

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Thursday, June 25, 2026

6:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

BUDGET HEARING

Roll Call/Call to Order

Present: Chairman Gunnar Malm, Vice Chairman Troy Thompson, Commissioner Linda Heath, Commissioner Ty Zwonitzer
Excused: Commissioner Don Hollingshead

1. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed amendments to the Laramie County FY26 budget. [26 - 349](#)

Attachments: [FY26 Year End Budget Amendments](#)

Adam Christensen, County Clerk finance deputy, presented the FY26 budget amendments and noted they were properly advertised. No comments were received on the amendments. Christensen said the major amendments dealt with grants and unforeseen projects.

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

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

Aye: Malm, Thompson, Heath, Zwonitzer

Excused: Hollingshead

2. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the FY27 annual budget for Laramie County. [26 - 350](#)

Attachments: [FY27 Appropriation Resolution](#)
[FY27 Proposed Budget](#)
[FY27 Budget Presentation](#)

Debra Lee, County Clerk and budget officer, introduced the Laramie County proposed budget for FY27. She commended deputy clerks Stanley Walker and Adam Christensen of the finance office for preparing a balanced budget in accordance with Wyoming statutes, generally accepted accounting principles, and funding requirements. She credited elected officials and department heads for their efforts to reduce budgets without sacrificing quality or efficiency. Lee noted this budget marks

the first budget prepared entirely within the ClearGov digital platform, aimed at increasing transparency for citizens. She spoke about the significant challenge of the new state legislation limiting property tax increases to 4 percent. Lee acknowledged County Assessor Todd Ernest and his staff, who had successfully adapted to significant legislative changes.

Stanley Walker, County Clerk finance division director, said the proposed budget totals \$324.5 million, with 32 active funds, all but six of which are restricted by law, voter approval or resolution. He stated that county revenues come from property tax sales taxes, charges for services, and intergovernmental funds. Property taxes provide the largest source of revenue for the county at 41 percent, followed by intergovernmental revenue at 33 percent. Walker said reserves stand at \$108 million, down \$4.8 million from the previous year. The decrease was due to planned expenditures, including Chalk Bluff Rd, facility maintenance for the 2020 Carey building, and Archer facilities. The budget also includes \$2.4 million for market salary adjustments and \$1.4 million for merit increases and bonuses to remain competitive in the labor market.

Chairman Malm opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Executive Director Erin LeBlanc, Laramie County Senior Center, thanked the board for their support and investment in the center. County Clerk Auto Titles Manager Misty Tinney and several Titles staff requested that the board reconsider funding for the two additional deputy clerk positions. They cited the backlog and population growth in Laramie County. Hearing no further PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Malm closed the hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Zwonitzer, that this agenda item be approved.

Commissioner Thompson explained that the board received \$1.9 million in new position requests from across all departments, but could not approve them all and maintain a balanced budget. Commissioner Heath expressed a willingness to reconsider the additional titles positions in the coming months.

Chairman Malm praised the 450 county employees, elected officials and department heads for their fiscal responsibility. He expressed disappointment that no legislators or candidates for office attended the public hearing or any of the 20 prior work sessions to discuss the budget that is often the subject of critique and questions.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Malm, Thompson, Heath, Zwonitzer

Excused: Hollingshead

3. PUBLIC HEARING on the FY27 annual budget for the Laramie County Library. [26 - 351](#)

Attachments: [FY27 Library Proposed Budget](#)
[FY27 Library Budget Presentation](#)

Laramie County Library System Executive Director Antonia Gaona presented the FY27 balanced budget for the Laramie County Library Board. Gaona gave an overview of the budget approved by the Library Board, accomplishments from the previous year, and what residents can expect from the library in the coming year.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 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.