

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF FREMONT)

LANDER, WYOMING
OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 13, 2019

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, Clarence Thomas and Jennifer McCarty. Michael Jones was absent for personal reasons. Fremont County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present for the meeting.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings held on August 5, 2019 for the Mill Levy Setting and Board of Equalization Tax Protest Hearings and the Regular Meeting held August 6, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A & I Distributors	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts/Supplies	\$1,045.20
Airgas USA LLC	Vehicle Maintenance	Welding Supplies	\$50.92
Bailey Enterprises, Inc	Inventory	Fuel	\$25,930.99
Balcer Ambulance Sales, Corp.	Capital Asset Acquisitions	Ambulance Remounts	\$115,300.00
Bank of the West	Segregated	Credit Card Charges	\$46,049.05
Bowdel, Steven P.	Detention Center	Medical Services	\$1,875.00
Carroll Septic Service	Transportation	Services	\$150.00
CenturyLink	Agriculture Department	Telephone Charges	\$360.27
Charter Communications	Segregated	Internet Charges	\$155.16
Clair, Kelli	Detention Center	Contract Services	\$1,343.75
Communication Technologies Inc	Support Services	Maintenance Agreement/Repairs	\$3,479.58
Desert Mountain Corporation	Transportation	Road Material	\$35,810.60
Dubois Frontier, The	County Commission	Subscription	\$26.00
Dubois Hardware Co	Vehicle Maintenance	Supplies	\$4.00
Inberg Miller Engineers	Dry Creek Road Improvement	Engineering Services	\$29,786.12
James Gores & Associates, P.C.	Moneta Lysite Road Shoulder	Engineering Services	\$75,905.76
Leonard, Anthony G.	Detention Center	Inmate Medical Services	\$1,140.00
McKay, Katherine G.	District Court	Court Appointment	\$575.15
Novo Benefits	Health Benefit Plan	Insurance Services	\$4,817.00
Office Shop Inc, The	Computer Services	Lease/Maintenance	\$2,539.37
Oftedal Construction, Inc.	Dry Creek Road Improvement	Construction	\$548,856.22
Post, Raymond	Agriculture Department	Car Wash	\$20.00
Premier Vehicle Install., Inc.	Vehicle Maintenance	Parts	\$73.97
Quill Corporation	Segregated	Office Supplies	\$1,035.37
Relx, Inc.	County Attorney	Subscription	\$595.00
Riverton Ranger, Inc	Segregated	Advertising	\$136.50
Rocky Mountain Power	Segregated	Utilities	\$12,290.46
RS Bennett Construction Co., Inc.	Moneta Lysite Road Shoulder	Construction	\$244,234.50
Secretary of State	County Clerk	Notary Fee	\$30.00
Sylvestri Customization	Prevention Program	Graphic Design/Social Media	\$1,200.00
Traveling Computers	Computer Services	Supplies/Services	\$1,344.99
Verizon Wireless	Segregated	Cellphone Service	\$646.84
WCS Telecom	Agriculture Department	Phone Service	\$576.16
Wind River Transportation Authority	CAST	Bus Passes	\$12.00
Wyoming Dept of Transportation	Segregated	Fuel	\$2,284.72
Wyoming Office Attorney General	24/7 Program	Sobriety Program Fees	\$3,706.00
Wyoming Waste Systems	Segregated	Trash Removal	\$2,748.20

Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to accept the voucher from Wyoming Behavioral Institute in the amount of \$5,278.00 for two Title 25 patients. Motion carried unanimously.

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The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) Record of Proceedings. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve Fiscal Year 2020 Contract for Services to Victims of Crimes between the State of Wyoming, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Victim Services and Fremont County Attorney Victim Witness Program. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Contract between Wyoming Department of Family Services and Fremont County Commissioners for administration of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Community Partnership Initiative on behalf of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to ratify approval of the Volunteers of America Northern Rockies application for 2019-2020 Sub grant funding from the 2018 OJJDP Nonparticipating State Award. Motion carried unanimously. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a License for New Construction of Utility Crossing or Encroachment from High Plains Power, Inc. for Country Garden Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no action items in the Priority Mail.

There was nobody present for the Public Comment period.

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith presented a summary of the two oil bids he had opened at the previous meeting from Bailey Enterprises, Inc. /Bailey Oil Co. and A & I Distributors. Mike Bailey was present in the audience. The bids were reviewed. Meredith stated his recommendation was to accept the bid from A & I Distributors, the current supplier, for the Citgo products. He stated his concern of whether Shell hydraulic fluid meets John Deere Hyguard specifications. Commissioner Thomas stated his belief that local economic base of Fremont County be supported and he recommended the bid be awarded to Bailey's. He further referenced the handout by Mr. Bailey regarding A & I Distributor's brand of Citgo which is manufactured in Venezuela, and the unrest in that country which could affect accessibility of the product. Commissioner McCarty acknowledged the product with A & I Distributors has been a good product; however, stated she felt the price difference was close enough to warrant going with the local supplier. Commissioner Allen stated Fremont County is supporting local economy as Bailey's currently has the fuel contract and the company is used for other items (tires, alignments, etc.). Meredith concurred with the Bailey services the Department currently uses and stated he would keep an eye on the international issue of concern, and noted Shell is a Netherlands Company. Chairman Becker noted A & I Distributors are based in Billings, and stated they do not help the local economy and community endeavors. Mr. Bailey stated he wanted Fremont County taxpayers to get the best for their money and noted concern with the bidding process used. He stated an in state preference should be given and the bid should reach a wider range of bidders in the future. Vice-Chairman Allen reviewed the bid process used to the two bidders, and that discussion was not held on offering Wyoming preference. He stated the County had approved out of state bids recently on ambulances and vehicles in order to get the best price for the County and thus be fiscally responsible to taxpayers. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the recommendation of the Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor to accept the low bid from A & I Distributors for the Citgo oil products. Voting against the motion: Travis Becker, Clarence Thomas and Jennifer McCarty. Motion failed. Clarence Thomas moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the bid from Bailey Enterprises for Shell oil products for FY 2019-2020. Voting against the motion: Larry Allen. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen stated the two new remounted ambulances will be ready to be picked up in Lynn, Missouri from Osage Industries on August 19th. Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Brad Meredith stated that the two Lead Mechanics will take MS-71 to Missouri for the Dodge chassis remount and then each drive an ambulance home. This will also provide them an opportunity to receive hands on training at the Osage facility itself. Approval was given for the associated travel costs to be funded by the Ambulance Enterprise Fund. In a related matter, Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve a Bank of the West Credit Card Application for Lead Mechanics Jared Hall and Kenny Haslam with a \$5,000 credit limit. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Ryan Lee presented a monthly report. He was unavailable to report in July due to his participation in an active Search & Rescue mission that was taking place, so presented both June and July statistics as follows: Total of 392 bookings. Current inmate populations is 178 in house (over the 164 maximum number) and 192 in custody, currently housing 7 males and 4 females in Sweetwater County. In the hiring process for four Deputy Sheriff's vacancies. He stated there is a Kitchen Manager position vacant and requested permission to rehire. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to authorize rehire a Kitchen Manager position not to exceed \$35,400. Motion carried unanimously. There have been 4800 calls for service this calendar year and the Department has been assisting other agencies with a multitude

of violent crimes. He stated there will be a vacancy for a Criminal Investigator that will most likely be filled internally. Jennifer McCarty moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to authorize refilling a Criminal Investigator position not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously. There is a proposal under consideration for a School Resource Officer at the Shoshoni School and a contract is under review for the Dubois position. The Home Detention Program has been reinvented and should be functional soon and will help with the overcrowding issue being experienced at the Detention Facility. The Department has received the new Motorola portable radios and are currently being programmed and put into service. The mobile units should be arriving soon. The State will be reviewing Search & Rescue reimbursement requests in mid- September. In closing, Sheriff Lee stated the Transport Van has been repaired.

Commissioner Clarence Thomas was absent for the remainder of the meeting for personal reasons.

County Coroner Mark Stratmoen provided a monthly update. There are no major budget issues or projects to report at this time. The new vehicle approved from the Capital Revolving Fund has been delivered to the vendor for conversion as a response vehicle. There is one ongoing mountain climber recovery ongoing today after extensive Search & Rescue operations over the weekend. Any associated costs or impact to the budget will be tracked separately for possible funding through the Forest Reserve account. The number of cases remain ahead of last year at this time (94 compared to 83 in 2018) with non-natural cases double what they were last year (35 compared to 17 in 2018). Accident rates continue to be a concern with totals being Motor Vehicle - 7; Direct Drug/Alcohol Toxicity -5; Falls - 4 (average age for falls is 87); Drowning - 2; Carbon Monoxide & Hypothermia at 1 each. Including direct toxicity, drug and alcohol related deaths are 60% of the total numbers.

Discussion on the Department Head evaluation process was postponed until the following meeting.

Commissioner meeting reports were given.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen read a letter of resignation from Fair Board Chairman Darin Coyle, effective August 9, 2019. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to accept the resignation with sincere regret. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Larry Allen attended a meeting with the Wyoming Department of Health to discuss a proposal for a Medicaid waiver for fixed wing air ambulance services. He stated his concerns with the proposal as it would be a mandated tax for all citizens and would provide implications to self-funded insurance plans, such as that for Fremont County Government.

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty attended the monthly Weed and Pest Control District meeting.

County Clerk Julie Freese stated she is working through issues with the State of Wyoming related to titling for the vehicles and equipment sold recently on Big Iron Auctions. She is also completing a draft reply to the request from the Wyoming County Commissioner Association Executive Director Jeremiah Rieman. He is preparing for the upcoming Revenue Committee meeting and expects conversation about raising revenue and the inevitable question of what have counties done to reduce costs. She will send to the Commissioners for review and comment.

Building Maintenance Supervisor J.R. Oakley briefly joined the meeting to inform the Board that he just received notice from the Department of Environmental Quality that the County's application for a Public Facilities Grant for the Detention Facility Security Upgrade is complete. With the conclusion of the required Public Comment advertising period, the application is complete and eligible for review at the State Loan and Investment Board meeting on October 3rd.

Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to return to Regular Session. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Jennifer McCarty moved, Larry Allen seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on August 20, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

A full detailed report and the official minutes are posted on Fremont County's website at www.fremontcountywy.org.

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/s/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN
FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

/s/ JULIE A. FREESE, FREMONT COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE BOARD