogers, Peny L.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$872.00; Rose, Maia-County Elections-Election Judge -\$475.28; Rummel, Jonathan-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Sagewest Health Care-Segregated-Lab Tests /Inmate Medical-\$9453.63; Schilling, Stephanie-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Selley, Mary B-County Elections-Election Judge -\$305.00; Shoup, Mary Sue-County Elections-Election Judge -\$47.04; Skinner, Amy-County Elections-Election Judge -\$23.20; Smith Psychological Services-Dispatch Center-Psychological Services-\$400.00; Smith, Carol L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$396.50; Smith, Kristi-County Elections-Election Judge -\$39.50; Smith, Lucylle J-County Elections-Election Judge -\$568.08; Smith, Mariah-Prevention Program-Administrative Assistance-\$1110.38; Smith, Stephen P-County Elections-Election Judge -\$36.60; Soule, Sierra-Public Defender-Office Rent -\$600.00; Springer, Peter-County Elections-Election School-\$25.00; Stanbury, Rose M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$48.20; State Disbursement Unit-Payroll-Child Support-\$480.25; State Of Wyoming-Public Defender-Office Rent -\$1650.00; Stillman, Gailee R.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$31.96; Stoudt, Sally A.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$65.60; Stricklan, Chad-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Swistowicz, Beverly G-County Elections-Election Judge -\$397.60; Swistowicz, Katherine J-County Elections-Election Judge -\$62.76; Tendore, Rory K-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Terrance R. Martin PC-Public Defender-Office Rent-\$600.00; Teton Pathology PC-Detention Center-Inmate Medical-\$284.00; Thompson, Douglas L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$36.60; Total Net Salaries-Segregated-Salaries-\$665093.68; Townsend, Barbara L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$140.48; Traveling Computers-Computer Services- Supplies, Services-\$676.00; Trehearne, Darby-County Elections-Election Assist-\$34.22; Vann, Katherine S.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$42.40; Wagon, Wilma-County Elections-Election Judge -\$61.54; Weber, Pearline-County Elections-Election Judge -\$92.28; Wells, Dixie M-County Elections-Election Judge -\$212.40; Western Printing, Inc-Segregated-Printed Supplies-\$707.24; White, Alanita-County Elections-Election Judge-\$1.51; White, Lynda R-County Elections-Election Judge-\$54.00; Wild West Powersports-Forest Reserve-Equipment-\$25853.00; Williams, Vicky A-County Elections-Election Judge -\$48.20; Wilson, Bethany S-County Elections-Election Judge -\$25.00; Wilson, Jennifer S-County Elections-Election Judge -\$50.00; Wind River Unity Council-Prevention Program-Project Venture -\$6125.00; Wood, John F.-County Elections-Election Judge -\$109.62; WY Dept Of Employment-Segregated-Unemployment Claims-\$0; WY Dept Of Transportation-Vehicle Maintenance-Transfer County Plates-\$4.00; WY Law Enforcement Academy-Segregated-Training -\$1350.00; WY SDU-Payroll-Child Support-\$1480.00; Wyo Child Support Enforcement-Segregated-Child Support-\$1531.00; Wyo Dept Of Workforce Serv-Co Admin-Workers Comp-\$28468.45; Wyoming Dept Of Transportation-Segregated-Wydot Fuel-\$3125.29; Wyoming Office Attorney General-24/7 Program-Sobriety Program Fees -\$4768.00; Wyoming Retirement System-Co Admin-Contributions-\$154279.63; Wyonet Inc.-Computer Services-Telephone Service-\$5272.30; Yates, Annette-County Elections-Election Judge -\$256.00; Yellow Boy, Jennifer-County Elections-Election Judge -\$3.94; Yennie, Gerald A-County Elections-Election Judge -\$54.00; Young, Deborah L-County Elections-Election Judge -\$739.50.

Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept a voucher from Fremont Counseling Service in the amount of \$3,900 for October Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Thank you letter to Jon Mays for service on the MOVE Committee; 2) Thank you letter to Amanda Slack for serving a five year term on the Fremont County Fair Board; 3) Notice of 6-Month Extension of MOVE Award to Wyoming Wood Products; 4) Notice to MOVE applicants reminding them of their one-year reporting requirement; and 5) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Contract between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division and Fremont County to ensure Fremont County's appointed County Health Officer provides additional support to the Public Health Nursing Office in relation to public health preparedness and response. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to authorize \$63,035 for Wind River Environmental Solutions to provide services for the carpet asbestos abatement project with ARPA funding. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Agreement between Fremont County Government and Wind River Environmental Solutions, not to exceed \$63,035, for the carpet abatement project. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to authorize \$83,000 for Rocky Mountain Applicators, Inc. to provide the roof over the old jail gym with ARPA funding. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve an Agreement between Fremont

County Government and Rocky Mountain Applicators, Inc., not to exceed \$79,670, for the Courthouse carpet abatement project. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fremont County Bank of the West Credit Card Application for Milan Vinich in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) WCCA Legislative Conference and New Commissioner Workshop scheduled for January 18-20, 2023. Commissioners Larry Allen and Mike Jones and incoming Commissioner Ron Fabrizio will attend; 2) Department of Audit notice to Fremont County that one Fremont County Special District has not filed their annual report. County Clerk Julie Freese has been in contact with the entity and notified the Commission that they feel they have met their filing requirement and she will get confirmation from the Department of Audit.

The Public Comment period was held with nobody present.

Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley updated the Board on the Courthouse hallway carpeting project and stated it may be necessary to close several offices for one to two days to allow for the project to occur. The Board stated that Oakley make advance notice to any affected Department and if necessary to close, to have those Department Heads work with their Commission liaison on other avenues to conduct work (at home, using another office, etc.). Oakley closed by stating he will be everything possible to prevent any office interruption but wanted a plan in place if it was necessary.

Library Director Anita Marple informed the Board that the Riverton Branch Library full-time maintenance employee has resigned. She requested authorization to rehire the essential position at the same status of 40 hours per week with benefits, with a wage between \$13.25 for Level I and a maximum of \$15.00 for Level III, all within the budget. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to authorize rehiring a 40-hour, benefitted maintenance position for the Riverton Branch Library at the suggested wage. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Director Steve Baumann presented a corrective plat of the Nordwick Subdivision. The plat was approved by the County Commission on August 26, 2022; however, following recording, an error in the legal description was found. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve a Corrective Plat for Nordwick Subdivision as recommended by the Fremont County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Baumann continued discussion on the draft Fremont County Wind and Solar Energy Facility Siting Regulations. He did review them with local energy companies and suggested the 45-day comment period begin. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to immediately begin the 45-day comment period with a Public Hearing to be set for January 24, 2023 to review any comments. Motion carried unanimously. County Assessor Tara Berg asked that the Commission follow legislation that may want to change the way that independent power producers are valued and stressed that the County keep the valuation local.

A work session was held to review ARPA and LATC funding. Present was County Clerk Julie Freese and County Treasurer Jim Anderson and the Commissioners proceeded to discuss the 29 applications received to date. Following discussion, the following plan was put into place: 1) Anyone who has not yet sent in an application for a project/equipment, etc. needs to be submitted no later than January 13, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.; on applications already received, Julie will be reviewing to see if quotes or more information is needed; all applications will be under ARPA and the Commission will determine which funding pool it will go into, basically large infrastructure will be funded by LATC, but prices are still required to determine how much money is being requested.

County Commission meeting reports were given.

Interim Treatment Court and Youth Services Director Cassie Murray provided an update. An applicant has been chosen for the Certified Addiction Position Assistant (CAPA) for the adult treatment groups. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, approve hiring the applicant, pending background, at the budgeted salary of \$46,000. Motion carried unanimously. Murray stated she is qualified to do the therapy piece of the program. Liaison Commissioner Clarence Thomas stated that Murray was approved as Interim Director earlier in the fall and he would like to move forward with placing her in the permanent Director position. He has met with her regularly and feels she is well qualified to handle the position. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to place Cassie Murray and Director of

Treatment Courts and Youth Services at a salary to be determined. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Thomas will make the salary recommendation at the next meeting.

County Clerk Julie Freese reviewed restructure of their Financial team, due to the resignation of the Financial Specialist. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the County Clerk's structural change as presented and to authorize refilling the two title/UCC/land positions at a salary of \$33,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Applicants applying for the Making Opportunity for a Viable Economy (MOVE) .5 percent economic development funds through Fremont County for this quarter were present. The MOVE Committee met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and sent their recommendations for review. Chairman Becker, and liaison to the MOVE Committee, stated the first course of action was to address the Committee's recommendation to change the ½ Cent Economic Development Program Objectives to amend the clause under Project Funding stating: Applications will be reviewed quarterly to Applications may be reviewed quarterly. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve changing the wording as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Move applicants were interviewed as follows:

Central Wyoming College "Developing Food Economy Resiliency through Strengthening Regional Food Enterprises and Markets". Community Food System Specialist Melissa Hemken was present and stated the \$68,685 request is to purchase a pick-up truck to haul a combo refrigeration/freezer trailer for home grown produce. The MOVE Committee had recommended full funding. Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to award the applicant their requested amount of \$68,685. Voting against the motion: Jennifer McCarty. Motion carried.

Eagle Bronze, Inc. "building addition for a grant request of \$155,000. Present were Monte Paddleford and Ed Hooper, Operations Manager. The MOVE Committee had recommended \$30,000. Mike Jones moved, Larry Allen seconded, to award the project \$75,000. Voting against the motion: Clarence Thomas and Travis Becker. Motion carried. Commissioner Thomas felt that additional funding should be awarded (\$100,000).

Wind River Start Up Challenge "Challenge Awards" for a grant request of \$55,000. Present was Program Co-Organizers Kyle Trumble and Crista Valentino (Zoom). The MOVE Committee had requested a corrected application changing the Applicant from Central Wyoming College to Wind River Development Fund, which was done. Discussion was held that in order to be eligible for the funding, the applicant must be an enrolled member of either the Eastern Shoshone or Northern Arapaho Tribe, and Chairman Becker felt this was discriminatory and would not support the use of the taxpayer's money that way. He applauded the program but did not like limiting it to an ethnic group. Commissioner Thomas expressed frustration that the Tribes were only supporting the project at 25% which he felt was unacceptable. Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve \$55,000 for the project. Voting against the motion: Travis Becker, Mike Jones and Jennifer McCarty. Motion failed. Mike Jones moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve \$25,000 funding for the project. Voting against the motion: Travis Becker and Jennifer McCarty. Motion carried. Commissioner Thomas stated he supported funding to set an example and felt the project would benefit the whole county.

Chairman Becker noted two other applications had been submitted; however, were not discussed for the following reasons: Riverton Youth Soccer Association had requested their application be forwarded to the following quarter and The Lander LLC had received one award already and the second application would have to wait for one year before they could re-apply per MOVE rules.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks informed the Board of a January retirement for the Riverton Foreman. He stated the salary range would be between \$50,000 and \$55,000 depending on experience. Larry Allen moved Jennifer McCarty seconded, to authorize refilling the position and begin advertising in-house at the recommended salary range. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session with Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks for Personnel (annual evaluation). Motion carried unanimously. While in Executive Session, the Emergency Management Assistant position was discussed. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the Regular meeting at 1:05 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on December 13, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report (informational only) and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website ([www.fremontcountywy.gov](http://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