

STATE OF WYOMING) LANDER, WYOMING) ss.

OFFICE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF FREMONT)

APRIL 23, 2019

## 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, Clarence Thomas and Mike Jones. Fremont County Clerk Julie A. Freese was present for the meeting. Commission Jennifer McCarty arrived later in the meeting.

Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarence Thomas moved, Larry Allen seconded, to accept the bills for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills are listed below in the following format: Vendor Name-Department-Description-Amount.

AmeriGas-County Buildings-Propane-\$208.22; Anda Inc.-Public Health-Vaccines-\$5,273.23; Bailey Enterprises, Inc.-Inventory-Fuel-\$18,944.49; Bank of the West-Clerk of District Court-Checks-\$147.22; CNA Surety-Clerk of District Court-Bonds-\$200.00; Edwards Communications-Prevention Program-Radio Advertising-\$489.00; Ellis, Laurie J.-Fremont County WIC-Reimburse Expenses-\$290.00; Emergency Power Systems LLC-County Buildings-Electrical Service-\$275.00; Fremont County School Dist #25-

Youth Services-Program Meals-\$93.10; Grainger-County Buildings-Materials/Supplies-\$92.25; High Plains Power, Inc.-Segregated-Utility Services-\$1,736.36; James Gores & Associates, PC-Moneta Lysite Road Shoulder-Engineering Services-\$19,748.89; Johnson, Jill-Transportation-Reimburse Expenses-\$87.00; Lawson Products, Inc.-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts/Supplies-\$1,332.75; MHL Systems-Transportation-Parts/Supplies-\$4,965.00; National Business Systems Inc.-County Treasurer-Postcards-\$2,000.00; Newman Traffic Signs-Transportation-Safety Signs-\$2,661.95; NMS Laboratories-County Coroner-Toxicology Services-\$2,568.00; Office Shop Inc., The-Clerk of District Court-Scanners-\$672.00; Phillips, Adam E.-District Court-Court Representation-\$243.75; Premier Biotech Inc.-Youth Services-UA Test Kits-\$2,370.00; Reed's Moghaun Office Supply-Clerk of District Court-Office Supplies-\$35.32; Specialized Pathology Consult-County Coroner-Autopsy Fee-\$3,675.00; Spoonhunter, Leslie-Fremont County WIC-Reimburse Expenses-\$116.00; Stroupe Pest Control Inc.-County Buildings-Pest Control-\$200.00; Verizon Wireless-CAST-Cellphone Services-\$309.05; West Payment Center-District Court-Library Plan-\$68.43; Western Health Screening-Health Benefit Plan-Spring Health Fair-\$29,006.00; Western Printing, Inc.-County Buildings-Printed Supplies-\$1,353.53; Wilkerson, James A., IV, MD PC-County Coroner-Autopsy-\$3,525.00; William H. Smith & Associates Inc.-Transportation-Surveying Services-\$630.00; WY Dept of Transportation-Vehicle Maintenance-Transfer County Plates-\$16.00; WY Public Health Laboratory-Public Health-Lab Fees/Supplies-\$363.00; Wyoming Dept of Transportation-Segregated-Fuel-\$1,915.95; Wyoming Machinery Co-Vehicle Maintenance-Parts-\$2,125.67.

The following items in the Signature File were reviewed: 1) thank you letter to Steve Baumann for Viewer Services; and 2) Record of Proceedings. Mike Jones moved, Larry Allen seconded, to approve a License for New Construction of Utility Crossing or Encroachment submitted by Black Hills Energy for North Hidden Valley Road in Shoshoni. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no action items in the Priority Mail.

Vice-Chairman Allen stated the new ambulances will be done on May 7th. The transports of the three remounts will be made soon and AMR is responsible for those transportation costs.

The public comment period was held:

Todd Fross requested a mining permit for a landfill. Even though he was informed he would need to contact the Department of Environmental Quality for such permit, he stated he wanted it of record that he was applying for such permit. The intent is to place a biomass power generator station at the former US Iron Ore Mine on Simplot property. Grants would be available for the contaminated water on the site. He also has plans to research installation of a pellet mill in Dubois that would use dead trees on forest property as well as those from Yellowstone National Park. He stated the intent is to burn trees for electricity and not leave them for forest fires. He stated there are numerous grants available for reclamation, etc. which would in turn create jobs. Commissioner Thomas encouraged him to contact tribal representatives as solid waste is a major issue on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Commissioner Jennifer McCarty arrived to the meeting at this time.

Executive Health Insurance Committee member Jim Anderson reviewed preliminary Third-Party Administration Rates for the FY 2019-20 premium year. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming (BCBSWY), following negotiation with the County's benefits consultant, Novo Benefits, set the renewal rate of \$45.35 per contract per month (an increase of 2% over the current year). Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve the Third Party Administration rate with BCBSWY of \$45.35 per contract per month for FY 2019-20. Motion carried unanimously. Committee member Margy Irvine stated BCBSWY sent a letter to the Executive Health Insurance Committee members thanking the County for their patience during the statewide transition to the new platform.

Commissioner meeting reports were given.

Transportation Superintendent Billy Meeks stated mobilization took place two weeks ago for the Dry Creek Road project. The deck has been poured on the Peterson Road bridge replacement project, the west apron was poured this morning and the east will be poured within the next few days. This project is ahead of schedule. The crews have been dealing with soft spots, worked on a pipe on Honor Farm Road/Smith intersection and will install a pipe on Riverview Road tomorrow. Routine blading taking place. The two hot plants in the County will not be operational for several months and Meeks will visit with the City of Riverton as they are dealing with similar issues and could possibly work together on projects.

Jim Gores and Ian McMenemy, James Gores and Associates, presented an Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract for the Moneta-Lysite Road Shoulder Widening project. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve the Agreement with R.S. Bennett Construction Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. A public meeting is scheduled April 25th at the Lysite Fire Hall and a Pre-Construction conference is scheduled for May 6th, mobilization will begin the week of May 13th and work will commence May 20th.

Public Health Nurse Supervisor Kathleen Laidlaw provided a third quarter update. She then requested to apply to the State to fill the following vacancies due to resignations and retirement: Nurse (part time Direct Care); Nurse (full time Direct Care) and Maternal Child Health RN (24 hours/week). These positions are funded 65% by the state and 35% by the County. Larry Allen moved, Clarence Thomas seconded, to approve filling the three vacancies. Motion carried unanimously.

A hearing was held at 10:00 a.m., as advertised, regarding the Petition to Vacate a Portion of a Publicly Dedicated Road Known as Grandview Lane #2. Petitioner Joyce Hazlewood was present in the audience. The 45-day comment period has commenced and no public comment was received, either for or against, the petition. Chief Civil Deputy Jodi Darrough clarified the following three facts: 1) All adjoining landowners signed the petition to vacate (a separate notice had not been sent to these landowners); 2) Viewer's Report did not assess any damages; and 3) The road is outside of the City of Riverton so it was not necessary to seek their approval. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to approve vacation of that portion of Grandview Lane #2 located between the NE corner of Lot 10 and the NW corner of Lot 36 on the north and extending to and ending on the south between the SE corner of Lot 11 and the SW corner of Lot 35 in the Grandview Estates Subdivision, as this is deemed to be in the public interest, and that portion of land encompassed by the vacated road will revert to the adjoining landowners. Motion carried unanimously. Darrough will prepare the necessary legal documents.

County Clerk Julie Freese stated proposals were due for the State of Wyoming Department of Family Services Grant Applications. Last year's recipient, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming, was the only applicant again this year. Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, that Fremont County be the Project Administrator for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Wyoming for a grant of \$20,000 for site based and community based mentoring programs and parenting class. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Civil Deputy Jodi Darrough gave an update on a Behavioral Health Task Force Meeting she attended last week.

Museum Board: Scott Goetz Director was present. Last year's budget was \$583,456 and this year's request is \$577,260.

Transportation: Billy Meeks, Superintendent and Administrative Assistant Jill Johnson were present. Last year's budget \$2,435,482. This year's request is \$2,348,968.

One Percent: Last year's budget is \$5,913,354. This year's request is \$7,310,214.

Road Construction Fund: Last year's budget was \$1,666,781 and this year's request is \$1,233,603.

Fair Board—Barney Cosner, Director was present. Last year's budget was \$801,552 and this year's request is \$801,166.

Assessor: County Assessor Tara Berg was present. Deputy Assessor Angie Wilson, GIS Coordinator Chip Williams, Mapping Coordinator Andy Fontaine and Field Supervisor Michael Klaassen were in the audience. Last year's budget was \$966,510. This year's request is \$978,132

Planning: Steve Baumann, Planner was present. Last year's budget was \$290,724. This year's request is \$302,556.

County Clerk: County Clerk Julie Freese and Deputy County Clerk Margy Irvine were present. Last year's budget was \$909,794. This year's request is \$917,145. Increases include the retirement, health

Elections: Last year's budget was \$201,738. This year's request is \$161,951.

Larry Allen moved, Jennifer McCarty seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session with Chief Civil Deputy Jodi Darrough regarding potential litigation. Motion carried unanimously. 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 meeting at 3:50 p.m. and reconvene for a Regular Meeting on May 7, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

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

/s/ TRAVIS BECKER, CHAIRMAN

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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