



**WYOMING COURT
SECURITY COMMISSION**

ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Supreme Court of Wyoming
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001



September 1, 2021

TO: Chief Justice Kate Fox
Governor Mark Gordon
Joint Judiciary Interim Committee Members
Joint Appropriations Interim Committee Members

SUBJECT: Annual Report from the Court Security Commission as required by
Wyoming Court Security Act, W.S. § 5-11-101 et seq.

On behalf of the Wyoming Court Security Commission, we are pleased to present our 2021 Annual Report. The Commission continues to fulfill its statutory duty to oversee court security programs across the state.

The Commission's travel since the spring of 2020 has been curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has brought new meaning to the safety concerns regarding Wyoming courthouses. Judges and clerks are working with the local security committees to ensure the health and safety of the employees, jurors and citizens that are critical to the work of the courts.

The Court Security Commission has watched over court security improvements in several county courthouses with grant funding support appropriated by the Wyoming Legislature. Included in this report are letters from those local security committees detailing the improvements completed and accomplished with this grant funding. The Commission will continue to work with local security committees to apply for grant funding in coordination with and through the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security in the upcoming year.

In coordination with the United States' Marshal's Office and the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, during the past year, security training was provided to Wyoming judges and court staff. These trainings included home security, personal awareness, family safe planning, and internet security.

At its May 26, 2021 meeting, the Commission decided to resume its efforts to travel throughout the state to provide security training to committees, court personnel, and security staff at the local level. Traveling to the courthouses and providing incident security training has informed the Commission's work regarding local security challenges.

The Commission continues its important work and stands ready to answer any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith G. Kautz".

Keith G. Kautz
Supreme Court Justice

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TO: Senator Drew Perkins, Chairman
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Members of the Joint Appropriations Interim Committee

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Members of the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

From: Elisa Butler, State Court Administrator

Re: Report on Court Security Funds

Date: September 1, 2021

This memorandum outlines the expenditures for court security funds. The Court Security Funding Program was authorized during the 2014 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature (2014 Wyo. Sess. HEA 41, Section 328). The 2014 legislation created the Court Security Funding Program and authorized the State Loan and Investment Board (Board) to issue grants to Fremont and Sweetwater County for court security improvements including the purchase of security equipment within courthouses or construction and modification of facilities. Fremont County dedicated the new Riverton Justice Center on June 19, 2015, and Sweetwater County dedicated its Rock Springs Justice Center on July 18, 2018. During the 2015 General Session, the Wyoming Legislature amended the program to authorize the Board to award additional court security grants to eight additional counties: Platte, Goshen, Niobrara, Albany, Big Horn, Crook, Park and Weston (2015 Wyo. Sess. HEA 56, Section 328). The chart below shows the funds appropriated to the Board in 2014 and 2015 and the expenditures as of June 30, 2021. As of June 30, 2018, all residual funds not encumbered have reverted to the General Fund.

Entity	S11B Approved CHS Grant Amount	As of 6/30/21 Expenditures	Reverted Grant Funds	Remaining Grant Balance	Last Draw Date
Fremont County	\$ 2,565,515.00	\$ 2,379,531.16	\$ 185,983.84	*\$ -	N/A
Sweetwater County	\$ 3,434,485.00	\$ 3,434,485.00		\$ -	N/A
Goshen County	\$ 84,686.00	\$ 83,999.99	\$ 686.01	*\$ -	N/A
Albany County	\$ 95,355.00	\$ 33,968.74		\$ 61,386.26	5/18/2018
Crook County	\$ 82,778.00	\$ 82,778.00		\$ -	N/A
Niobrara County	\$ 71,778.00	\$ 69,042.00		\$ 2,736.00	6/25/2020
Platte County	\$ 83,563.00	\$ 80,386.28		\$ 3,176.72	8/2/2018
Big Horn County	\$ 371,790.00	\$ 371,790.00		\$ -	N/A
Weston County	\$ 207,846.00	\$ 164,678.19		\$ 43,167.81	4/29/2020
	<u>\$ 6,997,796.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,700,659.36</u>	<u>\$ 186,669.85</u>	<u>\$ 110,466.79</u>	

*County returned grant balance as project was completed, funds reverted to General Fund

Counties who did not apply-Funds reverted as of 6/30/2018	Amount
Park County	\$ 82,760.00

Counties who did not apply for full funding-Funds reverted as of 6/30/2018	Amount
Niobrara County	\$ 2,000.00
Platte County	\$ 866.00
	<u>\$ 2,866.00</u>
	<u>\$ 7,083,422.00</u>

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During the 2018 Budget Session, the Wyoming Legislature appropriated Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to the Wyoming Supreme Court for court security grants. The funds are to be expended upon the recommendation of the Wyoming Court Security Commission (Commission). The Commission met on June 26, 2018 and recommended that the funds be distributed as indicated below:

	Average Cost	Total Need	% of Need	Total Appropriation	State Appropriation	County Match*
Carbon	\$578,375.00	\$1,023,112.50	56.53%	\$400,000	\$226,124	\$22,612
Converse	\$71,162.50	\$1,023,112.50	6.96%	\$400,000	\$27,822	\$2,782
Hot Springs	\$76,737.50	\$1,023,112.50	7.50%	\$400,000	\$30,002	\$3,000
Lincoln	\$89,587.50	\$1,023,112.50	8.76%	\$400,000	\$35,025	\$3,503
Sheridan	\$57,587.50	\$1,023,112.50	5.63%	\$400,000	\$22,515	\$2,252
Uinta	\$90,562.50	\$1,023,112.50	8.85%	\$400,000	\$35,407	\$3,541
Washakie	\$59,100.00	\$1,023,112.50	5.78%	\$400,000	\$23,106	\$2,310
TOTAL	\$1,023,112.50		100%		\$400,000	\$40,000
Total Court Security Improvements						\$440,000

On May 26, 2021, a report provided to the Court Security Commission detailed the distribution of the \$400,000 legislative appropriation to date as follows:

BALANCE OF COURT SECURITY GRANT FUNDS AS OF JUNE 1, 2021				
County Name:	Approved Amount:	Amount Reimbursed	to date:	Balance of Grant Funds Available to County:
Carbon County **	226,124.00	58,458.60		\$167,665.40
Converse County	12,570.30	12,570.30		\$0.00
Hot Springs County****	30,002.00	30,001.15		\$0.85
Lincoln County	35,025.00	35,025.00		\$0.00
Sheridan County ***	22,515.00	22,018.18		\$496.82
Uinta County	35,407.00	35,407.00		\$0.00
Washakie County *	38,435.82	37,731.44		\$704.38
	\$ 400,079.12	\$ 231,211.67		\$168,867.45

*Washakie Co. was originally granted \$25,935.82. On 6/24/19, Amendment One to the Grant Agreement dated 10/30/2018, was executed by the parties. It granted Washakie Co. an additional \$12,500.00, for a total award of \$38,435.82. Sheriff Rakness's 3/13/2020 letter indicates the county has completed its projects.

**Carbon Co. and the Supreme Court entered into Amendment One on 8/21/19, which amended the Grant Agreement dated 11/13/2018. The amendment removed specific itemizations set forth in the county's grant application, and it extended the date for performance of the terms of the agreement to May 2, 2022. Any remaining funds are to revert to the Supreme Court on May 9, 2022.

*** Sheridan Co. reported on 11/7/2019 that their expenditures have been completed and they do not intend to expend the remaining balance of \$496.82.

**** Hot Springs Co. and the Supreme Court, on 6/12/2020, entered into Amendment One to the Grant Agreement dated 11/6/2018. It extended the date for performance of the terms of the agreement to May 3, 2021. Any remaining funds are to revert to the Supreme Court on May 10, 2021.

**TO: JOINT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
 JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

FROM: JOE HARTIGAN, COURT SECURITY OFFICER, WY SUPREME COURT

RE: COURT SECURITY INCIDENT REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

The Wyoming Court Security Commission (Commission), established by W.S. § 5-11-101 et seq., continues its work to enhance court security in Wyoming courthouses by partnering with the Court Security Management Committees (local committees) established by Wyoming Court Security Standard 2009-1.

As one of its main objectives, the Commission focuses its efforts on increasing awareness of potential court security situations and risks associated with courthouses across the state. To address this objective, the Commission adopted Standard 2014-1, Incident Reporting. On January 1, 2015, courts in Wyoming began submitting incident reports for security issues happening in their courthouses. As of July 1, 2021, there have been 315 incident reports submitted. Over this past fiscal year there were 26 incident reports submitted, which is a 36.6% decrease from the 41 reports submitted in the prior fiscal year and a 39.5% decrease from the 43 reports submitted two years ago. The incidents reported during fiscal year 2021 include the following types of security events:

- 7 Disorderly conduct reports
- 5 Verbal threat reports
- 4 Arrest on warrant reports
- 2 Quashed warrant reports
- 1 Of each of the following reports: physical assault, written threat, protest activity, knife hidden in trash container, gun hidden in bushes, vehicle crash into courthouse steps, mechanical emergency (flood), and an intelligence report on a mental subject.

The report totals submitted this year were significantly lower than past years, however, the Covid-19 pandemic did minimize in-person access to courthouses across Wyoming for an extended time. The Covid-19 pandemic required a large number of cases be conducted remotely by video conferencing or by telephone, which limited the number of security related incidents in courts. Had the pandemic not occurred, it is expected that incident reporting would have been more in line with the number of reports submitted in prior years.

From the reports the Commission receives, there is every indication that courthouses present special challenges in terms of security. Over the past year, the reports involved court security staff being physically attacked by inmates resulting in injuries to the security officers involved. Other incidents reported involved hidden weapons, including a knife found in a court lobby trash container and a gun in the bushes outside a courthouse.

To effectively address the security issues in Wyoming courthouses, a collective knowledge of these incidents is important so adequate security can be planned for throughout the state. The incident reports provide an important tool for local court security committees in identifying effective actions and security practices.



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June 25, 2021

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Dear Ronda,

Carbon County appreciates the opportunity to provide an update on our Courthouse and Carbon Building project. The Carbon Building is a large, county-owned facility which houses various state functions, mostly social service functions as well as Public Health, the Library and the County Attorney. The Courthouse housed county administrative functions along with both Circuit and District Courts.

The Project was initiated by the County Commissioners in late 2015. The project was given to the Courthouse Improvement Committee to oversee, coordinate, and manage. It was initiated primarily due to the size and condition of the Circuit Court and related Clerks' spaces as well as Courthouse security concerns. In addition there were issues of space allocation (either too much or too little space for offices/departments) and the county needed to determine the best use of both buildings and what functions belonged where.

After determining our existing conditions, developing a pre-architectural program and providing solution options to the Board of County Commissioners it was determined that the best use of space was to make the Courthouse a more secured facility with all court-related functions within it. This would mean relocating the County Attorney back to the Courthouse where both Circuit and Districts Courts will remain, providing space for the Guardian Ad Litem, Public Defender, Probation & Parole and others. The Carbon Building would then provide space for administrative county functions such as the Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor and Commissioners.

Because funding was obviously going to be the main hurdle the county placed the project on a ballot for the voters to fund it with a 6th Penny Specific Purpose Tax and it was overwhelmingly approved. That tax will yield \$18 million towards the approximately \$25 million needed to complete the project, in addition to other financing and numerous grants from various agencies including the WY Supreme Court, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Health.

The County hired FCI Constructors of WY as its Construction Manager at Risk in September 2019. They developed a phasing plan to cut both time and cost off the project although this ultimately delayed finalizing improvements at the Courthouse slightly. The domino effect began with the first floor of the

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Carbon Building which was deemed substantially complete June 2021 and second floor demo has begun. Early 2022 the second floor will be complete and at that time administration will move there. At the same time the Courthouse will be vacated with all remaining offices to be relocated to the Interim Justice Center. Once construction is complete all court-related functions will move into a new and professional work environment at the Courthouse which will drastically improve operational efficiencies. There will be one secured entry for both staff and the public which will be manned with security eliminating issues with various entries and exits of the current Courthouse.

The time the project has taken was purposeful as we wanted to carefully study each operation to ensure space was specifically and carefully designed to meet operational needs. Had we sped up the process and simply hired an architect to design space, staff would have likely had to modify operations to fit the space designed for them.

Every dollar allocated towards this project makes a huge difference in both safety and operational functionality. This includes the generous award granted to the County from the WY Supreme Court and legislature. We feel that using that grant along with other funding was a wise choice and will create a Courthouse we can be proud of.

If you need any additional information please feel free to call me at (307) 328-2668. You can also e-mail gwynnbartlett@carbonwy.com. Project updates can be found at www.carbonwy.com as well.

Sincerely,




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Carbon County Clerk

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February 1, 2020

To: Ronda Munger
From: Lucile Taylor 
Subject: Final Narrative, Courthouse Security Grant

Final Project Report

Pursuant to this grant the Converse County Courthouse was able to get five additional security cameras installed around the building, thus completing one of our goals from the project update report. Once this goal was met it also allowed us to achieve one of our objectives, which was to increase the visual security to the external areas of the courthouse. These additional cameras have allowed our Courthouse Security Deputies to eliminate many blind spots around the facility.

Below is a detailed report describing when the additional cameras were installed and some of the issues we have had along the way. All cameras installed pursuant to this grant are currently in good working order.

- April, 2019 – Comtronix installed five new external cameras on the courthouse.

- July, 2019: One of the fish eye cameras was not working; however, the camera with the issue began working again.

- October 4th, 2019 – Comtronix at the Courthouse to assess the two fish eye cameras: NE360 and SE360 as they are no longer working. Comtronix showed me there have been errors and/or warnings every thirty seconds with a few of the new cameras since September 26th, 2019. Some of the cameras are under the name Samsung, coming back as Sony but are really Hanois. Two cameras, the fish eyes, are listed as SE 360 and NE 360; however, one or both are not 360 cameras. Comtronix stated that they didn't know why this was but they were going to brainstorm and figure out what was going on. Comtronix was told to schedule another visit back to the courthouse to figure out what was going on with the system but couldn't give an exact date. The Comtronix representative said he will work on bringing a man-lift or much taller ladders next time to get up to the cameras to take a look at them.

- October 18, 2019 – Comtronix was called and Pam was advised there was an incident (gentleman falling down outside on the sidewalk) and we had no cameras to view

what had happened. Pam was told that Dustin came two weeks ago but did not have the proper equipment and could not check the cameras themselves without a ladder or man lift. Pam advised she would talk to Dustin to see what he needed and will call me back to schedule someone to come and look at our downed cameras.

- October 22, 2019 – Comtronix was called once again as we had not received a call back since last week. Haley with Comtronix advised she and Dustin have to get with a supervisor involved for advice on how to fix our cameras.
- October 23, 2019 – Haley from Comtronix called this morning at approximately 1014 hours and advised Dustin will be at the Courthouse between 0930 and 1000 hours on Friday, October 25th, 2019. Haley was asked if they were going to bring tall ladders to help reach the cameras and she said they were but they did not think they would have to actually climb the ladders but can do it from the computer system. They were also advised of the noise and error light coming from the old analog system.
- October 29, 2019 – Tuesday, came back after vacation and the cameras were fixed. Comtronix was here either 10/31/19 or 11/1/19.
- December 13, 2019 – The camera for the southeast corner (Center Street and alleyway) had “video loss” (1000-1030 hrs.). Then lost the northwest corner (north front entrance) and northwest corner (parking lot) cameras shortly after (1100-1130 hrs.). Lost southwest corner (Center and 5th Streets, southwest entrance) (1215-1220 hrs.). Comtronix was called; Susan and Pam were spoken to. Pam said she was going to call back if someone is available this afternoon. Troy with Comtronix called around 1435 hours and advised they could have someone here possibly Tuesday as they did not want to pay OT. Troy also advised he would be in this area Tuesday anyway.
- December 16, 2019 – Sometime during the weekend, during the evening, the fifth camera (northeast, parking lot) went out.
- December 17, 2019 – Comtronix arrived around 0910-0915 hours and was able to get all five external cameras going again. They advised the outage could have been either a power surge or something wrong with a switch.

Hot Springs County

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June 21, 2021

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Attn: Sherry Griffin

Dear Sherry,

As per the requirement in the amendment to the grant dated May 1, 2020 I am forwarding a final project report on the project accomplishments.

The goal of the grant funds were to be used to increase security for the District and Circuit courts and with any improvements in the courthouse as a whole in the protection of said courts.

During the course of the grant the following projects and objectives were completed.

In Circuit Court in May 2019 bullet resistant glass was installed at the Circuit Court window.

In June 2019 both courts received steel bullet proof barriers on the Judge's Bench as well as mirrors in the Circuit Courtroom.

In March of 2020 new locks were installed in the Circuit court from and to the access to the courtroom from the Judge's Chamber.

In April 2020 the LYNX panic button was installed in the entire courthouse. The costs included software connection fees and remote services.

In April 2021 installation and configuration of the LYNX system as well as staff training of the system was completed. Also in April of 2021, cameras and recorder surveillance station licenses were installed in both the Circuit and District Courts.

Thank you,


Rosemary DeSeyn

Hot Springs County Clerk

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Lincoln County Court Security Grant Report
September 6, 2019

All purchases funded with this grant were made by June 30, 2019. Total expenditures were \$39,382.09 of which the grant funded \$35,025 and the local match was \$4,357.09. There were no major changes between cost estimates and actual costs, nor was there any need to modify any of the court security enhancements described in the grant application. The IT Department did have to change individual components to accomplish what was described in the application for the cameras.

The NCSC Assessment identified Category A, B & C recommendations. The grant application focused primarily on Category B security measures. Categories A and C each had one expenditure.

Category A: Purchase of a Level III retention holder for the Court Security Officer. The objective of this purchase was to make it more difficult for an unauthorized individual to obtain the officer's weapon. The Sheriff's office identified a holster that met the needs/preferences of their officers and purchased several, one of which was specifically for the Court Security Officer.

Category B: The goal of these improvements was to:

- Provide the Judges and staff in Circuit Court and District Court/Clerk of Court Office with improved control and surveillance of the courts and related work areas. This was accomplished by requiring a fob (or buzzer) on additional doorways and installing cameras with multiple monitoring locations/options (i-phone/tablet/TV monitor). This enables court personnel to monitor traffic and to control areas entered thus enabling the isolation of a negative event or creating a "safe room."
- Provide the Judges and staff with the ability to notify Dispatch of any emergency situation. This was accomplished by the installation of duress alarms. Law enforcement does have the ability to monitor the cameras to better characterize the event and have an appropriate response to the situation.
- Limit opportunities for snipers targeting the historic Courthouse which houses District Court and the Clerk of Court. The ballistic film is designed to keep glass from shattering and spraying from a window or door thus maintaining its integrity as a barrier.

Category C: Installation of a protective barrier at the Circuit Court service counter. The objective of this improvement was to prevent an unauthorized person from physically jumping over the counter. The counter had an additional a physical barrier installed to prevent that from occurring and the staff believes it has enhanced their security without unduly separating them from the public.

Overall, given the budget constraints, the project addressed the issues described in the application and everyone feels that it has improved court security.



SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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November 7, 2019

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RE: Court Security Grant-Sheridan County

Dear Ronda,

Sheridan County is pleased to report that all expenditures are complete on the Court Security Grant. We expended a total of \$22,018.18 out of the \$22,515.00 that was granted. We do not intend to expend the remaining balance of \$496.82.

The following is a summary of equipment purchased and installed:

- 2 network outdoor cameras were replaced to enhance the video surveillance system at the Public Health Building, and north sidewalk of the Courthouse.
- 2 network cameras were added to enhance the video surveillance system in the Clerk of District Court Office to view of the vault door, and the transaction counter.
- 1 network camera was added to enhance the video surveillance system at the Child Support Office to view the public transaction counter.
- 3 network cameras were added to enhance the video surveillance system in Circuit Court to view the vault, the transaction counter, and the balcony stairwell.
- 2 network access controls were installed on doors to the District Court Courtroom #2.
- 3 wireless panic alarms were added to the existing system; the District Courtroom Clerk workstation, the District Court jury room, and the Circuit Court jury room.
- A convex mirror was installed at the elevator that is utilized by the Sheridan County Detention staff for transport of inmates to and from the jail for court appearances.
- 2 AED's were installed; one on the first floor. and one on the 4th floor of the Courthouse New Addition.

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Sheridan County appreciates the opportunity to apply for and receive funding from the Wyoming Supreme Court to enhance our security system at the Courthouse.

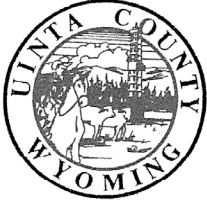
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Renee' Obermueller, Administrative Director

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UINTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BRENT HATCH | MARK ANDERSON | ERIC SOUTH

June 22, 2021

This is the Final Narrative Report for 2018 Court Security Improvement Grant for Uinta County in the amount of \$35,407.00 with a %10 match from Uinta County. Uinta County has set up a Court Security Management Committee that meets regularly. The committee is using recommendations from the National Center for State Courts Security (NCSC), an assessment that was done in March 2017 to increase security in the Uinta County Courthouse. The courthouse has done regular evacuation drills along with real events. Employees have improved response in each evacuation and shelter-in-place drill and actual event. The Maintenance Department has cut down trees near the building so access to roof has become more difficult for unauthorized people.

Several projects have been completed with the Court Security Grant and Homeland Security Grants and the Uinta County Budget. These projects include: Wireless Duress Buttons; Glass Enclosure for the District Court Entrance and Door on Main Floor; Camera System with 24 cameras, software and infrastructure; Electronic Door Locks; Ballistic-resistant Material on the Judges and Commissioners Benches; Clerk of Circuit Court Glass; 8 Bollards in front of exterior doors to the building to prevent vehicle access; Additional Electronic Door Locks; and Additional Public Transaction Counter Barriers on other Departments that service the walk-up public.

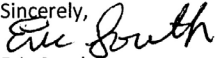
The Wyoming Supreme Court Application for Court Security Funds from Uinta County includes projects from Category A, Category B and Category C.

The projects in Category A include installing 12 Duress Alarm Buttons and test alarm system. The buttons are programmed into the alarm system and when a button is pushed it notifies the Sheriff's Dispatch with information on the location in the courthouse that button is located. The button also activates the blue strobe lights throughout the courthouse which notifies employees that there is an emergency in the courthouse other than the fire alarm. Employees know when the blue lights are flashing that there something going on, and they need to consider sheltering-in-place and follow their emergency plans and procedures. The alarm system has been a valuable asset when it has been used in real incidents with escaped inmates in the courthouse.

The projects in Category B include installing 10 additional Cameras and infrastructure in the courthouse. The county has been installing a camera system in the courthouse and it meshes very well with the 10 cameras this grant has enabled us to install. We have a total of 70 cameras now and plan to add additional cameras. The camera system has been a valuable asset where it has been used in real incidents with escaped inmates in the courthouse.

The projects in Category C include moving an outside door so it locks on the outside of the building instead of leaving an open vestibule for intruders and packages to be hidden. Installing a Glass Wall, and Door to enclose the rear entrance to the Clerk of the District Court Office and the Secretary for the Public Defenders. The rear entrance was an unsecured stairway that would allow someone to go up to the back of the Clerk of the District Court Office unannounced and expose the employees. Many of the clients of District Court have issues that require them to be there, we need to provide the employees and public as much protection as possible and still provide a "good customer" experience for the public.

The Court Security Grant has enabled Uinta County to greatly increase the security in the Uinta County Courthouse.

Sincerely,

Eric South

Uinta County Commission Chairman

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Washakie County Court Security Improvement Grant

Original Court Security Improvement Grant Project

March 13, 2020

Circuit Court Security Camera System & Secure Doro Latch Access & Security Door Latch Systems for Circuit Court & Judges Chambers:

On February 26, 2019 Rocky Mountain Oilfield Warehouse installed the camera systems, and door security systems into the Circuit Courtroom and Circuit Court Judges Chambers. Cost of this portion of the project was \$22,294.00.

Two Threat Level IIIa Ballistic Blankets for Court Benches:

On February 10, 2019 the Ballistic Blankets were purchased from U.S. Armor for \$3,641.82. They were then installed in the Circuit and District Courtrooms. Sheriff Steven Rakness will be providing training to the court staff in the event that the Ballistic Blankets ever need to be utilized.

Amended Portion of the Court Security Improvement Grant Project

District Court Security Camera System:

On January 21, 2020 Rocky Mountain Oilfield Warehouse installed the camera systems to the District Court areas. Cost of this portion was \$15,988.00.

Total Funds Expended: \$41,923.82

Total Funds Remaining: \$0.00

At this time we have completed the four project areas we want to improve in Washakie County with this grant and cannot express our gratitude enough for being awarded the funding to complete these much needed improvements.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven R. Rakness". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Steven R Rakness, Washakie County Sheriff

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**Wyoming Court Security Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021 ~ Via Teams**

The Wyoming Court Security Commission met on February 24, 2021, virtually via Teams. Court Security Commission members in attendance via video or phone were: Justice Keith Kautz, Deputy Director Lynn Budd and Deputy Director George Nykun, Interim Director Forrest Williams, Judge Tori Kricken, Judge Wes Roberts, Representative Art Washut, County Attorney Daniel Erramouspe, Sheriff Scott Matheny, and County Commissioner Mike Colling. Supreme Court personnel Ronda Munger, Joe Hartigan, and Sherry Griffin also attended virtually.

Call to Order – Justice Keith Kautz, Chairman

Welcome & Introductions

Justice Keith Kautz opened the meeting. He welcomed new members and those in attendance.

Approve Minutes of January 21, 2020, Meeting

Justice Kautz addressed the next order of business on the agenda: approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2020, meeting. He asked for questions from new members as well as comments, additions, corrections, and objections. There being none, Scott Matheny moved to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as submitted, seconded by Mike Colling. The motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Incident Reports

Joe Hartigan, the Court Security Officer at the Wyoming Supreme Court, discussed the incident reports he received since the Commission's January 2020 meeting. Pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 5-11-101 the Commission was created, and this statute defines the Commissions' powers and duties. One of those duties is to establish security standards. Five standards have been created by this Commission, which includes Standard 2014-1 for Incident Reporting. This standard was created based on what other states were doing to track security incidents, and the reporting has been used to request funding grants from the Legislature.

There has been a total of 307 reports submitted since the creation of the reporting standards in 2015. Joe provided a breakdown of the total reports received by year: in 2016 there were 44 reports, 2017: 73 reports; 2018: 51 reports; and 2019: 51 reports. Since the meeting on January 21, 2020 there have been 30 reports submitted, which is about a 40% decrease from past years likely attributed to COVID and the shutdown in the courts. He would like to see reporting improve, but it may take some time for that to occur. The 30 reported incidents were for the following: 8 disorderly conduct, 7 arrest/warrant, 3 verbal threat, 3 written threat, 2, physical assault, 2 suspicious circumstances, 1 self-harm, 1 check fraud, 1 check fraud, 1 trespassing, 1 panic alarm, and 1 emergency mechanical problems. A breakdown of the reports submitted is as follows: Supreme Court (3), Laramie County (10), Uinta County (13), Sweetwater County (1) Sheridan County (1), Teton County (1), and Converse County (1).

Joe broke out all 307 reports by county, including the Supreme Court, since inception of incident reporting:

Albany	8	Big Horn	2	Campbell	14
Carbon	1	Converse	20	Crook	2
Fremont	14	Goshen	3	Hot Springs	0
Laramie	113	Lincoln	5	Johnson	3
Natrona	27	Niobrara	0	Park	5
Platte	8	Sheridan	5	Sublette	9
Sweetwater	13	Teton	4	Uinta	32
Washakie	0	Weston	0	WY Supreme Court	19

Hot Springs, Niobrara, Washakie, and Weston counties have not turned in any reports to date. The reporting standards are recommendations and not mandates, so some counties do not send in reports. The Wyoming Supreme Court is an appellate court, which should have less incidents than courts that hear criminal cases, but Joe has submitted 19 reports. His estimate of the reports received are approximately a third of the actual incidents happening out there.

Joe read a report from the last reporting period to demonstrate what the court deputies deal with regarding court security. An inmate being escorted after a court appearance was asked to put on her mask prior to entering the elevator. The inmate became combative, and she punched the detention officer in the face, which resulted in a bloody nose and red swollen upper lip. Additional deputies were called to assist and ultimately the inmate was issued new criminal charges for her actions.

Judge Kricken asked about when and by whom these reports should be submitted. She has submitted some, but not sure when incidents should be reported. Joe indicated that rarely judges submit the reports as they are usually submitted by the courthouse deputies who provide security and sometimes by court clerks. The report includes a checklist of the types of incidents that should be reported. Judge Kricken noted that the upcoming Albany court security commission meeting would be a good opportunity to educate members for consistent reporting. Judge Kricken's court does not have a court security officer, so the responsibility falls on her or the Clerk's office. Judge Kricken indicated she will be more proactive in getting reports submitted. Joe appreciates that and although they are not mandated, they are useful in sharing this information across the state, so everyone knows what is going on in the courthouses.

Grant Funds Update

Ronda Munger provided a history for new Commission members. The establishment of the Commission began due to an unfortunate incident in Riverton, where a bullet was shot through the outside wall and went into the courtroom. It brought a lot of conversation and attention to court security in Wyoming.

The Legislature appropriated \$6 million dollars in 2014 for court security improvements which began in Fremont County for a new justice center that was dedicated in June 2015. Then a little under \$3.5 million dollars that was appropriated in Sweetwater County, which previously had two circuit courts: one in Rock Springs and one in Green River. Sweetwater County needed security

upgrades, so their county commissioners began a \$20 million dollar project to combine those two circuit courts into one. The building was dedicated in July 2018, which now includes both circuit courts, the public defender's office, and the jail.

In 2014, the Wyoming Supreme Court applied for a \$50,000 grant from the State Justice Institute and embarked on court security assessments through the National Center for State Courts. At that time, eight courthouses were assessed in Albany, Big Horn, Crook, Goshen, Niobrara, Park, Platte, and Weston counties. The assessments were taken to the Legislature to request funding to help the counties with these security upgrades. The Legislature gave just over \$1 million dollars at a 90/10 match to the State Lands and Investment Board (SLIB) to administer.

In 2016, another \$50,000 grant was requested and approved, from the State Justice Institute. Assessments were done on another seven courthouses. Those assessments were done in Converse, Carbon, Uinta, Lincoln, Washakie, Hot Springs, and Sheridan Counties. The state revenue in 2016 and 2017 had declined, but the Supreme Court again requested the Legislature fund security improvements in the amount of just over \$1 million dollars. The Legislature declined to fund the full amount but did approve \$400,000 for the seven counties. Instead of appropriating the funds for SLIB to administer, the funds were appropriated through the Supreme Court's budget, and this Commission was asked to make recommendations on how the funds should be distributed. The commission worked on a prorated scheme. Converse, Lincoln, Sheridan, Uinta, and Washakie counties have completed the expenditure of their grant funds. Monies are still outstanding for Carbon and Hot Springs Counties.

Carbon County Commissioners are doing an extensive remodel of the county courthouse that started with the county attorney's offices and then will move onto the court facility. The Carbon County Commissioners were given an extension to expend those funds through an amendment to their grant agreement. Hot Springs County was also given an extension to expend grant funds through an amendment because cameras and security monitors necessary to complete the project were delayed due to COVID. Approximately \$215,000 has been reimbursed with approximately \$185,000 left to be expended out of the \$400,000. Representative Washut asked about the timeline of the funds left to be expended. Ronda stated that Carbon County project should be concluded by May of 2022. Judge Luhm in Hot Springs County recently confirmed that the equipment is still on backorder, so another amendment extending those funds may be needed. It is likely, that all the funds will be expended or reverted by June 2022.

Director Williams asked about the possibility of obtaining federal grant funds through the Department of Justice. Ronda noted that most of those grants are earmarked for specific things such as data transfer. Additionally, it is the county commissioners who typically apply for grant funds because the improvements are required in courthouses that are county buildings. The county commissioners lead the charge in doing these improvements. In the past, funding possibilities through Homeland Security were explored but those funds had limitations such that they could be used for specific equipment like magnetometers, but not for the personnel to man that equipment. Funding sources through Homeland Security will be explored by Justice Kautz, Ronda Munger and Director Budd for presentation to this Commission at the next meeting.

Commission Focus for 2021

Justice Kautz discussed the Commission's role across the state. Last year this Commission pivoted away from new or improved construction projects due to lack of building funds, which is a similar circumstance this year. The Commission discussed ways to better support the local security committees. The Commission thought it would be beneficial to broaden communications with the members and to continue visiting their courthouses. The desire is to include legislators in those visits so they can report back to the Legislature the security needs of each courthouse. This is the primary objective for this year.

Another objective is to provide specific training for judges on personal security awareness when away from the courthouse; this may include cyber security. Justice Kautz will contact the US Marshalls' Office to request help in putting the training together.

Judge Roberts liked the idea of training on personal security and discussed federal legislation being pursued by a federal judge who experienced violence against her family in her home. Cyber security is a big deal also and goes hand-in-glove with personal security. These two items alone could occupy the Commission's time in pursuing legislation. It is important that all local committees are functional and conducting meetings with a function and a purpose.

Representative Washut asked about courthouse security models. Justice Kautz stated the security models in Wyoming include sheriffs' offices and some counties have cooperative agreements between the police department and the sheriff's office. In addition to police and sheriffs' departments, specific threats sometimes include DCI and the Wyoming Highway Patrol in providing security to judges. Judge Roberts noted that his county includes police officers on the local court security committee, as they are first responders to security threats. Ronda notes that the Supreme Court security is provided by Wyoming Highway Patrol Division O and Sec Ops, a private security vendor, who oversee the Capitol Complex. Judge Kautz further notes, that the US Marshall's Office has a division devoted to courthouse security and one of their missions is to help states provide courthouse security through training. They may also do local security assessments with county sheriffs' offices.

Judge Roberts added that another function of this Commission could be to review the standards for amendments or additions. Judge Kautz agrees that it is a good idea to review the standards and go through them with the local committees. He states that Ronda has gone through them in the last couple years. Justice Kautz asked that the electronic form of the annual report from this year be sent to the Commission.

Justice Kautz will send out a letter in the next several weeks for members to reach out to him with any ideas for the Commission's functions and especially for ways to keep the local committees active, as they are the heart and key to courthouse security.

Joe Hartigan will be reaching out to all the local committees to remind them about the July 1 submission deadline for their annual reports. The Commission will then submit its report to the Legislature, the Joint Appropriations Committee, the Joint Judiciary Committee, and the Chief Justice, and that report is due September 1st.

Next Meeting

The Commission discussed whether the next meeting will be in-person or just remotely, a possible location and a date range. The next meeting will be set in the next three months. Ronda will set a date for late May.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Actions Taken:

1. The Commission approved the minutes from the January 21, 2020, meeting.

Action Items:

1. Justice Kautz will send a letter to the Commission in the next couple weeks asking for ideas and ways to keep local committees active.
2. Ronda Munger will send out electronic copies of the 2020 Annual Report.
3. Justice Kautz, Ronda Munger and Director Budd will discuss possible funding sources through Homeland Security for presentation at the next Commission meeting.
4. Justice Kautz will work with the U.S. Marshalls' Office to develop security training opportunities.
5. Joe Hartigan will remind local committees of the July 1st annual reporting deadline. The Commission will then submit its Annual Report September 1st.

Wyoming Court Security Commission Meeting

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

*May 26, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Committee Members: Justice Keith Kautz, Judge Wesley Roberts, Judge Tori Kricken, Tara Nethercott, Art Washut, George Nykun, Mike Colling, Daniel Erramouspe, Scott Matheny, Forrest Williams, Joe Hartigan, and Ronda Munger

Agenda Items

Call to Order Justice Kautz

Minutes were circulated. There are no corrections, changes, or discussion relating to the proposed February 24, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mike Colling made a motion to approve the minutes. Sheriff Scott Matheny seconded. Minutes approved.

Incident Reports Summary Joe Hartigan

Not much changed since the end of February. The incident reports are done by the last Standard adopted in 2014. Started in January of 2015. Right now there have been 310 reports submitted. This is a little different as it was run on a calendar year rather than fiscal year as was done in the past.

A breakdown of the total reports received by year: 2015: 51 reports; 2016: 50 reports, 2017: 87 reports; 2018: 37 reports; 2019: 50 reports; 2020: 28 reports; and 2021: 7 reports in the 4 to 5 months of this year. Believe COVID is a factor in these numbers. Working on a process to emphasize the importance of these reports across the state.

The 3 reported incidents were for the following: 1 handgun hidden in bushes, 1 vehicle crash-front of court, and 1 verbal threat. A breakdown of the reports submitted is as follows: Johnson County (1), Campbell County (1), and Albany County (1). The incident details were discussed.

Annual security report reminder email went out to every county around May 3 with the report form and deadline of July 1st. [Another reminder will be sent out around June 15th.](#)

<p>Grant Funds Update Ronda Munger</p>	<p>Document detailing grant fund balances was attached to meeting materials. The Wyoming Supreme Court in consultation with the Commission was appropriated \$400,000 to grant to the counties. All funds have been used except for monies granted to Carbon County for the courthouse remodel. Carbon County was given an extension until 2022.</p> <p>In prior years court security funds were handled by SLIB. This last round of funding was allocated to the Supreme Court's budget for this Commission to recommend spending.</p> <p>This program included a survey done by the National Center for State Courts and the U.S. Marshal's office. Things that needed improvement were identified and court security categories were defined. Funds went to the most urgent need. Legislature funded a portion and the counties were required to provide a match. No money available since the last grant funding from 2018. The Commission has traveled to court houses to see what has been done.</p> <p>Representative Washut stated the legislature would have continuing interest in court security and county needs. The ability to demonstrate the security improvements these grants have accomplished will be important in securing future legislative funding.</p>
<p>Judicial Education Opportunities for Judges Ronda Munger Judge Roberts</p>	<p>The Judicial Education Committee, chaired by Justice Kautz, held a noon-hour webinar presented by the U.S. Marshal's Office in April. The webinar was attended by 35 Judicial Branch employees including 22 judges. Workplace security, personal awareness away from the court, and home security was a topic of the webinar. The seminar was well received and a huge success.</p> <p>Training for the Circuit Judges was conducted in May. The focus of the training was the process for efficiently handling sovereign citizens. It was presented by a retired judge from Nevada. Topics of discussion included personal security and home security. A second presenter, a former marine and police sergeant, provided information regarding cybersecurity, personal habits, and security awareness. A video presentation of nationally broadcast security incident was reviewed. An agent from Wyoming Department of Criminal Information discussed the concept of digital exhaust, digital footprints and ways to</p>

	remove your personal information from the internet were discussed.
Funding Opportunities for Court Security Justice Kautz	<p>Follow up on a question from the last meeting regarding funding through the Office of Homeland Security was discussed. Justice Kautz and Ronda met with Homeland Security to obtain information about federal grant funding which will start in February 2022. A letter will be sent to local security committees with the information relating to the future funding opportunities. The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security is willing to assist with the grant application process.</p> <p>The possibility of using grant funds to motivate incident reporting was discussed. Reporting is vitally important to the decision-making process. Local committee formation was instrumental in obtaining the initial legislative funding.</p> <p>This Commission and local judges should be informed of incidents happening in the courts. Two aspects of reporting were discussed, including the annual report submitted by the counties and the online incident reporting system for statistical purposes.</p>
Local Training Program Justice Kautz	<p>Justice Kautz proposed the idea of in-person training given to the local committees. This would include working with sheriffs and judges to find evening availability of county commissioners, court security personnel and possibly patrol deputies for training opportunities. Presenters from the U.S. Marshals' Service could attend by video. The Commission liked the idea of going to local committees because there are new sheriffs, new court staff and new security personnel who could benefit from this training.</p> <p>The Commission believes it would be good to provide training on the heels of COVID and courthouse re-openings. Training should include what qualifies as a security incident that requires reporting. The letter to the local committees would include this Commission's concerns relating to incident reporting and local in-person training opportunities.</p> <p>There are reports online that can be viewed.</p> <p>The development of active shooter simulations intended to drive home the reality of the situation could raise awareness of the seriousness of court security so that it is</p>

	<p>taken more seriously. Some counties perform annual emergency training.</p> <p>The security standards developed by the Commission discuss in-house training and require the information be included in the county's annual report. Ronda and Justice Kautz will reach out to the counties to ascertain interest in hosting future meetings and training. The invitations to attend will include local legislators. Justice Kautz applauded the Commission and stated that Wyoming court security has come a long way because of the work of this Commission.</p>
Next Meeting	Meeting date and location suggestions was requested. The Commission is required by statute to meet twice a year, but it meets more regularly. A calendar poll will be sent out by Ronda.
Adjourn	2:59 p.m.
Actions Taken:	
1.	The Commission approved the meeting minutes from February 24, 2021.
Actions Items:	
1.	Justice Kautz will send out a letter to the local committees regarding the grant funding available through the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security with a reminder of the importance of reporting, the concerns of the Commission, and in-person training opportunities.
2.	Justice Kautz and Ronda Munger will start scheduling in-person training for local committee members.
3.	Joe Hartigan will send another reminder of the July 1 st annual reporting deadline.
4.	Ronda Munger will send out a poll of member availability for the next meeting date.
5.	*The May 26, 2021 meeting minutes will be officially approved at a future meeting.

**WYOMING COURT SECURITY COMMISSION
LOCAL COURT SECURITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

ALBANY COUNTY

Tori R. A. Kricken – District Court Judge, Chairman
Rob Sanford – Circuit Court Judge
Devon O’Connell – Magistrate
Stacy Lam – Clerk of District Court
Kayla Marroquin – Judicial Assistant
Kurt Britzius – Albany County Attorney
Jackie Gonzales – Albany County Clerk
Aaron Appelkans – Albany County Sheriff
Nicole Trampe – Detention Center Lieutenant
Tracy Fletcher – Albany County Treasurer
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Bailey Quick – Grants Manager
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Bobbi Overfield – District Court Judge
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Edward Luhm – Circuit Court Judge
Randy Royal – Circuit Court Magistrate
Serena Lipp – District Court Clerk
Diane Nuttall – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
Marcia Bean – Big Horn County Attorney
Felix Carrizales – Big Horn County Commissioner
Dave Neves – Big Horn County Commissioner
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Lori Smallwood – Big Horn County Clerk
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Deb Rathbun – Secretary, Big Horn County Sheriff’s Office

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Scott Mooney – Court Security Sergeant, Chairman
John Perry – District Court Judge
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Mitch Damsky – County Attorney
Scott Matheny – Campbell County Sheriff
Jim Hloucal – Douglas Chief of Police

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Mara Sanger – District Court Clerk
Jennette Hagan – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
Lauretta Sheller – District Court Judicial Assistant
John Espy – Carbon County Commissioner
Gwynn Bartlett – Carbon County Clerk
Archie Roybal – Carbon County Sheriff
Jeffrey Walton – Deputy Sheriff
Jim Piche – Carbon County Buildings & Grounds Manager

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Michelle Weeks – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
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Adam Alvarado – Lieutenant, Detention
Kim Wright – CPL-Civil, Court Security, Transport
Russ Dalgarn – Emergency Management Coordinator
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Matthew Castano – Circuit Court Judge
Christina “Tina” Wood – District Court Clerk
Cindi Baudhuin – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
Joe Baron – Crook County Attorney
Jeanne Whalen – Crook County Commissioner
Jeff Hodge – Crook County Sheriff
Larry Schommer – Facility Supervisor
Ed Robinson – Emergency Management Coordinator

FREMONT COUNTY

Lander Court Security Committee

Phil Holder – Sheriff’s Office/Court Security, Chairman
Jason Conder -- District Court Judge
Robert Denhardt – Circuit Court Judge
Mike Jones – Fremont County Commissioner
Jeff Hutson -- Sargeant Fremont County Sheriff’s Office
Shawn Wilkinson – Transport Officer, Fremont County Sheriff’s Office
Sarah Trehearne – Lieutenant, Fremont County Sheriff’s Office
J.R. Oakley – Fremont County Building Superintendent

FREMONT COUNTY

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Wes Roberts – Circuit Court Judge, Chairman
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Gail Babbitt – District Court Judicial Assistant
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Cindy Kenyon – County Clerk/Grant Coordinator (SLIB)
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Jesse Bowen – IT Department Supervisor

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Terri Cornella – District Court Clerk
April Andreen – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
Jill Logan – Hot Springs County Attorney
Curtis Cheney – Deputy County Attorney
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Jack Baird – Hot Springs County Commissioner
Rose DeSeyn – Hot Springs County Clerk
Dan Webber – Hot Springs County Assessor
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Jerimie Kraushaar – Hot Springs County Sheriff
Julie Mathews – Chief of Police
Les Culliton – Courthouse Maintenance

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Paul G. Jarvis – Circuit Court Magistrate
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Tucker Ruby – County Attorney
Bob Perry – Johnson County Commissioner
Linda Greenough – Johnson County Commissioner
Bill Novotny – Johnson County Commissioner
Pat Monroe – Johnson County Undersheriff
Colter Chapman – Sargent
Wes Killian – Captain/Jail Administrator
Marilyn Connolly – Emergency Management
Dave Eads – Facilities Manager

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Thomas Lee – Circuit Court Judge
Diane Sanchez – District Court Clerk
Mark Voss – Laramie County Attorney
Chris Wegner – Building Maintenance
Don Hollingshead – Captain, Laramie County Sheriff's Department
Brad Alexander – IT
Lori Pollack – Rick Management
Michael Parker – Sargeant, Laramie County Sheriff's Department
Dylan Turley – Cpl, Laramie County Sheriff's Department
Gladys Ayokosok – Deputy County Attorney

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Blaine Nelson – Deputy County Attorney
Kent Brown – Public Defender's Office
Shane Johnson – Lincoln County Sheriff
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Lance Francis – Court Security
April Brunski – Lincoln County Clerk
Debbie Larson – Lincoln County Assessor
Jerry Greenfield – Lincoln County Treasurer
Destry Dearden – IT/GIS Dept.
Matt Mochel – Maintenance

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Corey Davison – Natrona County Sergeant
Gordon Schuler – IT Supervisor, Natrona County

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Elaine Griffith – Niobrara County Commissioner
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Jim Frye - Detention
Becky Freeman – Niobrara County Clerk

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Nathaniel Hibben – Circuit Court Judge
Scott Cole – Circuit Court Magistrate
Mona McAuley – District Court Clerk
Alanna Lee – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
Doug Weaver – Platte County Attorney
Steve Shockley – Platte County Commissioner
Kayla Mantle – Platte County Commissioner
Ian Jolovich – Platte County Commissioner
Clyde Harris – Platte County Sheriff
David Russell – Captain/Sheriff's Office
Malcom Ervin – Platte County Clerk
Terry Stevenson – Emergency Management Coordinator
Jim Dewitt – Maintenance Supervisor
Jordan Ham – IT Management Company

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Renee’ Obermueller – Sheridan County Administrator
Allen Thompson – Sheridan County Sheriff
Levi Dominguez – Lieutenant
Charles Gibbons – Detention Lieutenant
Steve Matheson – Courthouse Deputy
Mike Morris – Facilities Manager

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Marv Tyler – District Court Judge
Janet Montgomery – Clerk of District Court
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Carrie Long – Sublette County Clerk
Mike Christie – County IT Department
Andre’ Irely – County Maintenance Department

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Roy Lloyd – Sweetwater County Commissioner
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Matt Carr – Teton County Sheriff
Erin Weisman – Teton County Attorney
Michelle Weber – Jackson Chief of Police
Lea Colansuonno – Jackson Interim Town Attorney
Paul Cote – County Facilities Manager
Justin Miller – County IT Manager

UINTA COUNTY

Joseph Bluemel – District Court Judge, Chairman
Michael Greer – Circuit Court Judge
Kerri Wright – District Court Clerk
Doug Matthews – Uinta County Sheriff
Rowdy Dean – Chief Deputy Sheriff
Loretta Howieson – Uinta County Attorney
Terry Brimhall – Uinta County Treasurer
Amanda Hutchinson – Uinta County Clerk
Lori Perkins – Uinta County Assessor
Jeff Breininger – Maintenance
Kim West – Emergency Management
Kent Brown – Public Defender’s Office

WASHAKIE COUNTY

Steve Rakness – Washakie County Sheriff, Chairman
Bobbi Overfield – District Court Judge
Edward Luhm – Circuit Court Judge
Christy Schneider – Clerk of District Court
Tiffany Burgess – Detention Sargeant
Terry Wolf – Washakie County Commissioner
John Worrall – Washakie County Attorney
Tom Schmeltzer – County Maintenance Foreman

WESTON COUNTY

Matthew F. G. Castano – Circuit Court Judge, Chairman
Stuart S. Healy III - District Court Judge, Vice-Chair
Tina Cote – District Court Clerk (Recording Secretary)
Donna Podio – Chief Circuit Court Clerk
Alex Berger – Weston County & Prosecuting Attorney
Marty Ertman – Weston County Commissioner
Ed Wagoner – Chairman of Weston County Commissioners (Ex Officio Member)
Bryan Colvard – Weston County Sheriff
Becky Hadlock – Weston County Clerk
Gilbert Nelson – Homeland Security

