

ELEVENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on May 25, 2021, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Dwayne McFall called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Oliver	Deputy Clerk & Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Sunny Bryant	County Manager	Present
Sean Garrett	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Grant Adkisson, Canyon Cowboy Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / May 11, 2021
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,459,779.42
3. Approval of State of Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Ground Lease FY22 w/ Option
4. Approval of Resolution #24, Series of 2021 for ZC 21-001 Self
5. Approval of Resolution #25, Series of 2021 for SRU 20-004 All Purpose Landscaping
6. Approval of Assignment of BLM Right-of-Way to Sangre de Cristo Electric Association, Inc.
7. Schedule Public Hearings: None.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Staff / Elected Officials:
 - a. County Clerk's Monthly Report

Deputy Clerk & Recorder Debbie Oliver gave the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner Bell moved to accept the County Clerk's Monthly Report. **Commissioner Grantham** seconded the motion. Upon Vote: **Commissioner Bell**, aye; **Commissioner Grantham**, aye; **Commissioner McFall**, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

b. County Manager Report, Sunny Bryant, County Manager

County Manager Bryant gave the County Manager Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontco.com.

c. Sales & Use Tax Report, Sunny Bryant, County Manager

County Manager Bryant gave the Sales & Use Tax Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner McFall remarked on the high sales tax number that **County Manager Bryant** talked about in the report.

County Manager Bryant agreed that the numbers are huge.

Commissioner McFall addressed his interest in finding the cause of the high sales tax.

Commissioner Grantham thanked **County Manager Bryant** for her work. He discussed altered spending habits due to the effects of Covid-19 and anticipated that the collection of sales and use tax may be high but local retailers may see adverse results.

d. Public Health Update, Kayla Marler, Director

Director of Fremont County Public Health and Environment (FCDPHE) Kayla Marler gave the County Public Health Update and listed Fremont County Covid-19-related figures as follows: 80 active cases, 20 active hospitalizations, FCDPHE has administered 12,265 doses, Fremont County has provided a total of 27,371 vaccinations, and MAKO has tested 17,090 individuals. She added that the number of people getting tested is beginning to decline. **Director Marler** spoke about the 139 doses that the Colorado Mobile Unit provided within Fremont County last week.

Commissioner McFall asked **Director Marler** how long MAKO will stay for testing.

Director Marler explained that MAKO is contracted until June 30th and added that the CDPHE is going to identify regularly active testing sites within the county, each of which will keep MAKO onsite for about three months.

Commissioner McFall asked **Director Marler** whether individuals can go to the Health Department to get vaccinated.

Director Marler replied that people can continue to get vaccinated at the Health Department. To contact the Health Department call (719) 276-7450.

Commissioner Bell thanked **Director Marler**, her staff, and MAKO.

Commissioner Grantham asked **Director Marler** how the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and Department of Corrections (DOC) numbers fit into the figure for total administered doses in Fremont County.

Director Marler discussed how CDPHE had told the BOP and DOC to utilize the facilities' addresses for inmate testing numbers. She said that now, even though inmates are using their residential addresses when signing up for vaccinations, the County is not receiving credit for any vaccine distributed to BOP and DOC because the inmates are counted in the County's population.

Commissioner Grantham said this has a negative effect on the County.

Director Marler noted that the figures that CDPHE shows for Fremont County are inaccurate and has asked the State to remove the data on vaccinations since it is incorrect. The State has not agreed to remove the numbers so they have scheduled a meeting to discuss the matter on Thursday. She detailed that citizens are using local vaccination statistics to decide whether to get their children vaccinated.

Commissioner Grantham thanked Director Marler for her explanation.

Commissioner McFall reiterated that there will be a meeting with the CDPHE on Thursday to hopefully correct the data.

Commissioner Bell spoke about the purpose of Memorial Day in America. She said it was originally known as Decoration Day, and was prompted by the end of the American Civil War. She noted that every Memorial Day at 3:00 p.m. there is a national hour of remembrance and wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.

Commissioner Grantham elaborated on Commissioner Bell's message and mentioned the veteran memorials in Greenwood Cemetery, including Union and Confederate sections. He noted the presence of a veteran from the War of 1812 in Greenwood Cemetery.

Commissioner McFall touched on Arkansas River safety and mentioned lifejackets available for temporary use at Centennial Park.

2. Citizens who wish to address the Commissioners on a matter not scheduled on the agenda.
 - a. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Luke McIntosh to the Fremont County Airport Advisory Board to fill a vacancy with a term ending October 1, 2022

Commissioner Grantham said Mr. McIntosh interviewed well and is qualified for the position.

Commissioner Bell noted that Mr. McIntosh will make a great addition to the board.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the appointment of Luke McIntosh to the Fremont County Airport Advisory Board to fill a vacancy with a term ending October 1, 2022. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Appointment of Jane Trainor to the Penrose Library District Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2021

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the appointment of Jane Trainor to the Penrose Library District Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2021. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Request for a Transfer of SRU #07-001 for Captain Zipline Adventure Tours. Transferring ownership from Gene Holmes to Jessica Halasz
Representative: Jessica Halasz

Jessica Halasz explained that the closing on the transfer is scheduled for Thursday and they are currently planning to operate as-is.

Planning & Zoning Director Garrett said upon the closing, the department must receive proof of ownership and noted that the operation has been in compliance.

Commissioner McFall determined that the proof of ownership after closing would be a contingency. He asked Ms. Halasz whether she had read the SRU and understood what is required to comply.

Ms. Halasz said she had read the SRU and previous meeting minutes and demonstrated that she understood what is required.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the Transfer of SRU #07-001 for Captain Zipline Adventure Tours from Jean Holmes to Jessica Halasz contingent upon proof of ownership being provided to Planning & Zoning following the closing on May 27th. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

Commissioner McFall adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.




Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners