

EIGHTH MEETING - SPECIAL

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on April 20, 2022, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chair Debbie Bell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk & Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Sunny Bryant	County Manager	Present
Mica Simpleman	Planning & Zoning Director	Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Impose Fire Restrictions
Representative: Allen Cooper, Fremont County Sheriff

Fremont County Sheriff Allen Cooper determined that it is necessary for the County to move into Stage 1 fire restrictions due to recent heavy winds, lack of moisture, and abundant grasslands on the east side of the county.

Commissioner McFall agreed with Sheriff Cooper and mentioned that the BLM has also taken up fire restrictions as of this morning and he anticipates the National Forest Service will soon do the same.

Commissioner Bell asked Sheriff Cooper whether he thinks the local fire districts will follow the imposition.

Sheriff Cooper replied that he has not discussed the matter with the fire districts, but they historically follow suit, and the Emergency Manager will notify the fire chiefs.

Commissioner McFall assumed the fire districts will also impose fire restrictions.

Emergency Manager Mykel Kroll reiterated that they are in a dry period and conveyed his support for the resolution.

Commissioner Bell noted that the ban will be effective for all unincorporated areas not included in a fire district and will begin at 10:00 a.m. this morning, April 20, 2022.

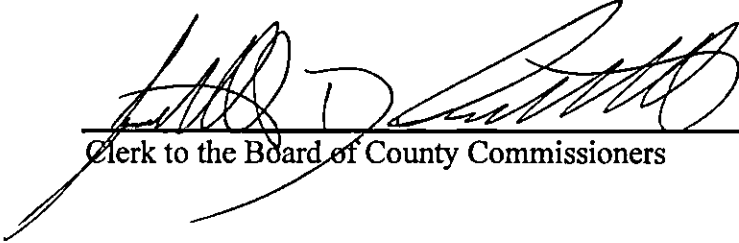
Attorney Jackson specified that the restrictions include a ban on fireworks.

Commissioner Bell clarified that after this goes into effect, it is up to the Sheriff to set the stage of restrictions for unincorporated Fremont County.

Commissioner McFall reminded the public that the resolution will be effective as of 10:00 a.m. today.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve Resolution #18 Imposing Fire Restrictions. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Bell adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.


Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



RESOLUTION NO. 18 SERIES OF 2022
A RESOLUTION REMOVING THE SUSPENSION OF THE FIRE BAN FOR
FREMONT COUNTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1
AND IMPOSING THE FIRE BAN AS PROVIDED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2012, Fremont County adopted Ordinance Number 1, Series of 2012, which imposes county-wide fire restrictions in Fremont County; and

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the language of the Fire Ban Ordinance allows for the Board of Commissioners to temporarily suspend the Fire Ban if conditions and circumstances warrant such a suspension; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2022, in accordance with the request of the Fremont County Sheriff, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 13, Series of 2022, suspending the Fire Restriction Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions for Fremont County in the past four weeks since the suspension of the fire restrictions have been unseasonably dry, with the total precipitation being significantly below the annual moisture average; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County has had very windy conditions, low humidity, with little or no precipitation, and dense, abundant dry vegetation and undergrowth in fire-prone areas, and such conditions are predicted to continue for the next ten days and perhaps for several weeks, creating red flag and fire hazard conditions; and

WHEREAS, the sale, use and possession of fireworks shall be specifically prohibited, as provided in Ordinance Number 2012-1 but subject to the exceptions set forth in the Ordinance, to reduce the threat and risk of wild fires within the County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Allen Cooper, in his capacity as fire warden for Fremont County in accordance with §30-10-512, C.R.S., has consulted with other entities sharing jurisdiction concerning fires within the county, has assessed the fire danger for Fremont County and has concluded that the Ordinance imposing Fire Restrictions should now be in full force and effect to help prevent wildfires in Fremont County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FREMONT COUNTY, that the temporary suspension of Ordinance Number 2012-1, restricting open fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Fremont County, shall be and hereby is removed and the provisions of Ordinance Number 2012-1 shall be placed in full force and effect, restricting fires and open burning in the unincorporated areas of Fremont County in accordance with the terms of such Ordinance. The Sheriff of Fremont County shall have authority to determine the effective Stage of the Fire Restrictions and shall provide full and adequate public notice of the effective Stage. The Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff of Fremont County strongly encourage residents of Fremont County, and visitors to Fremont County, to comply with all terms and conditions of the Fire Restrictions, and to exercise great caution with fires and sources that contribute to the fire danger to keep Fremont County safe from wild fires.

This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval of lifting of the suspension of the provisions of Ordinance 1-2012, on **Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

Commissioner McFall moved for adoption of this Resolution, with a second by Commissioner Grantham. The roll call vote of the Board was as follows:

Debbie Bell	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Kevin J. Grantham	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Dwayne McFall	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain

Date: April 20th, 2022

ATTEST:

Debbie Bell
Chairman

[Signature]
Clerk to the Board

