

Questions to the County Commissioners:

A. Currently you have structured the ballot and language to bundle commercial air service, public ground transportation, and emergency medical services (ground ambulance). Given the desire/questioning by many for single ballot votes by service type, what prevents you legal, politically, practically, or otherwise from restructuring the ballot and language to give voters a choice by allowing them to vote for only one of the three of the services above?

B. If I heard it correctly, the Chair made a comment during the CAST discussion that said the proposed tax initiative if passed would fund air service but not the airport. Also, there was the perception of a lack of clarity as to whether or not emergency medical services (ground) funds (again if passed) would be able to be used by Dubois and Shoshoni or another town/city to support ambulance services set up by that city/town. Those are two examples of why I am asking here for the Chair to respond with a statement describing which expense and or capital expense items are "in scope" and what is "out of scope" as it relates this proposed tax. Having this statement and getting it out to the public sooner than later will do a lot of good with regards to voter understanding (and voter trust) if the ballot initiative in fact passes.

Thank you

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Answers given:

On Fri, Jun 26, 2026, 17:14 FC Commission <commission@fremontcountywy.gov> wrote:
Hi Chris,

On behalf of Chairman Larry Allen, the following is in response to your questions. **[bold underline by C.Rodkey]**

a. Per the Department of Revenue, for the economic development sales tax, the maximum percentage allotted is 1% and must be set in increments of 0.25%. For the proposed 0.75% tax initiative, there could potentially be three questions. However, 0.25% would not generate enough funding for the ambulance, and **0.50% might exceed the EMS needs. If 0.50% were used for ambulance service**, 0.25% would remain to be split between ground transportation and air services, which is likely insufficient. Each of those services could request 0.25%, but that might exceed the transportation needs and be too little for air services, and would also raise the total tax to 1% instead of the proposed 0.75%. According to the MOA, 54% of the 0.75% tax would fund emergency medical services (ambulance), approximately 0.4%; 31% for air service (0.23%); and 15% for ground transportation (0.11%).

The way this resolution was presented, along with the MOA, allows for the minimum tax to be assessed to achieve the maximum benefit in funding without an excess amount for any one service.

b. If passed, the tax revenue would be distributed to municipalities based on population. Each municipality would then divide and spend the money in accordance with the ballot wording, MOUs, and their legal counsel's guidance. Currently, the County Commissioners are waiting until after the election to make specific plans for the funding beyond its general use for emergency medical services (ground ambulance).

Whether or not the tax passes, the County Commissioners are committed to working towards finding the best solutions for Fremont County's emergency medical service needs. If there is anything else I can help you with, please let me know.

Thanks!

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