

FIFTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on March 14, 2017, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Debbie Bell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Tim Payne	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Katie Barr	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Sunny Bryant	County Manager	Present
Matt Koch	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

Rector Mark Meyer of Christ Episcopal Church gave the Invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Payne moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / February 28, 2017
2. Approval of Bills for \$812,851.46
3. Ratification of Chairman’s Signature on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Grant Agreement between the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Fremont County
4. Approval of Pathfinder Regional Park Facility Usage Policies and Agreement
5. Schedule Public Hearing: None

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Staff / Elected Officials:
 - a. County Clerk’s Monthly Report, Katie Barr, County Clerk and Recorder

Clerk Barr reported for the month of February the total Motor Vehicle Fees, Sales Taxes and Recording Fees collected was \$997,441.74. Fremont County’s portion for disbursement was \$566,189.53. This is 57% of the total fees and is \$42,631.73 more than February of 2016.

Commissioner Payne moved to accept the County Clerk’s Monthly Report. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

b. County Manager Report, Sunny Bryant, County Manager

Manager Bryant attended the Florence High School Mock Interviews on March 7th. On March 8th both Manager Bryant and Commissioner Bell attended the Federal Aviation Grant in Watkins, Colorado, where the county received additional funding for airport asphalt bringing the total to around \$300,000. The Florence City Council came to the county building for their monthly meeting Monday, March 13.

Commissioner Bell thanked The Daily Record for writing an article about Manager Bryant's horse rescue. She talked about Fremont County's first Exceptional Women's Event that took place last Friday, where fifteen women from our community were honored.

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

George Storey spoke about Detroit Michigan's bankruptcy and how the mayor was able to make a deal with the power companies.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Award

Char Lindner talked about Fremont County receiving \$50,000 last year from the state as matching grant money. The grant money can go to students qualifying for free or reduced lunches attending college, technical schools or high schools in Cañon City, Florence or Cotopaxi who have received local scholarships. Portions of the grant money have been awarded to two senior students in our county. There is still grant money left and applications can be picked up at the high schools. Char also thanked Ed Norden for his support and interest in the program.

Commissioner Bell believes there will be another initiative resolution on the agenda in two weeks to show the board's support of the program moving forward.

2. Annual Tourism Council Report
Representative: Steve Kaverman

Steve Kaverman reported budgeting \$145,000 for last year's lodging tax, which was exceeded by almost \$59,000. That brought the total to \$203,771, making 2016 year the second consecutive year for setting new records in lodging tax revenues. After expenses there is a balance of \$129,215. The council received a \$25,000 grant for the 3rd consecutive year from the Colorado Tourism Office and \$25,000 from the City of Cañon City. There will be a new website launched by the end of the month. The 2017 Royal Gorge Vacation Guide is available and has been redesigned with a new look.

Commissioner Bell shared how she's worked with the Tourism Council for the past 6 years and thanked the Tourism Council for all their hard work and is excited to see the new webpage and new design for the vacation guide.

Commissioner McFall acknowledged all the hard work he's seen being a part of the board and thanked the volunteers for the effect they've had on the community.

3. MMC 14-002 Alternative Medical Remedies, LLC (Medical Marijuana Center – Pharmacy -2017 Renewal).

Request for issuance of a Medical Marijuana License, Department file #MMC 14-002 Alternative Medical Remedies, LLC (Medical Marijuana Center-Pharmacy and Commercial Greenhouse), by Alternative Medical Remedies, LLC (Thomas Ballman Sr.), doing business as Alternative Medical Remedies, for property which is owned by Collegiate Management, to allow for a Medical Marijuana Center and a Marijuana Grow Operation within the same building, which is addressed as 1450 L Street, Penrose, Colorado. The property is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of US Highway 50 and L Street in the Penrose/Beaver Park Area. The property is zoned Business and contains 3.75 acres.

Representative: Tom Ballman Sr.

Tom Ballman Sr. shared how he believes the community has accepted what dispensaries do and is hopeful that all dispensaries make every effort to do things right.

Director Koch reported the application was submitted complete. There were no complaints on the renewal. Since the last renewal Mr. Ballman has sold the property and now has a lease to use the property for the dispensary and grow.

Sheriff's Deputy Sterling Jenkins reported there have been no complaints or violations. Mr. Ballman has shown great respect for the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Jenkins has no objections to the renewal.

Commissioner Bell stated the business seems to be owned and operated in the manner they were hoping for. She wished everyone did business the same way as Mr. Ballman.

Commissioner Payne moved to approve the 2017 Renewal of MMC 14-002 Alternative Medical Remedies, LLC. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

4. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Change Order #26, #27, and #28 for the Fremont County Justice Center Kitchen and Laundry Remodel

Manager Bryant reported that there are before and after pictures of the remodel on the Sherriff's Facebook page. The first change order is for a unit in the cold area that will cost \$11,528.20. The second change order is for conveyor slots that will cost \$9,927.53. The final change order is for work on the door to the tile shower that will cost \$3,305.45. For all the work that has gone into the project it is still under the original budget.

Commissioner McFall has seen the pictures on Facebook and suggests others to take a look at the needed transformation.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Change Order #26, #27, and #28 for the Fremont County Justice Center Kitchen and Laundry Remodel. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

5. Consideration to appoint David Bynum to the John C. Fremont Library Board for a five-year term ending December 31, 2021

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Commissioner Payne moved to appoint David Bynum to the John C Fremont Library Board for a five-year term ending December 31, 2021. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10 A.M.

None

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Clerk and Recorder