

## **SECOND MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Absent
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 Bell** moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2025
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,106,699.31
3. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Fremont County Airport Land Lease with Earth Scope Consortium, Inc
4. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Dibble & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. for Fremont County Airport AWOS Replacement Project
5. Ratification of Chairman's signature on Secure Transportation Vehicle Permits and Secure Transportation Service Licenses for Met Transport LLC and Colorado Secure Transport LLC

6. Schedule Public Hearings: None.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL**

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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. Sales & Use Tax Report, Shawn Sutton, Assistant County Administrator/  
Finance Officer

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

**Commissioner McFall** explained there are a few new bills in legislation attempting to violate constitutional rights such as the second amendment and land use. Hearings will be held, and he expects many participants testifying against these bills. A huge concern is a new bill being called the Vulnerable Persons act, which would require a two-cent tax on diesel fuel to fund a relief for victims hit by big trucks. Commissioner McFall expressed how this could be devastating for the agricultural industry in rural areas.

**Commissioner Grantham** said that the state nods their heads in agreement that they support local control but then turn around in every legislative bill attempting to take it away by land use regulations and limiting detachable magazines from hunting rifles.

**Commissioner McFall** also wanted to mention that the wolves that were released last year in the northern part of the state in Grand County have been causing trouble ever since they touched the ground, and now they have already arrived in Fremont County. For the moment, it is a lone female and has been in the area for two weeks, but it is just a matter of time before more arrive considering 15 more were introduced into the state last week. Commissioner McFall encourages the public to tell everyone they know with animals that could be at risk and that the division is working on non-lethal ways to deter these animals.

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. Requesting the issuance of a Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance for an event at Marchand Ranch 4807 CO-9 Cañon City, CO 81212 on the following date:  
February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 10:00pm in 2025.  
Representative: Emmaly Dennehy & Tiffany Foster

**Emmaly Dennehy** said that Mrs. Foster got an amazing opportunity from the Nashville company to bring in new and upcoming artists with the theme of Valentine's Day. The chamber is helping with the alcohol services.

**Commissioner Bell** asked Ms. Dennehy how the staff will ensure that no underage drinking will take place.

**Ms. Dennehy** answered that everyone will be asked to prove identification, and she believes no minors are even allowed to attend this event.

**Commissioner McFall** said the board received a letter from Marchand Ranch announcing that it is an official Nashville Style Listening Room with an appearance from chart topping artist Scotty James featuring two to three talented song writers also from Nashville.

**County Administrator Carochi** began the staff report by saying the application did not make the 45-day requested due date but did make the mandatory 30 days. The Public Health Department and Sheriff's Office recommended approval. County Attorney Bellas reviewed the file in its entirety and recommends approval. Proof was sent over 10 days before the meeting and after the Clerk's office has reviewed the file, they also recommend approval.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the issuance of a Malt, Vinous, Spirituous and Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit for the Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance for an event at Marchand Ranch at 4807 Colorado Highway 9 in Canon City on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Requesting the issuance of a Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit Nature's Educators for an event at Venue at Oak Creek 800 N Frazier Ave Florence, CO 81226 on the following date:  
February 8<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to 11:59pm & February 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm to 10:00pm.  
Representative: Devin Jaffee & Amy Hilterbran

**Mrs. Hilterbran** said that this event is a fundraiser for the only licensed and accredited Wildlife Program in Fremont County called Nature's Educators. The event is on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, Front

Row Entertainment will be there as well as a murder mystery dinner in the evening featuring birds, snakes, and reptiles to make it an interactive event.

**Commissioner Bell** asked who will be serving the alcohol and how them as the hosts of the event will make sure no underage drinking occurs.

**Mrs. Hilterbran** answered that all servers are TIP's certified and that there will be security posted at all the entrances/exits and the bar.

**County Administrator Carocho** gave the staff report and said Mrs. Hilterbran turned in the application in full on the 45<sup>th</sup> day before the event. The report noted that this is the first time this venue has hosted a special event. The Sheriff and Public Health Department recommended approval. The County Attorney reviewed the application and found no deficiencies. All things considered the Clerk's Office recommends approval.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the issuance of a Malt, Vinous, Spiritous, and Fermented Malt Beverage Special Event Permit for Nature's Educators for an event at Oak Creek 800 N Frazier Avenue in Florence, Colorado on February 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 11:59 pm. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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3. SE 25-001 Subdivision Exemption

Request for a subdivision exemption based on the desire to use the land for residential purposes  
Applicant: Gannon Long

**Mr. Long** is requesting a subdivision exemption on parcel number 99504245, it is a 15-acre lot that was cut off by Highway 9. The surrounding properties have been sold over the years. He said their intention is to drill a well, build a home, and make it his family's primary residence.

**Commissioner Bell** requested the official address of the property.

**Mr. Long** said that it is To Be Determined State Highway 9.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said the parcel is in the R3 Zone District which has an 18-acre minimum. The earliest deed that was located is from September of 2000, this new deed was generated due to the construction of Highway 9. The zoning regulations allow a roadway to create a subdivision providing that the lot would meet the development requirements of that time, the lot is undersized meaning it wasn't a legal division. Director Victoria explained that if this exemption was made that the lot would meet the other requirements.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve subdivision exemption number 25-001 the request for a subdivision exemption based on the desire to use this land for residential purposes. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

None.

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 9:52 am.

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raJ-2w4i\\_Z8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raJ-2w4i_Z8)

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners