

## **ELEVENTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

### **INVOCATION**

Grant Adkisson from Canyon Cowboy Church gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes / May 26, 2026
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,680,771.19
3. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on BLM Lease Amendment
4. Approval of IIIA Federal Funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All DOLA Grant Application
5. Resolution No. 11, Series of 2026 Granting A Special Review Use Permit in the Department of Planning and Zoning File SRU 26-001 For the Legacy Metal Fabrication and Sales Facility
6. Schedule Public Hearing: None.

**Commissioner Grantham** moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL**

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### 1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. Sales & Use Tax Report, Shawn Sutton, Budget & Finance Officer

**Shawn Sutton** gave the Sales & Use Tax Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

- b. County Administrator Report, Tony Carochi, County Administrator

**County Administrator Carochi** gave the County Administrator Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner Grantham** announced that fellow Commissioner Bell was featured in an article receiving accolades for her hard work with the National Association of Counties.

**Commissioner McFall** presented a booklet titled “Passport,” created by the historical society for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Colorado and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America. It contains local history, locations to visit, and tasks to complete to receive a stamp. Once the person has received all the stamps, they may turn in their passport for a challenge coin. He also reminded citizens that it is very dry and the Park Center water system irrigation ditches are historically low.

**Clerk Grantham** said the 100ft electioneering rule is in effect, and all mailed ballots should be received by June 10<sup>th</sup>. In-person voting will start on Monday, June 22nd, at 9:00 am.

**Commissioner Bell** said that last week, she and Commissioner McFall attended the annual Colorado Counties Incorporated summer conference in Keystone. She expressed that it was very informative, two sessions specifically pertaining to the state of leadership, navigating polarization, and building trust and mental health in Colorado’s Modern-Day Agriculture. She learned from a 45-minute video featuring Tony Hass (current CCI President) that there are generational farmers committing suicide due to the pressures and stress of trying to continue ranches here in Colorado.

2. Citizens who wish to address the Commissioners on a matter not scheduled on the agenda.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### 1. Recognition of Retirement and Years of Service for Linda Sand

**Commissioner Bell** read the Resolution honoring Linda Sand, describing her 26 years of service, strong work ethic, compassion, and dedication to the citizens of Fremont County. Linda's knowledge, experience, and institutional memory have been invaluable assets and will be sorely missed.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve Resolution No. 12, series of 2026. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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### 2. Outstanding Civic Leaders of Fremont County – Walter and Gloria Schepp Representatives: Pueblo Community College Fremont Advisory Committee Ed Norden, Geraldine Colette, Richard Baker

**Mr. Norden** said that on behalf of Pueblo Community College and the Fremont PCC Campus Advisory Committee, they were pleased to join Gerri Colette, who initiated the first letter to add Walter and Gloria Schepp to the Outstanding Civic Leaders of Fremont County plaque alongside the other outstanding individuals and couples that have made significant contributions in Fremont County. Mr. Norden explained that after PCC's opening in 2001, Walter Schepp quickly became one of its biggest supporters and joined the Pueblo Community College Foundation Board in 2005. In 2013, the Schepps made the lead gift to launch the construction of the Student Commons Community Room on campus. Following Gloria's passing in 2015, Walter continued to expand the couple's support of the campus. He funded the renovation of the science and nursing labs and was one of the leading \$1 million donors to establish the state-of-the-art nursing simulation center at the Fremont Campus. In 2016, Walt and Gloria, on their own behalf, donated 160 acres of land to the Canon City Recreation District so that people could access the trail in the South Canon area.

**Ms. Colette** remembered Walter from the old brown Ford, which he used to drive with some kind of household item hanging out the back, and then, when the hospital was asking for donations to add two community rooms and update the main entrance, Walter was the first to step up and donate over \$100,000. She went on to explain that Walter used one of the community rooms himself to start hosting a senior driving class that Ms. Colette attended and assisted with for the next 10 years. She said he was always looking for opportunities for improvement, and he soon strove to establish a community college here. Trips back and forth to Denver to attend legislative sessions, offering solutions such as land the state already owns to build a college. She said she recently went to the Fremont Campus and asked someone how much had been spent, without mentioning Walters' name, and everybody immediately knew. He spent \$4 million dollars to support the college, and he did it quietly. Walter and Gloris Schepp provided valuable education and economic contributions to the county, and she believes they deserve to be added to the plaque because they should not be forgotten.

**Mr. Norden** asked Commissioner Grantham to read the inscription on the plaque and to approve adding the names of Gloria and Walter Schepp to the Outstanding Civic Leader of Fremont County plaque.

**Commissioner Grantham** read “Walter and Gloria Schepp, philanthropists for education and outdoor recreation, 2026, Pueblo Community College, Fremont Campus”.

**Commissioner Grantham** moved to approve the addition of Walter and Gloria Schepp to the Outstanding Civic Leaders of Fremont County Plaque. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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3. Renewal of Secure Transportation Vehicle Permit for Colorado Secure Transportation LLC

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve a one-year transportation vehicle permit for Colorado Secure Transportation LLC for a 2014 Ford Explorer. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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4. Appoint Paul Dohrmann as a Board Member on the Fremont County Board of Appeals with an August 1, 2029, expiration date.

**Commissioner Grantham** moved to approve the appointment of Paul Dorman as a board member on the Fremont County Board of Appeals with an August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2029, expiration date. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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5. **Amendment #2 CUP 07-003 Front Range Aggregates, Parkdale Pit**

Requesting to amend/remove two conditions of CUP 07-003, Resolution 23, Series of 2008, Recording #853418.

Representative: Phillip Courtney

**Mr. Courtney**, Land Manager with Martin Marietta Materials, was present to request an amendment for a Conditional Use Permit for the Parkdale Quarry. For the last six to eight months, the company has been reevaluating its business, including its revenue streams, and has unfortunately decided to stop producing aggregates. Their focus now is on moving the substantial amount of product that was already produced and is ready for shipment, since it won't need to be moved all at once, they do not need the railway. Condition R, which currently limits trucks' entries/exits to 48 total trips per day, which is just 24 trucks. The company is requesting a temporary amendment to the 120-truck-per-day limit. He explained that they have been in contact with CDOT and have contracted a traffic engineer to study the request, and that the engineer has provided a letter in support of the request. Condition S states that 85% of all products must

be shipped by railway, and since they are not producing and are just trying to move existing products, they are asking that this condition be amended to be removed.

**Commissioner Bell** asked what trucks they are primarily planning to use to move the product.

**Mr. Courtney** said they are primarily using tractor-trailers and smaller dump trucks.

**Commissioner McFall** explained that they would expect production to resume, depending on the market, and that they feel compelled to make this motion a temporary amendment rather than a permanent one. The fact is that, if or when production resumes, they will need 85% of the product shipped by rail.

**Mr. Courtney** said the company invested a substantial amount in the property and constantly reevaluates its business and operations, but he could not provide a foreseeable date. He also said that the amount of product the trucks can move would not justify reopening operations and that they would have to move it by rail.

**Commissioner Grantham** commented that he agrees with the previous commissioners' setting that the condition of moving product by railway applies, especially given the expectation of road closures and heavy traffic. He suggested consulting County Attorney Bellas to see if it's appropriate to add a 12-month review. The application clearly states that it has almost two years' worth of product on the site and that they plan to move it by truck.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said that, due to market conditions, the Parkdale Quarry will temporarily halt aggregate production and rail shipments. The site contains a significant amount of finished products that could be shipped to construction sites over the next two years. They are requesting 240 truck trips per day, with a maximum of 30 trips per hour. Condition R limits the number of truck trips hauling material from the mine to 48 per day. A trip is a single, one-directional vehicle movement in which either the origin or the destination exits or enters the subject property. These traffic volumes may be exceeded in the event of a non-routine request for materials or in emergency or extraordinary circumstances, not to exceed 6 days per year without prior approval from the board of county commissioners. Condition S requires that at least 85% of the material mined on the property be transported by railroad. The applicant submitted all requirements, the original resolutions, and amendments to the original approval letter. Director Victoria also stated that the department received a letter of support from the Colorado Department of Transportation but has not revised the access permit. He said the department recommends approval of the amendments to Resolution No. 23 of series 2008.

**County Attorney Bellas** explained that there are two ways to do it. One would be to put a suspension of operation on the current condition for a period. The other would be to suspend until production resumes.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve CUP 07-003 Front Range Aggregate at Parkdale Pit, a suspension of Condition S, which requires no less than 85% of the material shipped by rail, and a temporary change to Condition R, which raises the trip count to 240 trucks per day, a maximum of 30 per day, effective for two years from today's date. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED 9:30 a.m.**

**None.**

**Commissioner Bell** adjourned the meeting at 10:16 am.

To view the YouTube Video for the Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOBGAraDOBs>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners