

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Thursday, June 30, 2022

6:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

BUDGET HEARING

Roll Call/Call to Order

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

Public Hearings/Rules & Reg's

1. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed amendments to the Laramie County FY22 budget.

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Attachments: [FY22 Year End Budget Amendments](#)

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 Commissioner Heath, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Thompson, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

2. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the FY23 annual budget for Laramie County.

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Attachments: [FY23 Budget Presentation](#)
[FY23 Appropriation Resolution](#)

County Clerk Debra Lee said WS 16-4-110 requires governing bodies to have a balanced budget. She said the budget process went smoothly this year because of good direction from Commissioners, healthy reserves, and cooperation and coordination from the County's elected officials and department heads.

Ms. Lee spoke about the challenges Laramie County faced during the pandemic. She noted that Laramie County is growing and with that growth comes the challenge of meeting increased demands for services. She said this presents opportunities to become more creative and innovative. She noted that Laramie County's financial situation is solid and credited Finance Director Stanley Walker's wise stewardship of public funds.

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the proposed FY23 budget which totals \$235.8 million. Mr. Walker noted several 6th penny projects will be self-funded through reserves, saving the County from having to pay various fees and interest rates when projects are bonded. Mr. Walker said reserves, totaling around \$71.5 million, are up more than \$14 million due to higher than anticipated revenue, higher property tax collections from the oil industry, and funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

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

The Board thanked County Clerk Debra Lee and acknowledged Mr. Walker and the County Clerk's Finance Dept for their hard work preparing the budget. The Board thanked the elected officials, department heads and county employees for their sacrifices over the last couple of years. The Board talked about the budgeted market adjustments for employee pay and how Laramie County is in a better place than most counties because of our diversified tax base. It was noted the county's reserve funds are part of a long-term strategy of fiscal responsibility.

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, Lovett, Heath, Holmes, Malm

3. PUBLIC HEARING on the FY23 annual budget for the Laramie County Library.

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Attachments: [FY23 Library Memo & Proposed Budget](#)
[FY23 Library Budget Presentation](#)

Laramie County Library System Executive Director Carey Hartmann presented the FY23 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 budget for the Laramie County Library System was received and filed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 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.