

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 13, 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 (Zoom), Jennifer McCarty, Clarence Thomas (Zoom) and Michael Jones. County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
71 Construction	Road Material Inventory	Materials	\$22,712.04
Ace Hardware-Lander	Segregated	Materials/Supplies	\$325.39
Ace Hardware-Riverton	Segregated	Materials/Supplies	\$34.15
Adams, Chelsea	Health Nurse	Reimburse Expenses	\$210.00
B & B Enterprises LLC	Road Construction	Signs & Supplies	\$584.70
Bank of the West	Segregated	Credit Card Charges	\$69,377.63
Big Horn Water	Youth Services	Water Bottles	\$94.08
Bloedorn Lumber-Lander	County Buildings	Materials Supplies	\$100.09
Bowdel Steven P.	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$2,625.00
Charter Communications	Computer Services	Internet Services	\$359.96
Communication Technologies, Inc	Support Services	Maintenance, Repairs	\$2,961.87
DOWL LLC	Road Construction	Surface Management Plan	\$15,161.25
Dubois Frontier, The	Support Services	Advertising	\$26.70
Dubois Telephone Exchange	Segregated	Telephone Service	\$721.30
Eagle Uniform & Supply, Co.	Vehicle Maintenance	Laundry	\$162.95
Edwards Communications	Prevention Program	Radio Advertising	\$625.00
Floyd's Truck Center WY	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$232.73
Fremont Counseling-Lander	Health & Welfare	Title 25	\$3,900.00
Fremont County Assoc. of Govt.	Special Tax	Economic Development	\$18,000.13
Fremont County School District #25	Youth Services	Meals	\$484.25
Fremont Motors – Lander	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$627.32
Gee, Brian	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$5,580.00
Glassburn, Jennifer M.	Public Defender	Court Transcripts	\$7,240.50
Grainger	County Buildings	Materials/Supplies	\$49.71
Greenwood Mapping, Inc	County Elections	Services	\$450.00
Gruber Technical, Inc	Segregated	Computer Equipment	\$1,950.00
Hehr, Ryan B	Prevention Program	Admin Assistance	\$150.00
High Plains Power, Inc	County Buildings	Utility Services	\$1,631.11
Honnen Equipment	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$195.48
HRDirect	County Clerk	Printed Supplies	\$537.96
Injury Prevention Resources	Segregated	Contractual Services	\$2,085.00
John Deere Financial	Vehicle Maintenance	Materials/Supplies	\$12.45
Kairos Broadcasting LLC	Prevention Program	Advertising	\$1,720.00
Lander, City of	County Buildings	Water & Sewer	\$2,264.69
Lawson Products, Inc	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts & Supplies	\$369.11
Mahlum, Zachary Hamilton	District Court	Court Appointment	\$345.60
Martinsen, Jacob	Transportation	Expense Reimburse	\$150.00
Master's Touch LLC	County Treasurer	Mailing Service	\$618.24
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc	Clerk Of District Court	Supplies	\$87.43
Mid-Amer Research Chemical	Vehicle Maintenance	Supplies	\$6,145.54
NMS Laboratories	County Coroner	Services	\$1,333.00
Office Shop Inc, The	Computer Services	Printer Lease	\$155.00
Print Shop, The	County Buildings	Services	\$125.00
RELX, Inc.	County Attorney	Research Subscription	\$694.00
Riverton Physician Practices LLC	Transportation	Drug Testing	\$110.00
Riverton, City of	Special Tax	Economic Development	\$36,000.25
Rodriguez, Jessica	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$3,750.00
Shoshoni, Town of	County Buildings	Water/Sewer	\$70.00

Shultz, Kevin	Computer Services	Reimbursement	\$112.95
Smith, Mariah	Prevention Program	Administrative Assistance	\$2,052.00
Soule, Sierra	District Court	Appointed Representation	\$472.50
Sylvestri Customization	Prevention Program	Website Maintenance	\$2,300.00
Traveling Computers	Segregated	Supplies, Services	\$6,754.06
Verizon Wireless	Segregated	Cell Service	\$1,304.02
Warren, Tyrone	Transportation	Reimbursement	\$249.97
Weld Pro LLC	Detention Doors Upgrade	Welding Services	\$7,125.00
Whiting Law, P.C.	District Court	Professional Services	\$322.50
Wilson, Kevin L. RN	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$2,125.00
Windmill, LLC	Transportation	Supplies	\$2,294.67
WY DEQ	Transportation	Site Fee	\$200.00
WY Public Health Laboratory	Public Health	Lab Fees/Supplies	\$236.00
Wyoming Machinery Co	Segregated	Parts/ Supplies	\$135,213.68
Wyoming Office Attorney General	24/7 Program	Fees Collected	\$4,038.00
Wyoming Rents, LLC	Capital Asset Acquisitions	Machine Attachment	\$1,025.90
Wyoming Waste Systems	County Buildings	Trash Removal	\$2,906.26

Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to accept the voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$6,786.00 for four Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) letter to Pavlos Papadopoulos regarding tenure on Fremont County Historic Preservation Commission; 2) Abatement Summary cover page (of note was a Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company Notice of Valuation Change of -\$1,239,173; and 3) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Certificate for Organization Use with Homas Oil Sales, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Revize Web Services Sales Agreement in the amount of \$4,900 for annual service and website hosting. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Fremont County Approach/Access Application submitted by Mike Hutchison d/b/a Next Level Gymnasts for N 8th W and Gasser Road northwest corner intersection. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Grant Award Agreement between Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and County of Fremont in the match amount of \$88,387.00 for assistance in preparing for all hazards events. Motion carried unanimously.

Items in the Priority Mail were reviewed: 1) Final Report for MOVE Funding for the CWC Rocky Mountain Complex Ag & Equine Complex and their invitation to tour facility; and 2) Wind River Adventure & Design Services (WRAD) MOVE Funding final report.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

Sherriff Ryan Lee was joined by Undersheriff Mike Hutchison to present a monthly update. Detention: November bookings totaled 214 (up 11 from October) from the following agencies: Riverton PD – 100; Fremont County Sheriff’s Office – 62; Lander PD – 43; Wyoming Highway Patrol – 6 and US Marshal’s Office – 3. Current inmate population is 175 in house and 176 in custody (one adult housed out of County), 104 males, 67 females, 4 juveniles, and 1 at state hospital. 64 inmates are sentenced (34 males and 30 females). 115 inmates are pre-adjudicated as follows: District Court – 49%; Riverton Circuit Court – 31%; Lander Circuit Court – 16% and Municipal Courts – 4%. Staffing vacancies consists of four Deputy Sheriffs (four in background), two Nurses (one in background) and one Civilian Controller. There are no budget concerns. Emergency Dispatch Center: Currently down six positions (three in background). Temporary part-time staff is five; no budget considerations. Paging and repeater hardware has arrived for the conventional radio systems and the Windy Ridge link has been restored. Finalizing detail with user agencies on the Dispatch Contracts. Commissioner Jones discussed an e-mail he received from Fremont County Fire and asked them to submit suggestions on the Contract, to which he has not received a reply. Patrol/Enforcement: All positions are full, total calls for service this calendar year are 6,900 and no budget considerations. Search and Rescue: 22 mission counts this fiscal year (compared to 20 this time last year) and one fatality. No budget considerations and the Adam Stewart Foundation has donated \$5,000. Chairman Becker relayed comments he had with a constituent asking why inmate numbers were higher prior to the election, to which Sheriff Lee could not specifically state why but noted he would be happy to talk to the person to answer any questions they may have.

Commissioner meeting reports and concerns were given:

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen attended a meeting in Thermopolis with Hot Springs Commissioners and WYDOT to discuss travel concerns in the Wind River Canyon. The discussion was prompted by the

fatalities in the Canyon several months ago after which time Commissioner Thomas had suggested they look at the entire length of the canyon to be a “no passing zone”. WYDOT stated that is not an option and they are working on building passing lanes and posting more signage. They discussed an interesting study done that indicated traveling the 14 miles through the canyon at 45 miles per hour took only four minutes longer than traveling at 65 miles per hour. They will urge people traveling slower than the flow of traffic to use the turnouts and let people pass. They are looking at a larger turnout at the slide area. If the entire length of the canyon was a “no passing zone” people will still pass and there is no way law enforcement can patrol the canyon and enforce it 24/7. In conclusion, their solution is additional signage and more turnouts and will encourage patience.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas relayed a call from a constituent regarding alcohol being served at a recent event at the Shoshone Rose Casino and that another event is scheduled for New Year’s Eve. Chairman Becker stated that no application for sale has been made to the Commission, which is the licensing authority for Fremont County. The County has not ever granted alcohol serving (sales or enticement) for any of the casinos. This is a huge safety issue and liquor licensing involves rules and regulations that must be followed. Chairman Becker will draft a letter to the Wind River Intertribal Council, as government to government relations, to express the Commission’s concerns.

Commissioner Mike Jones met with former Commissioner Doug Thompson and WCCA Natural Resource Council representative Micah Christensen to discuss the BLM’s initiating the NEPA process for a proposal to withdraw the Sagebrush Focal Areas from location and entry to protect Greater Sage Grouse and its habitat. He continues to work with Coroner Ivie on locations in Lander for a Coroner’s Office and Forensic Pathologist facility. He has asked her to identify issues he forwarded to her for the Commissioners’ information. He will draft a letter to those municipalities receiving the economic development ½ percent tax as related to the MOU agreed upon, specifically as related to large projects affecting the entire county.

County Coroner Erin Ivie was present via Zoom and reviewed the handout she had provided. Number of cases: 2022 is 134; 2021 was 167 (down by 33 for the same period). 2021 was a record high year and case numbers are now trending more towards the previously recorded averages for Fremont County. Natural deaths are down ten (87 compared to 97 last year), Accidents are down 14 (31 this year compared to 45 in 2021), Suicides are down nine (six compared to 15 last year), Homicides are up by one (3 compared to 2 last year); Traffic Fatalities are at 14 (the total for all of 2021 was 15). The budget is on par for expectations this fiscal period. The Office is now fully staffed with the hiring of Kristen Kenney as Deputy Coroner/Operations Deputy. This brings the office to three full-time responders and one occasional employee.

Sarah and Mike Hutchison, Owners of Next Level Gymnastics, were present to request a 6-month extension of their MOVE grant of \$50,000 awarded in December 2021 for their expansion project. Land has been acquired and they are close to placing the order for the engineered steel building, following the final design changes. They fully expect to originate the construction through their lender and apply the MOVE fund as a down payment soon and certainly within the timeframe of a 6-month extension, if granted. Mike Jones moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a 6-month extension for Next Level Gymnastics. Motion carried unanimously.

Wind River Visitor’s Council Executive Director Helen Wilson and Board member (Commission appointment) Cy Lee gave an update on the new “Discover the Winds River Indian Reservation with Travelstorys”. It is a podcast-style audio tour of 10 each of Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho areas in which authentic local stories about their history, culture, legends, landscape and recreation are highlighted. The stories play automatically using a phone’s GPS and no network is needed. They discussed other projects they are working on and have shifted to an education component for the WRIR. Photos on posters will now be of local people. They are looking at a documentary for St. Stephen’s Indian Mission and assisted with signage at the Frank B. Wise Center in Fort Washakie. Lee stated their intent to be as accurate as possible. Other projects are assisting the Pioneer Museum with a walking tour of Lander, and data can be tracked every three to four months. They have a budget of \$25,000 for the WRIR Interpretative Plan and other funding in marketing. The Tourism Asset Development grants continue to be given to municipalities for distribution to groups in their local areas. Lodging tax revenue is up this first quarter of this year and she referenced the large amount of appeal to visitors in Fremont County. Lee felt the WRVC is staffed by very qualified people and the Council is able to make very well informed decisions. Wilson stated that she sends any inquiries regarding the WRIR directly to Lee for assistance in answering their request.

Interviews were held for various County-appointed boards.

Cy Lee interviewed for re-appointment to the MOVE Committee, serving County Commissioner District #1. Scott Ratliff (via phone) interviewed for a new appointment to Commissioner District #3 as his residency had changed from District #2 to District #3. Michael Martin interviewed for District #3. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to re-appoint Cy Lee to a four-year term on the MOVE Committee representing Commissioner District #1. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to appoint Michael Martin to Commissioner District #3 for a four-year term. Voting against the motion: Larry Allen. Motion carried.

Victor Mosbrucker (via phone) interviewed for re-appointment to a three-year term on the Fremont County Predatory Animal Board. Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to re-appoint Victor Mosbrucker to the Predatory Animal Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Moxley and Rodney Haper interviewed for re-appointment to three-year terms on the Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District Board. Jennifer McCarty moved, Mike Jones seconded, to re-appoint Mark Moxley and Rodney Haper to three-year terms. Motion carried unanimously. There will be one opening remaining from an incumbent not seeking re-election.

Nikki Horton had previously interviewed for a vacancy on the Fremont County Fair Board. A five-year term is open with the incumbent not seeking reappointment. Larry Allen moved, Mike Jones seconded, to appoint Nikki Horton to the five-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn the Regular meeting at 12:10 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on December 20, 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