

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Tuesday, December 20, 2022

3:30 PM

Commissioners Board Room

Roll Call/Call to Order

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

Chairman Thompson moved Item #6 to the end of the meeting.

Minutes

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Proceedings for Dec 6, 2022.

[22 - 695](#)

Attachments: [Draft Minutes Dec 6, 2022](#)

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, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Malm, seconded by Vice Chairman Lovett, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

2. Consideration of a subgrantee agreement between Laramie County, WY, and the City of Cheyenne for a FY22 Byrne Justice Assistance grant award in the amount of \$54,443 to run through Sept 30, 2025.

[22 - 688](#)

Attachments: [Subgrantee Agreement, FY22 Byrne JAG Grant, City of Cheyenne](#)

This agenda item was approved.

3. Consideration of the ratification of a resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant award from the US Dept of Treasury for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to run through Dec 31, 2024.

[22 - 692](#)

Attachments: [Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund Grant Award](#)

This agenda item was approved.

4. Consideration of an addendum between Laramie County, WY, and Wyoming Machinery Co for the rental of a compact wheel loader for the Events Dept. [22 - 689](#)

Attachments: [Addendum, Wyoming Machinery Co](#)

This agenda item was approved.

5. Consideration of an agreement between Laramie County, WY, and UPMC Benefit Management Services, Inc, dba Workpartners, to provide KnovaSolutions Clinical Prevention Service for the highest-risk/need individuals within the County health insurance plan. [22 - 690](#)

Attachments: [Agreement, Workpartners](#)

This agenda item was approved.

Report & Public Petitions

6. Resident's concerns over Whitney Rd, wind and solar farms. [22 - 698](#)

Donn Edmunds, resident, questioned the benefits of wind and solar projects to the county's residents. Mr. Edmunds asked how many raptors will be killed by the wind turbine blades.

Mr. Edmunds expressed concerns about traffic safety on the E Pershing Blvd Corridor. He noted no safety measures were taken for the curve before Whitney Rd. He asked for signage to show the road curves and to prohibit semitruck traffic on that portion of Pershing Blvd.

Chairman Thompson asked Molly Bennett, Public Works, to look into the matter and check with traffic engineers. Ms. Bennett said she will discuss the matter with the city of Cheyenne and confirm if there are jurisdictional issues with that section of the road. Chairman Thompson requested Ms. Bennett follow up with Mr. Edmunds. He advised Mr. Edmunds contact Commissioner Malm for any further follow up.

Resolutions

7. Consideration of a resolution to rescind the COVID sick time personnel policy. [22 - 691](#)

Attachments: [Personnel Policy Resolution, Rescind COVID Sick](#)

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

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

8. Consideration of a resolution delegating authority for tax refunds for erroneous or illegal payments to the Laramie County Treasurer. [22 - 696](#)

Attachments: [Resolution, Tax Refund Delegation](#)

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

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Contract/Agreement/Leases

9. Consideration of a contract between Laramie County, WY, and High West Energy-Wiring Division for on-call electrical services for the Events Dept. The contract period is Jan 1 through Dec 31, 2023. [22 - 682](#)

Attachments: [Contract, High West Energy-Wiring Division](#)

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

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

10. Consideration of a memorandum of understanding between Laramie County, WY, and the City of Cheyenne in the amount of \$407,777.80 outlining financial reimbursement to the city for the construction of the Laramie County Community College/Sweetgrass Underpass. [22 - 694](#)

Attachments: [MOU, LCCC/Sweetgrass Underpass](#)

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, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Appointments

11. Consideration of a resolution appointing a member to the Cheyenne Airport Board to a five-year term, expiring Dec 31, 2027.

[22 - 693](#)

Attachments: [Airport Board Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Malm, to reappoint Kim Brokaw. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

Land Use: Variances/Board App./Plats

12. PUBLIC HEARING regarding vacation of a subdivision plat for a portion of the SW1/4SW1/4 of Sect 33, Sect 32, T15N, R67W of the 6th PM, Laramie County, WY, known as The Reserve at Horse Creek.

[22 - 697](#)

Attachments: [Resolution, The Reserve at Horsecreek](#)

Justin Arnold, Planning, said AVI, PC, on behalf of Lodgepole Ranch, LLC and Warren Livestock, LLC, previously submitted zone change, preliminary development plan, and subdivision permit and plat applications for the referenced property, located northwest of the intersection of Horsecreek and Telephone Rds, subdividing 651 acres into approximately 117 residential tracts, approximately 5.56 acres each.

Mr. Arnold said the property was previously platted, and the subdivision permit and plat was approved on Sept 6, 2022. Mr. Arnold said following the action taken by the Board, it was brought to the attention of Laramie County staff that the alignment of Telephone Rd on the original plat was incorrect and a revision would be necessary. The matter came before the Board to effect the necessary instrument to make the correction.

Bruce Perryman, AVI, PC and agent for the applicant, said the right-of-way on Telephone Rd was adjusted an average increase of 20-25 feet to encompass the current county road. He noted lot densities did not change, but net acreages of the lots have changed.

Mr. Arnold said based on evidence provided, staff recommends approval of the vacation with the adoption of findings of fact a with two conditions: 1) Any agency review comments shall be addressed prior to recordation of the corrective plat and 2) The subdivision permit remains in full force and effect.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Malm, seconded by Vice Chairman Lovett, to approve the plat vacation for The Reserve at Horse Creek with two conditions and adopt the findings of fact a of the staff report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 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.