

## **NINETEENTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on September 8<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.

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

### **INVOCATION**

Todd Luce from Grandview Christian 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 Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes / August 25, 2026
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,266,955.35
3. Schedule Public Hearing: None.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL**

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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. County Clerk's Monthly Report for July, Justin Grantham, County Clerk

**Clerk Grantham** presented the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which is available in full at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner McFall** moved to accept the County Clerk's monthly report for July 2026. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**County Administrator Carochi** announced the grand opening of the Fremont County Search and Rescue building later today; the commissioners will attend and have a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**County Administrator Carochi** gave the County Administrator Report, which is available in full at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

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. Kinship Care Proclamation  
Representatives from the Fremont County Department of Human Services:  
Steve Bergant, Jordan Gunter, Nicole Foraker

**Steve Bergant** recited the proclamation, which appears at the bottom of these minutes.

**Commissioner Bell** commented that Fremont County's Department of Human Services takes excellent care of the kids in Fremont County, and this program proves it. The numbers are astonishing, way higher than the state average, and clearly illustrate that everyone goes above and beyond. Commissioner Bell expressed immense gratitude.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to proclaim September 2026 as Kinship Month in Fremont County. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Security Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation  
Representatives: Brian Smith and Joseph Burton

**Commissioner Bell** recited the proclamation for Security Officer Appreciation Week, which appears at the bottom of these minutes.

**Mr. Smith** articulated the honor and appreciation to everyone for recognizing the commitment, professionalism, and sacrifice of security officers across our nation. He said security officers are often the first to arrive, the last to leave, and a steady presence that helps keep our workplaces, communities, and events safe. That everyday security officers face challenges that require sound judgment, patience, and integrity. He wanted to dedicate this recognition to his grandfather, who passed away in March; as Mr. Smit~~Smith~~ reflected on his grandfather's life, he felt even prouder. His grandfather served as a police officer for the Florence Police Department and moonlighted as a security officer. He demonstrated his understanding of and commitment to duty.

**Commissioner Bell** thanked Brian for his service and for going above and beyond to help people every day.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the proclamation naming Security Officer Appreciation Week September 20<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> of 2026. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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3. Requesting the issuance of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for  
CC & J Enterprises LLC dba Chelsey's at  
103 Broadway Unit 11, Penrose, CO 81240.  
Representative: James Hawks

**Mr. Hawks** said he wants to expand the Chelsey's brand, and this seemed like the logical next step; they intend to serve the same hamburgers and wings.

**BOCC Clerk Sammy Ryan** began the staff report by saying Mr. Hawks submitted the new liquor license as a hotel and restaurant on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. He submitted all supporting documents, including the background check, financial paperwork, and proof of legal possession of the premises. The location had a current liquor license, but the landlord and Mr. Hawks provided documents showing the property was abandoned, which voided the previous license and made this application a new license rather than a simple transfer. The Sheriff and Public Health reports were sent out on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, returning within 10 days, and both departments recommended approval. The file was then given to County Attorney Bellas on August 11<sup>th</sup>; after his thorough review, Attorney Bellas recommended approval. The applicant is then required to publish notification of the new license in the Daily Record at least 10 days before the meeting today. Proof was on August 26<sup>th</sup>, along with proof of the poster at the establishment to notify the public. After completing the application process, the Clerk's office recommends approval.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the issuance of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for CC & J Enterprises LLC dba Chelsey's at 103 Broadway, Unit 11 in Penrose. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**4. Amendment #1 CUP 11-001 Cañon Dolomite Quarry**

Requesting to amend a condition of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 11-001 Cañon Dolomite Quarry, Resolution 12, Series of 2012, Section K, Recording #894566. Amrize is requesting that the current truck traffic condition (Section K) be amended to include the “Annual Average Daily Traffic” verbiage as stated in the original CDOT approval.

Owner: Amrize West Central, Inc (f/k/a Holcim-WCR, Inc,) Location: 50814 US Highway 50, Canon City, CO 81212 Representative: Kurt Thurmman, Land Manager, Amrize

**Mr. Thurmman** said the amendment to CUP 11-001 requests an adjustment to Section K language for truck traffic to include the words average annual daily trips. He explained the language change reflects a recent surge in sales at this quarry. The quarry operates only a day or two each month. They are not proposing to operate more days, but to accommodate random surges during those days of operation so they can exceed the allotted 48 trips or 24 trucks a day.

**Commissioner Bell** asked Mr. Thurmman whether they anticipate any changes in the foreseeable future to operating only one to two days per month.

**Mr. Thurmman** answered no; it really depends on customer demand. Sometimes in December or January they do not open at all.

**Commissioner McFall** requested clarity on why they can't simply operate more days instead of operating just one or two days and requesting more trips in a day.

**John Themig, Area operations manager for Southern Colorado**, said the language limits them to 48 trips per day, whereas the state permit says an average of 48. Since they are only open for a couple of days a month, they would like to increase trips on those days so they do not exceed the permit limit.

**Commissioner McFall** agreed that what he said is factually true, but it opens the possibility that Amrize could not operate for two months, hit a sales surge, and then combine those averages to make 1,400 trucks in a day. That is where the concern lies with amending the verbiage to average, regardless of what they agree to today; that could happen in the future, and the commissioners are not willing to take that risk.

**Commissioner Bell** asked if they had that many truck trips to do in a day; the question would then change to why Amrize can't open operations four days a week.

**Mr. Themig** answered that even though they are doing sales, they are not exactly operating by crushing rock; on those days, they pull other workers to make these trips. Ultimately, when they are selling rock, those workers cannot perform their normal positions. The most they expect to need in a day is 50 trucks or 100 trips.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said Amrize is requesting the current truck traffic condition section K be amended to include annual average daily traffic verbiage as stated in the original CDOT approval. **Resolution No. 12 series of 2012** states in Section K that haul truck trips shall not exceed 48

trips per day and 10 employee trips. A trip is considered a single or one-direction vehicle movement with either the origin or destination exiting or entering inside the subject property. Colorado state highway access permit number 211052 states that annual average daily traffic volumes associated with the gravel quarry use shall not exceed 10 employee trips and 48 trips for hauling operations. These figures do not include trips generated by the single-family residence. This amendment to the existing conditions will provide Amrize more operational flexibility as market conditions continue to change and the material from the Canon Dolomite Quarry becomes more desirable across Fremont County. Currently, the pit operates from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Amrize submitted all required materials, and the Planning and Zoning staff thoroughly reviewed the application and recommended approval.

**Clerk Grantham** asked whether the employees' trip could remain the same, since the applicants stated they have extra employees on those days.

**Mr. Themig** answered no; the Canon City Quarry is directly South and connected by one of their private roads, so they do not need to use highway access.

**Commissioner Bell** asked County Attorney Bellas whether they must give a yes-or-no answer or whether the board is authorized to change the number.

**County Attorney Bellas** answered yes; they [the Commissioners](#) can approve the change with a new condition when changing conditions on a CUP.

**Commissioner Bell** proposed changing the verbiage to double the allowed number of trips instead of adding the word average.

**Mr. Themig** said they would accept the 96 trips a day because it would help, and considering Commissioner McFall's point, if more is needed, they can open and operate another day. He said he understands the concern with adding average; it just did not cross his mind before that as a possible interpretation.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the amendment for CUP 11-001 for Canon Dolomite Quarry to change the words from 48 trips per day to 96, which is 48 truckloads per day, and it still includes the original 10 trips for employees., [and excludes traffic generated by the nearby single-family residence.](#) Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**None.**

**Commissioner Bell** adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-q7OLqxOo9E&t=974s>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners