

Meeting Minutes
FREMONT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Joint Committee on Funding Key Services

12:00PM; Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

Riverton; WRTA Facility

2554 Airport Rd, Riverton, WY 82501

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87542789880?pwd=xlwKQ1Ae48DfObecpFkjcHoyP3CbU0.1>

Mick Prior – *Chair*
(Present)

Kyle Butterfield – *Vice-Chair*
(Present @ 12:03)

Lisa Mallon – *Treasurer/Secretary*
(Present)

Sarah Reilley
(Present)

Patrick Edwards
(Present)

Jennifer Blaylock
(Absent)

Jared White Bull
(Present @ 12:02)

Roll Call / Attendance

Roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Agenda Item: Approval of the February 18th, 2026 Meeting Agenda

Motion: SR

Second: LM

Discussion: (None)

Action: PASSED

Agenda Item: Consent Agenda

Motion: PE

Second: LM

Discussion: (None)

Action: PASSED

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

New Business

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA)

The committee received a presentation and update regarding technical assistance being provided by the Community Transportation Association of America through a USDA-funded program. CTAA outlined proposed transit system redesign concepts intended to improve efficiency and better align services with current ridership patterns.

It was noted that the existing fixed-route transit model has remained largely unchanged since the 1990s and is no longer operationally efficient. Demand-response ridership has continued to increase, while fixed-route ridership has declined.

CTAA's proposed redesign includes simplifying the fixed route into a single clockwise loop and expanding demand-response service through designated zones in Lander, Riverton, and Fort Washakie. SafeRide utilization data was referenced as an example of demand-based efficiency, noting high ridership within limited service windows. For rural and remote areas, scheduled demand-response service on specific days of the week was discussed as a means to balance accessibility and cost efficiency.

The committee also discussed driver training considerations related to expanded service models, including first aid, CPR, and AED certification, as well as industry-standard programs such as CTAA's Passenger Assistance Safety and Sensitivity (PASS) training. The potential for WRTA to serve as a regional training hub was discussed.

Additionally, CTAA provided information regarding a newly announced Non-Emergency Medical Transportation funding opportunity through HHS and Medicaid. The committee discussed the importance of developing accurate cost-per-trip models prior to participation, given the risk of broker reimbursement rates falling below true service costs.

Old Business

Ballot Resolution Timeline

The committee reviewed the status of the proposed ballot resolution and associated timeline. It was emphasized that commissioner approval of ballot language must be secured by the end of March 2026 to meet statutory deadlines.

A meeting with the County Commissioners was confirmed for March 3, 2026, at 9:40 AM in Lander, during which the committee intends to present the ballot measure and supporting materials.

Municipal engagement efforts were discussed. Shoshoni expressed conditional openness to the ballot measure, contingent upon inclusion of carve-out provisions within the Memorandum of Agreement to preserve local funding control. Dubois remains unenthusiastic but has indicated willingness to host a presentation. Ongoing negotiations between Dubois and the County regarding ambulance equipment were noted as a factor affecting long-term service planning for the Upper Wind River Valley. The Town of Hudson has requested a return presentation.

Tribal coordination was also discussed, with emphasis on protecting existing tribal federal funding streams. WRTA's potential role in centralized dispatching and National Transit Database reporting was identified as a means to support coordination while respecting tribal governance.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM