

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Thursday, June 27, 2024

6:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

BUDGET HEARING

Roll Call/Call to Order

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed amendments to the Laramie County FY24 budget.

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Attachments: [FY24 Year End Budget Amendments](#)

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the FY24 budget amendments and noted they were properly advertised. No comments were received. The majority of the amendments dealt with grants.

Chairman Lovett opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Lovett 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: Lovett, Malm, Heath, Holmes, Thompson

2. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the FY25 annual budget for Laramie County.

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Attachments: [FY25 Budget Presentation](#)
[FY25 Appropriation Resolution](#)

County Clerk Debra Lee said WS 16-4-110 requires governing bodies to have a balanced budget. Lee said this is a flat budget with an increase representing less than one percent over last year. She noted two revenue sources were down this year: property and sales taxes. She recognized the work of County Clerk Finance Director Stanley Walker and his team for the wise stewardship of public funds.

Lee spoke about the fund balance policy adopted last year which helps set goals for budget reserves and provides a road map on how reserve funds may be spent. She spoke about the significant future impacts to the county, including data centers, manufacturing, and an expanded mission at FE Warren Air Force Base, which is

predicted to impact the county significantly. Lee noted that increased growth brings demand and stresses on county services. She said the challenge with the tax structure is revenue lags behind services the county is required and expected to provide, and this is where the budget reserves can help bridge the gaps.

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the proposed FY25 budget, totaling \$292.3 million. Mr. Walker said reserves, totaling around \$92.3 million, represented a decrease of more than \$20.7 million.

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

The Board expressed its sincere gratitude to Walker and the County Clerk's Finance Dept for their hard work in preparing the budget. The Board credited the elected officials, department heads, and county employees for their dedication to finding ways to save taxpayers' money. The Board noted the county's fiscal responsibility and acknowledged the hardships taxpayers experienced due to increased inflation.

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

Aye: Lovett, Malm, Heath, Holmes, Thompson

3. PUBLIC HEARING on the FY25 annual budget for the Laramie County Library.

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Attachments: [FY25 Library Memo & Proposed Budget](#)
[FY25 Library Budget Presentation](#)

Laramie County Library System Executive Director Antonia Gaona presented the FY25 balanced budget for the Laramie County Library Board. Ms. Gaona gave an overview of the budget approved by the Library Board.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 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 humanresources@laramiecountywy.gov 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.