

the November 4 General Election ballot. The joint ballot measure seeks \$29.525 million through a 1% specific purpose sales tax to fund the various projects at CWC, as well as those in the cities and towns.

The sales tax initiative includes \$11.5 million for CWC to build a 35,000 square foot Allied Health and Science Center and to begin efforts toward Lander expansion plans. Approval of the ballot measure will also allow CWC to seek state matching funds for the remainder of the project, either in the 2009 Legislative Session or the 2010 Legislative Session, depending upon College Commission and Legislative actions and approvals to develop a formal statutory mechanism for seeking state matching funds for qualifying community college projects. The total request of \$29.525 million is expected to be fully funded within 3 3/4 years. Based upon a projected \$700,000 per month in sales tax proceeds, the projects are expected to be fully funded on or before December 2012.

Fifty-seven percent (57%) of respondents to a written survey to Fremont County registered voters indicated that they definitely or probably will vote for the proposed \$20.8 million Allied Health & Trades project and Lander expansion. However, individual voter comments indicated the following suggestions/concerns:

- Voters, while supportive of the project, urged the college to fund the project through the sales tax, rather than through the property tax;
- Many other voters flatly indicated that they would not vote for any increase in property taxes;
- Voters expressed concerns about competing with the municipal projects;
- Voters suggested that the college consider completing the project in phases;
- Voters urged the college to seek assistance from the state in funding the project.

The CWC community initiative responds to all of these concerns. CWC would be working in cooperation, not competition, with its municipal partners. The current fifth cent sales tax expires in October, which means that taxpayers would not be paying any more than they are already paying.

Dr. McFarland indicated that the final master resolution approved by the County Commission as well as the community surveys had been included

in the board packet. This item was presented for information only, and no board action is required.

Mr. Krebs asked if it was correct that CWC's funding would come after all the other projects in about 14 or 15 months. Mr. Nielson indicated that this is correct. Mr. Krebs stated that the \$11.5 million would be primarily for the Allied Health & Trades project with some toward the Lander expansion. He asked about a definition of the Lander expansion. Dr. McFarland indicated that the Lander expansion would be defined and would include any property acquisition necessary so space would be available to proceed with plans as additional funding is available. Some critical infrastructure improvements are needed at the Sinks Canyon Center. The Lander expansion will be outlined so that voters will know exactly what they will be getting.

Board Chair Phister stated that a lot of people need to know that the college is committed to the project in Lander. There is some talk about the community not being fully aware of what is involved in the Riverton Recreation Center. An article in the *Ranger* described a school board meeting where members said that a pool was going to be put in the rec center, despite the fact that Riverton already has an aquatic center. That is a concern for a certain population. They think that is going to take place, and they are not going to vote for a rec center with a pool in it. Something should be put in the paper about this.

Dr. Rottweiler indicated that the only discussion related to a pool has come out of informal discussions with the recreation advisory committee. It has never come as a formal resolution to the city council. A pool will not be a part of the rec center. The next agenda item will address an MOU with the City of Riverton. If the board approves this, Dr. Rottweiler will be talking with the city. Mr. Matson encouraged getting something out to refute the idea that there will be a pool in the rec center because many people believe this.

Dr. McFarland indicated that the challenge over the next 2 1/2 months is to work cooperatively and closely with the partners to ensure that together everyone understands the partners' projects, to present information in a detailed fashion, to answer questions from the voters, and to get out in the county to ensure that citizens can get factual information so they completely understand how the project will promote health, education,

recreation, and safety in Fremont County. The college has been asked to coordinate the information campaign.

Ms. Mills suggested that the brochure be condensed so that it can fit into a pocket. Dr. Gose asked what the public's perception of the fair board's 1 cent sales tax proposal is and how supportive the public will be of this project. People might look at this and not want a 2 cent sales tax increase if both projects are passed by the voters. He asked how the college avoids competing against them since both projects will be on the ballot. Dr. McFarland stated that the college's attention will be placed on the college and community projects and will not be unduly focused on the county fair project. She wants to be sure that voters understand what the college's project entails. Even if both projects are approved, the sales tax rate would be below what some other counties in the state are paying. It comes down to the respective merits of the project and the determination of voters as to the benefits. The first step on the part of the college will be to send out a newsletter countywide that talks about the college's response to citizens' opinions and why a 1 percent sales tax for half the cost of the original project is now being pursued.

Dr. Crane indicated that the numbers from the survey are good, but it is important to not put too much weight on them because only 800 or so were returned out of 12,000 which were sent out. The numbers look great but the people who sent them back may have an interest in the project.

Agreement with
City of Riverton
Re: Riverton
Recreation Center

Mr. Jay Nielson explained that a draft Memorandum of Understanding was drafted by Board Attorney Frank Watkins to begin the discussion on how a recreation center would be operated and managed if it were to be constructed on the college campus. At this time the college expects to partner with the City of Riverton to construct both the recreation center and the Allied Health and Science Center to better coordinate the project, value engineer construction, and provide other efficiencies.

The college administration feels it is imperative that an understanding be reached with the City of Riverton on administration of a recreation center so it is not an issue as the college and city discuss the projects that the public is being asked to fund through a 1% sales tax. If the City of Riverton puts a recreation center on the CWC campus, the college has to know how it will be managed, and this is the purpose of the MOU. The intent is that the City of Riverton will manage the recreation center. The college will use it for classes, activities, and programs. The college would

do a lot of the grounds work. The project needs to be defined as to what exactly will be in it. What the college can afford and what the city can afford also need to be identified.

Board Chair Phister stated that people are concerned that the college will use the new gym for their activities, and the recreation center will use the college's old gym. Mr. Nielson replied that this is not true. The college's intent is to use its physical education facilities for its purposes. The recreation center's gym could be used for tournaments, and the recreation center will use the college's gym too. Dr. Rottweiler pointed out that the college is close to needing a bigger place for commencement. Chair Phister indicated that people are saying that CWC will take the new gym over for its sports programs.

Mr. Nielson indicated that the city will bring recreation consultants together with the architects. Dr. McFarland stated that the city is not just beginning to plan the recreation center. They have eliminated the multi-purpose events center from their plans.

Dr. McFarland recommended that the board authorize the administration to enter into negotiations with the City of Riverton to define the operating and management obligations and responsibilities of both CWC and the City of Riverton to be included in an MOU to be approved by both CWC and the City of Riverton, should the proposed City Recreation Center be built on the CWC campus.

ACTION:

Dr. Gose moved to authorize the administration to enter into negotiations with the City of Riverton to define the operating and management obligations and responsibilities of both CWC and the City of Riverton to be included in an MOU to be approved by both CWC and the City of Riverton, should the proposed City Recreation Center be built on the CWC campus. Mr. Matson seconded the motion.

Mr. Krebs asked if the wording "should the proposed City Recreation Center be built on the CWC campus" is leaving the location open. Dr. McFarland replied that the CWC board has included the recreation center in its master plan. The City of Riverton has looked at a variety of locations and their choice is CWC. The City will make it clear in the information campaign where the recreation center will be located.

Chair Phister called for a vote on the motion currently on the floor.
Motion carried.

Wyoming PBS
Supplemental
Legislative
Budget Request

Ms. Ruby Calvert explained that \$808,000 was requested from the 2008 legislature for the Phase 1 HD transition for the WPBS satellite uplink production, but only \$404,000 was appropriated. On July 18, the Wyoming PBS Advisory Committee approved a resolution that WPBS should request the remaining \$404,000 plus \$75,000 to decommission analog antennas and transmitter on Limestone Mountain in the 2009 Supplemental Legislative Budget Request. The WCCC at its meeting on August 18 passed a motion to include this budget request contingent upon CWC Board's approval at its meeting of August 20.

Dr. McFarland recommended that the CWC Board approve submission of the WPBS Supplemental Legislative Budget Request as outlined.

ACTION:

Mr. Christensen moved to approve submission of the WPBS Supplemental Legislative Budget Request as outlined. Mr. Krebs seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Wyoming Business
Council Community
Enhancement Grant
Authorization

Mr. Nielson explained that as part of the Intertribal Education and Community Center project and to implement an aspect of the Master Plan, the college administration is requesting permission to submit a grant application to the Wyoming Business Council (WBC). The application is for \$500,000 and is due September 12, 2008. The formal award would be made in December or January. College administrators have been working with Roger Bower, Fremont County Wyoming Business Council representative, who agrees that this project is eligible for funding through this program.

The grant funding will be used to construct a new entrance and exit from Highway 26 to the campus. This is necessary if the Intertribal Education and Community Center is placed on the west end of Circle Drive. The college would need to convey the roadway improvements to the City of Riverton to meet the requirements of the grant. Because of the way the grant is structured, the sponsoring entity would own the improvements. The city already owns the college's sewer and water lines. The match for the grant will be from the construction funds for the Intertribal Center. The project and the grant requirements have been discussed with the City

of Riverton and Wyoming Department of Transportation officials, and they support this application.

The college administration presented the concept to the Riverton City Council at their August 19, 2008, meeting. The city council was asked to consider holding a public hearing and to sponsor the grant application at their September 2, 2008, meeting. The applicant must own the improvements funded with grant proceeds.

Chair Phister asked about a traffic light at Main and Hill Street. Mr. Nielson replied that he is working with the highway department on the possible installation of this light. They are looking at it, and it is on their master plan.

Dr. McFarland recommended that the board authorize the college administration to seek sponsorship from the City of Riverton for a \$500,000 Community Enhancement Grant to construct a two-way main entrance to the CWC campus and to submit an application for the grant to the Wyoming Business Council.

ACTION:

Mr. Matson moved to authorize the college administration to seek sponsorship from the City of Riverton for a \$500,000 Community Enhancement Grant to construct a two-way main entrance to the CWC campus and to submit an application for the grant to the Wyoming Business Council. Dr. Gose seconded the motion.

Mr. Christensen asked if the city would own the road or the entrance. Mr. Nielson explained that the city would own the improvements that would be done with this grant. Mr. Christensen asked if the college would then need a right-of-way to use the road. He has seen problems with this type of arrangement. Board Attorney Frank Watkins indicated that if the college owns the ground, an easement with both parties is necessary. Dr. McFarland stated that in this case, both parties are public entities, and there are numerous other similar arrangements. The city has sponsored infrastructure improvements for Brunton, for example. All of those issues will be anticipated and addressed. The city will donate back the improvements to the college after a period of time.

Mr. Nielson stated that the money will be enough do the entrance, but that is about all. This is one of the first things that needs to be done for the

project. The location will have to be identified, and it will be about where it is right now. Dr. Crane asked if this could wait until the college is ready to do the paving. He asked what the sense is of doing an entry without a road. Mr. Nielson replied that the intent for this project is to re-do the current entrance. A turnout lane will be needed. Their main concern is that grading be done so it won't be so steep, which can be dangerous in the winter because of snow and ice. The trees will be retained as much as possible.

Chair Phister called for a vote on the motion currently on the floor.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Phister adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVAL:

Chair