

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of the Proceedings - Draft

Historic Courthouse
310 W 19th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001



Thursday, June 24, 2021

6:00 PM

Commissioners Board Room

BUDGET HEARING

Roll Call/Call to Order

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

Public Hearings/Rules & Reg's

1. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed amendments to the Laramie County FY21 budget.

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Attachments: [FY21 Year End Budget Amendments](#)

Stanley Walker, Finance, read the FY21 budget amendments into the record.

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

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

Aye: Malm, Holmes, Heath, Lovett, Thompson

2. PUBLIC HEARING and consideration of the FY22 annual budget for Laramie County.

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Attachments: [FY22 Budget Presentation](#)
[FY22 Laramie County Proposed Budget](#)
[FY22 Laramie County Appropriation Resolution](#)

County Clerk Debra Lee introduced the proposed FY22 budget. Clerk Lee thanked the board, elected officials, and department heads for holding the line on the operating budgets because of the challenges still facing Laramie County and the State of Wyoming for the coming years. She noted because the county was conservative in past years, the county was able to balance the budget and keep the same personnel and quality services that Laramie County residents expect and deserve. Clerk Lee spoke of the COVID-19 pandemic and how Laramie County staff rose to the challenge to provide essential services for citizens through innovative solutions.

Stanley Walker, Finance, presented the proposed FY22 budget. Mr. Walker reviewed budget comparisons for four fiscal years. The proposed overall budget totals \$184,104,607. Mr. Walker noted the reserves are higher compared to last year due to the repayment of self-funding of the 2017 SPOT projects and higher than expected revenues in FY21. Mr. Walker spoke about the projected decrease in county property valuation and Senate File 60 which will change how ad valorem taxes on minerals are collected and distributed.

Chairman Malm opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Malm closed the hearing. Commissioners thanked the elected officials, department heads and staff for their hard work and innovation during the pandemic. Commissioners acknowledged the work done by Mr. Walker in preparing a balanced budget.

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

Aye: Malm, Holmes, Heath, Lovett, Thompson

3. PUBLIC HEARING on the FY22 annual budget for the Laramie County Library.

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Attachments: [FY22 Library Memo & Proposed Budget](#)
[FY22 Library Budget Presentation](#)

Laramie County Library System Executive Director Carey Hartmann presented the FY22 balanced budget for the Laramie County Library Board. Ms. Hartmann gave an overview of the budget approved by the Library Board. She noted the budget reflects possible use of \$100,000 from the operating and maintenance fund established in the 2003 Specific Purpose Tax. She added that she hopes to be able to retain O&M funds and not have to expend those reserves with passage of the November 2021 ballot proposition. Ms. Hartmann said there was a decrease of \$91,521 in tax income from FY20 to FY21 and the estimated decrease from FY21 to FY22 will be \$543,071.

Chairman Malm opened the hearing for PUBLIC COMMENT. Hearing no PUBLIC COMMENT, Chairman Malm closed the hearing. The Commissioners thanked the board and staff for the great job they do and providing services during this challenging time.

No action was required on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 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 at least two business days prior to the meeting.