

# Board of County Commissioners

## Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse  
310 W 19th Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82001



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**Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Commissioners Board Room**

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### **Distribution of CARES Act Funding for 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 organizations**

The special meeting was conducted via Zoom to discuss distribution of CARES Act Funding for 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 organizations.

#### **Roll Call/Call to Order**

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

#### **Grants**

1. Discussion on the distribution of CARES Act Funding for 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 organizations.

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Chairman Malm explained the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss distribution of \$1.9 million in CARES Act grants to local nonprofit organizations which provided goods, services, or payments to the public related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Funds were authorized by Gov. Mark Gordon.

Chairman Malm noted there are two buckets of funds: Application A provides revenue replacement to organizations affected by COVID-19; Application B reimburses organizations for pandemic-related expenses. Applications and grant information are posted on the County's homepage at: [<https://laramiecounty.com/>](https://laramiecounty.com/).

He explained if President Trump does not sign the stimulus package approved by Congress by Dec. 30, local organizations will only be able to apply for funds under Application B. The deadline for organizations to submit Application B to the County Grants Manager is Mon., Dec. 28, at 5:00 p.m. Applications are to be emailed to [snewland@laramiecounty.com](mailto:snewland@laramiecounty.com). The Board of County Commissioners will review applications and submit requests to the state by the Dec. 30 deadline.

Commissioner Thompson noted if the President signs the bill before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 30, the deadline will be extended and organizations seeking funding will have greater flexibility. Organizations submitting Application B by Dec. 30 would then have the opportunity to amend, withdraw, or keep their application on file. Organizations would also have the option to submit Application A in addition to or in place of Application B.

Chairman Malm said the board will try to fund every applicant submitting a bona fide request. He noted if requests exceed the County's allocated \$1.9 million, the board will award grants on a percentage basis.

During the meeting, commissioners responded to organizations' inquiries on Zoom. Sandra Newland, Grants, noted that organizations previously awarded funds cannot apply for duplicate funds.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.**

### **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](mailto:lchr320@laramiecounty.com) at least two business days prior to the meeting.