

TWELFTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on June 25, 2019, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Canon City, Colorado. Chairman Dwayne McFall called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Tim Payne	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk & Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Sunny Bryant	County Manager	Present
Sean Garrett	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Wayne Dickinson, of Praise Community Church, gave the invocation.

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, with a correction to add a Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m. for Single Family Owned Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program- UAACOG Upper Arkansas Council of Governments intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds through the Colorado Division of Housing for the Single Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program and will be administering and operating the program in Fremont, Chaffee, Custer, Lake, Park and Teller Counties with Fremont County as the lead party. Representative: Autumn Dever, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / June 11, 2019
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,162,904.28
3. Schedule Public Hearings: July 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.:
 - a. TUP 19-008 Skyline Mennonite Church
Temporary use permit for a benefit auction to be held on October 5, 2019 from 9 am to 4 pm at property located at 155 Shoop Drive, Penrose CO. Food and beverages will be provided. This is the second request.

Commissioner Payne moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a correction to adjust the amount of approved bills from \$3,359,752.11 to \$3,162,904.28. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

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

County Clerk Grantham gave the Clerk's Monthly Report for the month of May. He reported that the total Motor Vehicle, Sales Taxes and Recording fees collected for the month of May 2019 were \$1,356,787.43. Fremont County's portion for disbursement was \$756,482.24, which was 56% of the total fees collected and was \$35,046.32 more than May of 2018. Year-to-date his office is up \$44,891.12 from last year at this time.

Commissioner Bell moved to accept the County Clerk's Report for May 2019. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried.

b. County Manager Report, Sunny Bryant, County Manager

County Manager Bryant reported the following:

- They have a new Noxious Weed Director. She started on June 17th and is trying to catch up on projects and spraying through the community.
- On Tuesday, June 18th, she attended the Area Managers Luncheon. It was good to discuss what all is going on in our community.
- On Thursday, June 20th, she attended the Penrose Chamber of Commerce. There are some exciting things happening in the Penrose Community.
- They are doing the Brick Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, July 4th at 8:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Wall located at the War Memorial Park.

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

County Manager Bryant gave the Sales & Use Tax Report. The Retail Sales Tax Collections for the month of April 2019 were \$454,084, up from last year by \$64,824 and year-to-date is up \$173,977. The Auto Use Tax Collections for the month of May 2019 were \$107,893, down from last year by \$4,752 and year-to-date is down \$42,001. The Construction Use Tax Collections for the month of May 2019 were \$65,317, up from last year by \$54,818 and year-to-date is up \$35,593. The Lodging Tax Collections for the month of April 2019 were \$6,009, down from last year by \$1,901 and year-to-date is up \$6,000. The Sheriff's Retail Sales Tax Collections for the month of April 2019 were \$302,723, up from last year by \$43,216 and year-to-date is up \$115,985. The Sheriff's Auto Use Tax Collections for the month of May 2019 were \$71,929, down from last year by \$3,168 and year-to-date is down \$28,000.00 The Sheriff's Construction Use Tax Collections for the month of May 2019 were \$43,544, up from last year by \$36,546 and year-to-date are up \$23,779.

Commissioner Bell also reminded everyone of the brick dedication on Thursday, July 4th and that it is a Federal holiday. The County, along with many other governmental entities, will not be open for business on this day.

Commissioner McFall said that he sits on the Board of the Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region, which encompasses 6-7 counties. He said that CDOT is changing the way they do their long range planning for highways. They will now consider highway systems as a whole, rather than the I-25 and I-70 Corridors. Small projects in our county will be considered just as much as big ones in Denver. They are in the process of taking public comment as to what driver's see as priorities, rather than just using statistics. He encouraged everyone to get involved. You can visit www.yourtransportationplan.com and take a short survey. He said to be very honest and let them know of any problems you have seen, in hopes that these will be taken into consideration. He said they will also take the recommendations of the Board into consideration when looking at highway repairs/construction.

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

George Storey said that from the recession in 2009 until the end of June 2019, was the longest economic expansion in U.S. history and our economy is looking great.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Federal Aviation Administration Grant for the Airport Runway Maintenance Project
Representative: Wes Brandt, Airport Manager

Airport Manager Brandt said that the FAA has issued the airport a grant in the amount of \$87,435. This is for the rehabilitation of their taxi way of Alpha 1 and Alpha 2. This is the design portion of the rehabilitation project, which is expected to total \$96,050. This grant represents the FAA's 90% contribution. The State will contribute 5% and the County will contribute 5%. He said the project is expected to be completed this year. He said they will apply for the FAA grant next year with the same contributions to implement and complete the rehabilitation project.

Commissioner Payne moved to approve the Federal Aviation Administration Grant for the Airport Runway Maintenance Project. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried.

2. Approval and authorization of Chairman's signature on a Community Solar Garden Service Agreement with Fremont CO 1, LLC

Commissioner McFall said that shares are sold on these types of solar gardens, which feeds back in to the Black Hills Energy System, circling back to benefit the customers.

County Manager Bryant said they were approached by Clean Energy Collective, who indicated they were building a solar garden in Fremont County. The County is currently a subscriber of a solar garden located in Pueblo, which helps offset some of the Black Hills fees. The anticipated savings will be \$423,378 over a 20 year period. This will depend on the rates of Black Hills, the amount of utilities that the County uses and some other factors. This will also benefit the community's quality of air. The garden will be located in North Canon City, west of Mountain View Core Knowledge School. She said it will be 2.5 megawatt solar garden, which is fairly large and very well located. She said some of the other individuals participating are the City of Canon City, Pueblo Community College and a low income housing development out of Pueblo. This garden is full, but they are hoping to have others established in the community.

Commissioner McFall said that overall, this would be about a 14% savings off the bill.

Commissioner Bell inquired as to what the timeline for completion was on this project.

County Manger Bryant said that construction is hopefully set to start in July, with a completed project sometime this fall.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve and authorize the Chairman's signature on a Community Solar Garden Service Agreement with Fremont CO 1, LLC. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner McFall recessed the meeting at 9:48 a.m. until the Public Hearing scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner McFall called the meeting back to order at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Single Family Owned Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program- UAACOG
Upper Arkansas Council of Governments intends to apply for Community
Development Block Grant funds through the Colorado Division of Housing
for the Single Family Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program and
will be administering and operating the program in Fremont, Chaffee, Custer,
Lake, Park and Teller Counties with Fremont County as the lead party
Representative: Autumn Dever, Upper Arkansas Area Council of
Governments

Autumn Dever said they are applying for grant funds from the Division of Housing for \$120,000 for each of the next three years to cover administration costs, which will include wages, mileage, office supplies and any other administration costs. The application is due by July 1st, 2019.

Commissioner Bell made the comment that this Public Hearing is simply a requirement of the application and that there is no action being asked of the Board. It is just to get information out to the public.

Commissioner McFall opened the Public Hearing at 10:02 a.m. and closed the Public Hearing at 10:02 a.m. with no comments from the public.

Commissioner Bell asked Ms. Dever how someone who is interested in this program would find out the qualifications and how to receive assistance.

Ms. Dever said that anyone interested could call their office at 719-275-9566 to get more information. She said to qualify for the program, they have to be at 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or lower. She said for a four person family that would be around \$15,000. They help with things like home repairs, health and safety issues, fire mitigation, handicap accessibility projects and roof/furnace replacements and or repairs. They will also make sure that the contractor does the work, stays on budget and gets it done on time.

Commissioner McFall adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.



Clerk and Recorder

