

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Thursday, June 29, 2023

6:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

BUDGET HEARING

Roll Call/Call to Order

Present: Chairman Troy Thompson, Commissioner Linda Heath, Commissioner K. N. Buck Holmes, Commissioner Gunnar Malm

Excused: Vice Chairman Brian Lovett

1. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed amendments to the Laramie County FY23 budget.

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Attachments: [FY23 Year End Budget Amendments](#)

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the FY23 budget amendments and noted they were properly advertised and no comments were received. The majority of the amendments dealt with grants.

Chairman Thompson opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Thompson closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Heath, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Excused: Lovett

2. Consideration of a resolution adopting a fund balance policy.

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Attachments: [Resolution, Fund Balance Policy](#)

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the fund balance policy and noted he is unaware of any other county in Wyoming that has such a policy. He noted the policy will give greater transparency to the residents of Laramie County.

Chairman Thompson opened the meeting for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Thompson closed the comment period.

A motion was made by Commissioner Malm, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Excused: Lovett

3. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the FY24 annual budget for Laramie County.

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Attachments: [FY24 Budget Presentation](#)
[FY24 Adopted Budget](#)

County Clerk Debra Lee said WS 16-4-110 requires governing bodies to have a balanced budget. She said during the county's FY22 audit, the auditors pointed out that all of Laramie County's funds had a positive fund balance and noted that is a rarity in government. None of the funds were in the red and this is something of which Laramie County can be very proud. Ms. Lee spoke about the significant changes in the proposed budget and the challenges as the county continues to grow. Ms. Lee thanked the Board for continuing to recognize county employees as its most important asset and for taking steps to authorize salary market adjustments and fund a merit pay plan. She recognized the work of Finance Director Stanley Walker and his team for wise stewardship of public funds.

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the proposed FY24 budget which totals \$291.6 million. Mr. Walker said reserves, totaling around \$113 million, are up more than \$37.9 million.

Chairman Thompson opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Greg Hancock, Cheyenne Housing Authority, thanked the board for the budget allocation for senior citizens. Mr. Hancock gave an overview of the senior citizen activity center construction project, scheduled for completion in 2024. Hearing no further PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Thompson closed the hearing.

The Board thanked Mr. Walker and the County Clerk's Finance Dept for their hard work preparing the budget. The Board credited the elected officials, department heads and county employees for finding ways to save the taxpayers money. The Board noted the county is fiscally responsible and acknowledged the hardships on taxpayers due to increased inflation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Malm, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Excused: Lovett

4. PUBLIC HEARING on the FY24 annual budget for the Laramie County Library.

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Attachments: [FY24 Library Memo & Proposed Budget](#)
[FY24 Library Budget Presentation](#)

Laramie County Library System Executive Director Carey Hartmann presented the FY24 balanced budget for the Laramie County Library Board. Ms. Hartmann gave an overview of the budget approved by the Library Board.

Chairman Thompson opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Thompson closed the hearing.

The Board acknowledged Ms. Hartmann's retirement and thanked her for 42 years of service to Laramie County Library.

The budget for the Laramie County Library System was received and filed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Reasonable Accommodations

This information is available in alternate forms. If reasonable accommodations are required, contact Laramie County Human Resources at (307) 633-4355 or lchr320@laramiecounty.com at least two business days prior to the meeting. Per WS §18-3-516(f), access to county information can be obtained at laramiecountywy.gov.