



# ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

## 2024

# FREMONT COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Dwayne McFall, Commissioner
- Allen Cooper, Sheriff
- Debbie Bell, Commissioner
- Randy Keller, Coroner
- Stacey Seifert, Assessor
- Justin Grantham, Clerk and Recorder
- Kevin Grantham, Commissioner
- Kathy Elliott, Treasurer and Public Trustee (not pictured)



# COMMISSIONER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ► Fremont County Beverage Concessions

- Due to a tremendous increase in events at Pathfinder Park Events Center with the closing of the Abbey Events Center, Fremont County chose to receive bids for vendor to provide alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage services inside the center. Contractor will have the responsibility to ensure beverage sales are provided at public events as required by the Pathfinder Park Event Center and will have the exclusive right to sell beverage services at meetings, private parties, and banquets. Gerry Meloni/Bar 409 LLC was selected.



Beverage Concessions

## ► Grandview Bridge Project

- The Grandview Ave. Bridge replacement project contract was awarded to Siete Inc., on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with a May 13<sup>th</sup> start date. The bridge construction was completed on 11/26/24. A Ribbon Cutting was held on November 27<sup>th</sup>.



Grandview Bridge

## ► RFP for Private Security

- Fremont County bid and selected a private security firm to provide comprehensive security services, including ensuring safety and security of County employees, visitors, and property for the Fremont County Administration Building, Garden Park Building, and the Department of Human Services. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, Advanced Professional Security (APS) was selected to provide security.



# COMMISSIONER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ▶ Veterans Day

- ▶ On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 30 Fremont County Veterans were honored with a proclamation and luncheon catered by Old Mission. We are very proud and honored to have so many Veterans who choose to work as public servants for our community.

## ▶ Website Change

- ▶ Fremont County changed our official Website to a .gov domain. The website, previously available at <https://www.fremontco.com>, is now available at <https://fremontcountyco.gov>. The .gov domain designates us as an official, credible government entity, and the .gov domain registrar offers additional security, on top of the security we already have. We will have all staff emails moved by December 2025.


## ▶ ARPA

- ▶ Fremont County received a total of \$9,292,165 in total ARPA funding. To date, Fremont County has obligated \$2,765,964.98 and spent \$6,525,200.02. Finalized allocations from ARPA funds that have been approved by the BOCC have signed MOUs in compliance with the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and must be completed before 12/31/2026.



Veterans  
Appreciation

# FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO, AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING


- ▶ Fremont County received \$9,292,165 in ARPA funding.
  - ▶ Fremont County Commissioners elected to declare the full amount as lost revenue and, therefore, the full award was eligible to be used for government services under the Treasury's Final Rule.
  - ▶ Any funds not spent by 12/31/2024 were required to be obligated to a project and under contract to be spent by 12/31/2026.
  - ▶ As of 12/31/2024 Fremont County has spent \$6,526,200.02 and obligated \$2,765,964.98.
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# COMMUNITY GRANTS

- ▶ Fremont County opened two grant opportunities in 2022 for small businesses, schools, religious organizations, and non-profit entities operating in Fremont County.
- ▶ Fremont County Financial Recovery Grant - This grant was for the reimbursement of loss of revenue caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. 26 entities were awarded a total of \$461,502.38 under this grant program.
- ▶ Fremont County Entity Expense Reimbursement Grant - This grant was for the reimbursement of COVID-19 expenditures. 14 entities were awarded a total of \$121,686.78 under this grant program.
- ▶ Fremont County awarded a total of \$583,189.16 in grant funds for both opportunities.

# SPECIAL DISTRICTS/ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- ▶ Special districts and non-profits were not eligible to receive direct ARPA funding from the Federal Government. Multiple special districts and non-profits reached out to Fremont County and requested ARPA funding for a variety of community projects. The Commissioners agreed to share its ARPA funds with special districts and non-profits.
  - ▶ Fremont County awarded a total of \$1,990,018.17 in funding to special districts and non-profits.
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# SPECIAL DISTRICTS/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

## Special Districts/Organizations

Florence Fire Protection Dist	\$ 225,278.74
Western Fremont Fire Prot. Dist	\$ 21,830.60
Canon City Fire Prot. Dist	\$ 300,000.00
Deer Mountain	\$ 35,505.60
Park Center Water -Reimbursement	\$ 30,000.00
Canon City Rec and Park Dist	\$ 300,000.00
Fremont Sanitation	\$ 338,880.00
Golden Age- Computers	\$ 6,129.90
FEDC- Grant Match	\$ 77,073.00
Howard Vol Fire Dept	\$ 155,294.00
RE-2 Backpack Program- Paid to Big D's	\$ 6,000.00
Senior Services Solutions Plus	\$ 21,150.00
Tallahassee Fire Protection Dist	\$ 54,963.33
4H- Bounce Houses for Fair Board	\$ 4,500.00
Gold Belt Byway	\$ 5,000.00
Park Center Water- Valve Replacement	\$ 60,000.00
Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance	\$ 100,000.00
Fremont Center of the Arts	\$ 100,000.00
Rialto Theater	\$ 100,000.00
Penrose Parks and Rec	\$ 48,413.00
	<b>\$ 1,990,018.17</b>




**Cañon City Area Parks and Rec District Rouse Park Improvement Project**  
(Photo courtesy of Carie Canterbury/Daily Record)



**Florence Fire Protection District**



# COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

- ▶ Fremont County elected officials and department heads were asked how ARPA funds could be utilized to help their departments.
  - ▶ Funds were allocated for a variety of department projects.
  - ▶ \$6,718,957.67 was spent/obligated for county department projects.
  - ▶ Funds were utilized for purchases that departments have not historically been able to include in their budget and for much-needed building upgrades.
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# COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

## County Departments

Admin	\$	944,732.10
Airport	\$	1,372,050.59
Building	\$	22,233.01
DOT	\$	102,180.00
Facilities	\$	784,770.45
IT	\$	205,221.17
IT Offices/Breakroom	\$	37,056.97
Emergency Management	\$	240,180.79
Planning and Zoning	\$	8,832.00
Pathfinder	\$	1,072,664.96
Veteran War Memorial	\$	100,811.90
Weed	\$	85,863.00
Assessor	\$	64,625.95
Clerk	\$	142,949.78
Coroner	\$	119,340.62
Public Health	\$	28,485.00
Sheriff	\$	1,357,174.15
Treasurer	\$	29,785.23
	\$	6,718,957.67



**Veterans War Memorial**



**Pathfinder Park Playground**



**Airport Vehicle**



**DHS Air Duct Cleaning**

# EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

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Tracy Breeding, Detention Deputy

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Evelyn Campbell, Supervisory Custodian

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Kevin Cavalier, IT Technician

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Joshua Clark, Maintenance Worker

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Sydney Danielson, Office Assistant

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Dotty Gardunio, Chief Deputy Clerk

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Loni Hudnall, Appraiser

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Indira Lottig, Custodian

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Berta Newell, Deputy Clerk

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Bailey Owen, Administrative Sergeant

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Lenny Saint, IT Lead Specialist

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Jacquelyn Wilner, Caseworker Lead

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AND THE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR IS.....  
TRACY BREEDING, DETENTION DEPUTY



CONGRATULATIONS!

# Fremont County, Colorado

## Summary of Funds

### 2024 Adopted Budget

Fund Name	2024 Budget Beginning Balance	2024 Budget Revenues	2024 Budget Available	2024 Budget Expenditures	2024 Budget Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 10,351,283.00	\$ 15,925,282.00	\$ 26,276,565.00	\$ 19,573,554.00	\$ 6,703,011.00
Sheriff Fund	2,746,502.00	11,081,202.00	13,827,704.00	13,038,393.00	\$ 789,311.00
Road and Bridge Fund	2,179,698.00	5,034,767.00	7,214,465.00	5,938,963.00	\$ 1,275,502.00
Fair Board	14,446.00	60,400.00	74,846.00	74,800.00	\$ 46.00
Department of Health Fund	1,263,940.00	1,404,523.00	2,668,463.00	1,620,075.00	\$ 1,048,388.00
Livestock Sale Committee	32,280.00	161,571.85	193,851.85	189,300.00	\$ 4,551.85
Waste Disposal Fund	163,073.00	90,000.00	253,073.00	105,220.00	\$ 147,853.00
County Lodging Tax Fund	285,272.00	355,000.00	640,272.00	355,000.00	\$ 285,272.00
Airport Fund	496,234.00	1,159,394.00	1,655,628.00	1,265,736.00	\$ 389,892.00
Capital Expenditures Fund	31,014.00	7,377,728.00	7,408,742.00	6,846,048.00	\$ 562,694.00
Public Building & Maintenance Fund	153,424.00	250,000.00	403,424.00	250,000.00	\$ 153,424.00
PILT Fund	992,489.00	1,291,571.00	2,284,060.00	1,375,000.00	\$ 909,060.00
Sales & Use Tax Fund	4,163,654.00	-	4,163,654.00	-	\$ 4,163,654.00
Conservation Trust Fund	715,035.00	202,500.00	917,535.00	189,938.00	\$ 727,597.00
Marijuana Enforcement Fund	-	42,110.00	42,110.00	42,110.00	\$ -
Noxious Weed Control Fund	114,539.00	190,000.00	304,539.00	250,460.00	\$ 54,079.00
Restricted Funds	574,355.00	287,608.00	861,963.00	419,000.00	\$ 442,963.00
Department of Social Services	2,852,236.00	10,528,186.00	13,380,422.00	10,664,465.00	\$ 2,715,957.00
Total	\$ 27,129,474.00	\$ 55,441,842.85	\$ 82,571,316.85	\$ 62,198,062.00	\$ 20,373,254.85





# FREMONT COUNTY AIRPORT

Wes Brandt, Airport Manager

# FREMONT COUNTY AIRPORT

## 2024 FUEL STATISTICS

Type	Gallons
AVGAS	36,134
JET+ADD	29,174
Total	65,308

- ▶ 514 Full-Service Fuelings
- ▶ 1424 Self-Serve Transactions (61% increase)
- ▶ 87 Based Aircraft
- ▶ 8 Helicopters during Oak Ridge Fire

# FREMONT COUNTY AIRPORT

- ▶ Acquired 2 Snowplows
- ▶ Seal Coat of Runway, Taxiways, and Ramp
- ▶ Installed ADS-B Tracking System
- ▶ Annual Fly-In & Drive-In





# FREMONT COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024

WYATT SANDERS, BUILDING OFFICIAL

## PERMITS ISSUED

- 1347 building permits
  - 81 New stick-frame single family dwellings
  - 22 manufactured homes
  - 9 commercial structures
  - 1235 additions, accessory buildings, roofs, siding, etc.
  - 1 agricultural permits
  - 17 demolition permits
- 179 septic permits
  - 123 new systems
  - 33 repairs
  - 15 renewals
  - 8 chemical toilets

➤ Total Construction Valuation of Issued Permits in 2024 - \$43,512,951.64

## Inspections

2 Inspectors  
2,389 Inspections  
30,903 Miles of travel



## Board of Appeals

0 Appeals filed  
3 Mandatory meetings held

### The Board consists of

5 Regular members  
1 Alternate

### Other Activities

19 Stop Work Orders / Violations  
521 Residential and Commercial Plan reviews completed  
240 Licensed Contractors  
117 general / 123 specific trades



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT FINANCIALS

- The *approved budget* for 2024 was \$482,496.

As of December 31, 2024, department expenditures for the year totaled \$364,184.

- Total *revenue generated* by the Building Department for 2024 was \$573,318. This figure represents combined permit fees, re-inspection fees, MHIP program fees, contractor's licenses, commercial plan review fees, etc. This figure is \$90,822 more than our approved budget and is \$209,134 more than our estimated expenditures.
- Our annual deposits also include the following: Fire District Impact Fees \$3,040; State of Colorado Septic Surcharge \$3,588 for a combined grand total of \$579,946







**FREMONT COUNTY**  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

## CSU EXTENSION OFFICE

**Julianne Dinkel, Extension Director**

### **EXTENSION OFFICE TEAM**

- **JULIANNE DINKEL- EXTENSION DIRECTOR, 4-H/FCS**
- **KELSEY STORY– AG/NATURAL RESOURCES/4-H**
- **KASSY BARRY-TRACY– 4-H PROGRAM COORDINATOR**
- **THERESA CLUBB – OFFICE MANAGER**
- **JENN STEWART – .6 FTE EXTENSION PROGRAM FACILITATOR**

## 35+ Annual 4-H Events:

- Discovery Day - 250+ attended, 98 youth
- 4-H Enrollment Nights
- New Family Orientations
- Welcome to 4-H/Discover 4-H project meetings
- Leader Training
- Officer Training
- Record Book Work Night
- 4-H Contests
- Gardening Mini Camp
- Shotgun Mini Camp
- Cooking Mini Camp
- Vet Science Mini Camp
- Entomology Mini Camp
- Summer Day Camp
- Fremont County Fair
- State Fair
- Achievement Program
- Fair Concessions Fundraiser - \$10,000
- Craft Fair Fundraiser - \$5000
- Countywide Bowling Night
- Countywide Swimming Night
- 4-H Council
- State & Regional Camps - CLC, LDC, DTBY, State Conference, Youth Fest

## 2024 4-H HIGHLIGHTS

### 4-H by the Numbers:

- **14 Clubs**
- **81 Volunteers**
- **181 members**
- **97% of members completed**
- **73 new members, 57 finished 2024**
- **Currently 224 members enrolled for 2025**

### Volunteer Led Activities:

- Club Meetings
- Community Service
- Project Meetings/Practices
  - Foods
  - Poultry & Rabbits
  - Cake Decorating
  - Leatherwork
  - Shooting Sports
  - Dog
  - Horse
  - Goat/Sheep



## **Agriculture/Natural Resources/Horticulture**



### ▶ **Master Gardener Coordination**

17 total volunteers

3 new apprentices

57 Educational Consultations

### ▶ 11 workshops held

### ▶ **Livestock Judging Team** in partnership with FFA

### ▶ **Embryology** in reaching 11 groups in 5 schools

### ▶ **Partner with Emergency Management for ESF #11 Planning**

## **Family and Consumer Sciences**

(Health, Food Safety, Money Management)

**Health Rocks** – Substance Abuse prevention program building protective factors - 331 youth reached

**ServSafe** – 27/28 earned Food Safety Manager Certification

**AARP Free Tax Preparation**  
303 people served, 229 returns completed, saved taxpayers estimated **\$50,380** in preparation fees

**Nutrition programming** at Harrison Elementary School for 148 students

**Living On My Own Financial Simulation** - 187 youth reached

## **2024 Fremont County Fair**



- Great turnout for the 100<sup>th</sup> year!
- CPRA held for 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Successful Family Day!
- 174 4-H'ers in the Fair
- Record Livestock Sale! Over \$250,000

## **2024 Educational Contacts:**

**Consultation Contacts:**  
**326**

**Classes/ Workshops Held:**  
**199**

**Class Contacts:**  
**4734**


### **Hired and Onboarded**

- Office Manager
- 1 part time program facilitator
- 1 AmeriCorps Member
- New .5 FTE Extension Program Facilitator Position


# FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

BARRY ACTON  
DIRECTOR



- Participated in PCC Job Fair
  - Participated in Blue Ribbon Photo along with many community partners
  - Purchased new DHS SUV
  - Child Support ended the year with meeting all 4 of the C-Stat Measures
  - Eligibility is under the C-Stat threshold for SNAP error cases
  - 81% of all initial placements in Child Welfare were with relatives
  - Participated in Safety Jam event
  - Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Craft Fair
  - Participated in CCHS Self Expo Event
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- Staff donated over 1,000 school supply items to local schools
  - Hosted and organized Block Party for surrounding partners
  - Participated in Fall Harvest Festival at Starpoint
  - Hosted 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Trick-or-Treat event for staff children
  - Staff participated in annual Art Show at the department
  - Celebrated National Adoption Day with 4 adoptions
  - Celebrated Veterans with Luncheon and certificates
  - Staff participated in CCHS Pathways presentation & Intern Job Fair
  - Participated in the Senior Fair
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# FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)



# **DOT ROAD MAINTENANCE**

## **SUMMARY**

### **Chip Seal Projects:**

- CR 2 (28000 to 30700)
- CR 28 (2000 to 4000)
  - Indiana (1100)
- North (0700 to 1000)
  - Riley Dr (1600)
  - Riley Ct (1640)
- Locust St (1100-1200)
  - Locust Dr (1400)
  - Hickory (1400)

### **Cattle guards:**

Cleaned & repaired as needed

### **Chip Seal w/level Projects:**

- Kendalwood (1200-2500)
- Northwood (1200)
- M St (1500-1800)

### **Culverts:**

CR 67 (5000)  
CR 67 (6000)  
CR 67 (10500)  
CR 67 (14500)  
CR 67 (20500)

Misc culverts as needed

### **Dust Suppressant:**

CR66/ CR277/  
CR143/CR80/CR77/Cedar/  
4-Mile Lane  
Indiana/Melvina/CR84/CR  
127/Cedar Hills/  
CR132/CR106/CR19/CR10  
3/CR19/CR49/CR7/CR45/  
CR46/CR47/CR4/Holiday  
Hills/FoxCreek/CR6/CR40/  
CR27A/CR28/CR29/CR31/  
CR61/CR2/CR21

Graveled various roads as  
needed.

# **DOT FLEET SERVICES**

**1,664 Days without Time  
Loss Due To Injury**

## **Vehicles added:**

- (40) – DOT
- (3) – Sheriff
- (2) – Airport
- (3) - Administration
- (1) – EHS
- (2) - OEM
- (2) - Weed

## **Vehicles Disposed:**

- (3) DOT unit (2 sold; 2 donated)
- (7) Sheriff unit (5 sold; 2 donated)
- (6) Admin (4 sold; 2 transferred)
- (1) Weed (sold)

## **Fleet Shop Repair & Maintenance Hours:**

- DOT: 2,635.5
- Sheriff: 863.5
- Administration: 163.5
- Airport: 100.5
- DHS: 41
- EHS: 3
- Clerk & Recorder: 0
- Parks: 34

**Total Cost of R&M: \$539,660.50**

## **Insurance Claims:**

- (1) DOT (barn roof)
- (3) Sheriff (2 accidents/1 hail damage)

# FREMONT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MYKEL KROLL, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR & PIO





- Fremont County Cyberattack presentations assisting local agencies, CISA, DHS, Military, counties and municipalities around the state and across the country with cyberattack response, support, and best practices.
- Assisted with county and statewide all-hazard events such as wildland fires, floods, power outages, hazardous materials events and critical traffic incidents. Increased fire mitigating chipping operations.
- Secured funding for a Polaris Ranger, Fire/EMS Skid, trailer, and tracks to assist agencies, citizens and visitors. Completed two rescues saving four adults, three kids, one baby girl, and three dogs in a six-day time span with this equipment that is unique to Fremont County Emergency Management in Fremont County.
- Return To Nature Disaster Recovery.
- Coordination and planning with all Fire, Law, EMS, St. Thomas More Hospital, care facilities, schools, local government, State and Federal agencies, and CSP Hazmat for training, communications, and exercises to prepare and respond to all-hazard emergencies in Fremont County.
- Increased the Secure Transport Licensing Program and created the new Ambulance Approval to operate program.
- Conducted FIRE WISE and community preparedness events throughout the county all year long.
- Fremont County Safety Jam, National Night Out, Safety Town, and many community outreach events to promote citizen preparedness.
- Completed the Fremont County Emergency Operations Plan update.
- Host all-hazard meetings, classes, workshops and trainings. Attended and prepared, trainings, classes, workshops, tabletop exercises, and functional exercises.
- Coordination with Fremont County, CISA, FBI, Secret Service and other local agencies to prevent and mitigate cyber issues.
- Improved remote emergency communications and connectivity capabilities with a mini-Compact Rapid Deployable unit.
- Supported the November blizzard efforts in the South All-Hazard Region.
- Assisted and supported American Red Cross with disaster assistance for Fremont County residents in need, especially in cases of structure fires.
- Assisting and supporting in planning, facilitating, and coordinating DHSEM and Fort Carson with cyberattack based exercises.
- Continuing to secure grants for equipment and supplies for all-hazards emergency response support.



# FREMONT COUNTY FACILITIES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024

ERIK SEBEK, FORMER FACILITIES DIRECTOR

## PROJECTS:

Long Project: New Building Automation System for HVAC controls in the Administration Building, Garden Park, Sheriff's Office, and DHS.

Long Project: Reprogram/Install new software for Administration Building and Garden Park.

Freedom Air: Replace/Relocate new chiller on administrative side only of Sheriff's Office.

HPE Project: Install 5 new condenser coils at Courthouse.

Vendetta Roofing Project: Replace all roofs at Courthouse.

Mountain Man Construction: Pour new apron and fix sidewalks at Administration Building.

Mountain Man Construction: Pour new pads for extra stadium seating at Pathfinder.



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### **PROJECTS CONTINUED:**

In-House: Build fence/install playground at Pathfinder.

In-House - JD Welders: Relocate and expand upon crow's nest at Pathfinder.

McCandless Glass: Tint windows green around Administration Building.

In-House: Install 2 condensers, indoor coils at Garden Park.

In-House: Install 2 large HVAC compressors on RTU for Courthouse.



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### **ONGOING PROJECTS:**

Abatement of carpet at Administration Building.

Install new carpet at Administration Building.

Remove and install new carpet on first floor of Judicial Building.

Remove and install new carpet at DHS.



KEITH BERRY, GIS MANAGER

## 2024 GIS PROJECTS

### **E911 – Tyler Upgrade – Dispatch**

- Updated Address Points
  - Geolocated to structure on property
  - Geocoded all address points to road centerlines
- Updated Road Centerlines
  - Added speed limits
  - Added weight restrictions
  - Added height restrictions
  - Added address ranges per segment
  - Digitized divided highways
- Updated layout and mapping view for dispatchers
- Printed wall maps for Dispatch Center
- Updated Fire district boundaries
- Updated EMS district boundaries
- Updated Law Enforcement boundaries
- Went Live in May 2024

### **Office Remodel**

- Asbestos Abatement
- New Carpet and new paint
- Removed back storage wall
- Installed new desks
- Updated electrical outlets
- Installed new internet cables

### **Backup**

- Purchased 48 TB Synology
- Created on-site backup of both servers
- Setup Process for off-site backups

### **Website**

- Working on ADA compliance
- Created on-site backup of website
- Updated version of Drupal
- Updated SQL version for compatibility

### **ArcGIS Pro Migration**

- Planning and Zoning office
- GIS Authority
- Fremont Sanitation
- Planning Assessors' office migration
- Planning FCDOT migration
- Planning Parcel Fabric migration



## 2024 GIS PROJECTS

### **ArcGIS Enterprise**

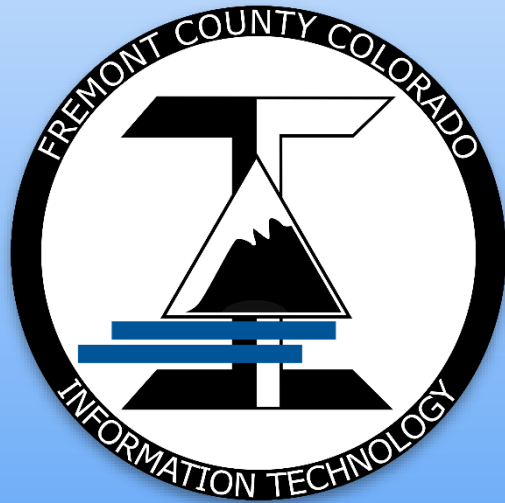
- Web Mapping Applications
  - Created new Zoning Web Mapping App
  - Improved the Functionality of the Maps
  - Added new tools and widgets to Maps
  - Improved Authority Gallery of Maps
  - Created Sanitation map
  - Created OEM Map
  - Created roads Map
  - Created hazards Map

### **ArcGIS Online**

- Web Mapping Applications
  - Created new Zoning Web Mapping App
  - Improved the Functionality of the Map
  - Added new tools and widgets to mapping app
  - Created County Arc Online Gallery of Maps
  - Building Collaboration of ArcGIS Online

### **2024 By the Numbers**


- 24,166 Fremont County Address Points
- 28,671 Fremont County Parcels
- 2,410 Fremont County Subdivisions
- 1,864 Fremont County Fire Hydrants
- 1,533 Fremont County square miles in size
- 13,110 Fremont County Highest Point in feet
- 49,939 Fremont County Residents – census 2020



# FREMONT COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Lisa Hall, IT Administrator

# IT KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Upgrade and Expand Wireless Network
  - Tyler Public Safety Deployment for Sheriff's Office
  - Accessibility H21 Bill; Implementation for Website
  - Implementing .GOV domain for Website and Email
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# IT KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Moved to much larger office space Admin Building LL10
- Hired a Cybersecurity Specialist
- Hired a Network Specialist
- Built a Ticketing System for IT and Maintenance requests
- Hired an Office Assistant

## Focus of Budgeted Projects:

- Network and Firewall Upgrades
  - Multifactor Authentication Implementation
  - Telephone System Upgrades
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# FREMONT COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING

**Dan Victoria, Director**



# PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, LICENSES, REVIEWS 2024

Type	Amount	Type	Amount	Type	Amount
Zoning Verifications	86	Zoning Compliance	353	Annual reviews	96
Conditional Use Permits	0	Special Review Uses	1	Commercial Development Plans	0
Tower Collocations	5	Temporary Use Permits	17	Home Occupations	1
Non-Conforming Permits	4	Boundary Line Adjustment	3	Lot Line Adjustment	4
Vacation of Interior Lot Line	4	Subdivision exemption	0	Regulation Amendments	FCZR, 2 amendments to Subdivision Regulations
Minor Subdivisions	4	Preliminary Plats	0	Final Plats	0
Zone Changes	1	Accessory Dwelling Units	4	Extended Plant Count Permits	0
Care Giver Registrations	0	OPC Renewals	7	MMC Renewals	1
Vacation Public Right of Way	0	New OPC's	0	New MMC's	0
BOZA	3	Modification of Premises	0	Closed OPC's	0

Project Type	Fees	Project Type	Fees
Zoning & Subdivision	\$43,975.00	Marijuana	\$45,000.00
Kennels	\$400.00	Copies	\$0.00
Addressing	\$8,600.00		
Access Permits	\$2,365.00	TOTAL	\$100,340.00



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Case / 2024 Open	Code Case / Total Active	Case Range (Years)	Helping Hands/ Dumpsters	Helping Hands Budget	Clean ups
33	103	2017-2024	25	\$60,000.00	0
Code Case / 2024 Closed	Code Case / Total Closed		Cost	Additional Costs	Helping Hands Total Cost
14	64		\$8,369.00	\$2,402.50	\$10,771.50

Address	County Maintained	Non-County Maintained	Changed Address's	Total Issued	
	38	70	20	108	
Inspections	New	Annual	Kennels	Total Inspections	Code Violation Inspections
	70	96	7	179	483

# Pathfinder Park Events Center

Jeramy McNeely, Director





Held more than 400 events in 2024 including USTRC Team Roping, Fremont County Fair, and Colorado Outdoorsman Days

Estimated 30,852 total attendance

Website – 14,400 views

Facebook – 9.4K views

# FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT



**PAULA BUSER, DIRECTOR**



## CLINIC SERVICES:

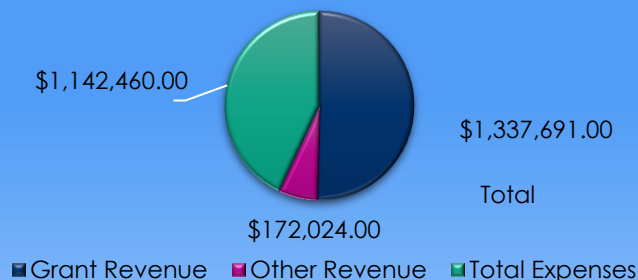
- 14% Increase in unduplicated clients served
- 1,595 Client service contacts
- 1,726 Immunizations administered
- 24 Off-site flu clinics (**tripled from 2023**)
- 157 TB tests administered
- 54 Lead tests administered
- 97 HIV/Hepatitis C screenings
- 39 STI Binx Boxes distributed
- 155 Sharps containers distributed
- Providing Childcare Health Consultant Services to Early HeadStart and Starpoint



## FUNDING & OPERATIONS:

- 13 Grants = 89% Grant Funded
- Secured extra \$250,000 in competitive funding
- Total Revenue = \$1,509,715
- Total Expenses = \$1,142,460
- Local Opioid funding to date = \$238,467

### 2024 Revenue vs Expenses



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MORE:

- Hired 3 new staff members
- 5,100 Social media followers
- 27,200 Social media reach
- Attended RE-1, RE-2 and RE-3 staff kickoff events
- Participated in County Fair Family Day
- Multiple community events reaching thousands of residents
- Implemented Dose of Hope Naloxone Access Program
- Contributed to safe prom and senior funfest events
- 153 Reach Out and Read books distributed



## \$480,000 Grant Funding To Support:

- Tobacco education, prevention and cessation programs (STEPP)
- Substance abuse prevention and education programs (SBLOCK)
- Community based impaired driving prevention programs (PDD)
- Funded healthy choices curriculums at Boys & Girls Club, 4-H and RE-1, RE-2
- Hosted Community Impaired Driving Data Walk
- Created Safe Electronic Vape Disposal Guidance for school districts
- Responded to Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act (CCIAA) complaints





## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

### **\*Environmental Health Specialist Performed 354 Inspections\***

#### Retail Food Establishments: 244 Establishments

- 218 Routine inspections, 25 Re-inspections
- 8 Complaint inspections
- 15 Pre-operational inspections, consults and interventions
- 18 Non-Foodborne Illness complaints
- 23 Retail food plan reviews, 5 change of ownerships
- 195 RFE license renewals sent, 36 new licenses

#### School Inspections: 13 Facilities

- 5 High risk, 3 Follow-up

#### Child Care Inspections: 21 Facilities

- 17 Routine
- 2 Follow up, 5 Preoperational

#### Body Art Inspections: 11 Facilities

- 10 Routine
- 2 Preoperational, 2 Complaints

#### Additional Complaint Follow Up:

- 18 Retail food non-foodborne illness
- 11 Other environmental health related

#### Temporary/Special Event Food Establishments:

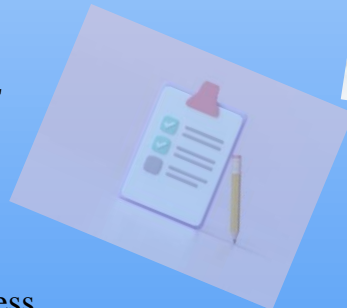
- 7 Fremont County licensed temporary event vendors
- 26 Temporary event inspections

#### Other:

- Certified Proctor for StateFoodSafety Food Protection Manager Exam
- Proctored 8 exam sessions, 94% pass rate
- Certified Lead Inspector – Participated in local lead home investigation

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Completed routine communicable disease surveillance
- Participated in South Region Healthcare Coalition
- Implemented new EpiTrax surveillance platform



## VITAL RECORDS:

- 1,175 Birth Certificates
- 4,579 Death Certificates
- Upgraded certificates processing system
- Long Time Vital Records Clerk Retirement





# FREMONT COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE





# Fremont Search and Rescue

Professional Search and Rescue Team. Non-Profit 501 (c) 3, established in 1969. Provides Search and Rescue within and around Fremont County, free of charge, through cooperation with the Sheriff's Office.

Obtained Reaccreditation from MRA last year, 1 of only 12 SAR organizations in Colorado to do so.

Team Size: 23 members

Team members are involved in General Search and Rescue, Technical Ropes, K9 Search, Alpine, Swift Water Rescue, and Tracking

2024 missions, YTD: 27 (annual average) From lost or injured hikers, injured ATV riders, dementia patient walk aways, incidents along the river and missions in the high elevations.

- Spring snowstorm: 5 missions in 2 days
- Assisted Chaffee County South on high profile search on Mt. Shavano. (Made national news)
- 5 ATV missions



## 2024 Challenges and Solutions:

- Updated aging ATV/Side-by-Side fleet. Acquired 2 newer (used) ATVs from Routt County; received grant funding to replace 1 of 2 side-by-sides
- Old computers and printers were running on Windows 7. SAR received a Kyle Clark Grant to purchase new laptops and printers. Added a StarLink system for comms in remote areas within the County through a separate grant.
- Conducted joint technical ropes/high angle training with CCFD, and Joint K9 training with El Paso County SAR and Custer County SAR.
- Through retirements, we lost a few experienced SAR Team members. Actively recruiting new members.

Personnel hours to date in 2024. Total: 6,278

- Missions: 743
- Training: 2813
- Events and Other 1,881



Participated in National Night Out, Hug a Tree education program, Christmas Parade, Annual Trivia Night fundraiser, CSAR, EMS Council, NASAR, Whitewater Festival, and Safety Jam.

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Allen Cooper, Sheriff



Derek Irvine, Undersheriff

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:**

### **Concealed handgun permits:**

- **Processed 321 new permits and 339 renewals**
- **Denied four, 1discretionary, 2 restraining order, 1 mental health**
- **Revoked 2, 1 for arrest, 1 for restraining order violation**

### **Civil Division:**

- **Processed 1,046 Civil papers**
- **Served 9 Civil subpoenas**
- **Served 24 DA subpoenas**
- **Retrieved 3 license plates**
- **Served 156 Protection orders**
- **Served 51 Writs-Evictions**

### **Drug Evidence:**

- **632 grams Methamphetamine seized**
- **125.92 grams Fentanyl powder seized**
- **3990 Fentanyl blue tablets seized**
- **24.6 grams black tar heroin seized**
- **5.7 grams heroin seized**
- **65 strips of Suboxone seized**
- **66.63 grams Cocaine seized**
- **64.15 grams mushrooms seized**
- **43.3 grams Hashish seized**
- **12 loaded syringes seized**

### **Patrol Division, Traffic:**

- **Conducted 14 targeted operations resulting in 208 stops**
- **Conducted 282 stops on patrol**
- **Investigated 3 fatal or serious traffic accidents**
- **Recovered 24 stolen vehicles with an approximate value of \$249,700**
- **Conducted 31 investigations resulting in 15 cases, 8 of which were Chop Shops**

### **Investigations:**

- **Initiated 165 cases in 2024 resulting in 61 arrests**
- **Of these investigations, 34 were sexual assaults on a child, 15 sexual assaults, 17 sexual exploitation, 5 homicide/suspicious deaths, 15 deaths, other and 7 child abuse cases.**
- **Clearance rate was 73% with 1% of the cases deemed inactive.**

### **Detentions:**

- **Booked in 1,453 individuals and processed out 2542 individuals**
- **There were 15 uses of force in the detention center in 2024**

### **Transports:**

- **Transport Division logged over 50,000 miles with no accidents.**
- **Transports completed 18 extraditions**

### **Courthouse Security:**

- **Deputies made 21 felony and 68 misdemeanor arrests at the courthouse.**
- **Seized 421 knives, 2 handguns, 722 vapes, 52 pepper sprays and 11 blunt instruments.**
- **Deputies screened 54,898 individuals into the courthouse in 2024.**



# **FREMONT COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE**

**MARTY PEEK  
VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER**

**TRICIA HILL  
VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER**

# 2024 VETERAN SERVICES OFFICE BY THE NUMBERS

- Completed 2,849 telephone calls and voicemails
- Conducted 1,686 office visits and appointments
- Participated in 150 outreaches (home visits and meetings)
- Processed a large volume of federal government and Veterans Administration forms





# FREMONT COUNTY WEED MANAGEMENT

Brittany Pierce, Noxious Weed Director



Landowners attended a weed walk to educate the public on identifying and controlling noxious weeds.



Elongated mustard aerial application in Wellsville, CO. Recovered 15 acres of land infested with List A species and over 2,500 gross acres covered.



NEW- Can-Am Defender spraying unit acquired for the coming season



25 biocontrols were released on private and public lands, controlling 6 species of noxious weeds.





### Outreach Events

- ✓ Custer County Lunch and Learn
- ✓ Home & Garden Show
- ✓ Play, Clean, Go Boot Brush Kiosks along Riverwalk
- ✓ Weed Walk in El Paso County

- ✓ Pesticide Applicator Training /Conference with Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area (UACWMA)

Area of Treatment	Acres Treated	Gross Acres
52 Landowners	46	2,600
Fremont DOT	27	250
BLM	26	4,900
City of Canon City	13	4,000
City of Florence	2	100
Fremont County	16	100
CDOT	9	4,419
Biocontrol releases	28	200
Custer County	49	1,500
Contracted & other applications	80	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>18,069</b>
<b>296 acres were recovered!</b>	<b>Over 18,000 gross acres covered</b>	



### Removal of select List A species:

- ✓ Japanese knotweed
- ✓ Elongated mustard
- ✓ Myrtle spurge (pictured above)

THANK YOU,  
FREMONT  
COUNTY, FOR  
ANOTHER  
GREAT YEAR!

