

**FIFTEENTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on August 8, 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	Absent
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Sunny Bryant	County Manager	Present
Matt Koch	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

Don Brightwell of Light Behind the Door Ministries 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 making one change, moving item #2 in New Business to item #3 and adding the Fremont Heritage Commission Semi-Annual Report to #2. 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 / July 25, 2017
2. Approval of Bills for \$832,190.67
3. Authorization for Chairman to sign the 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant for Fremont County Award #17EM-18-23
4. Schedule Public Hearings: August 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
  - a. TUP 17-004 DIANA’S PUMPKIN PATCH  
Request approval of a Temporary Use Permit, Department file #TUP 17-004 Diana’s Pumpkin Patch to allow pumpkin picking, corn maze, hayrides, hay slide, grain barn, snack bar, hamburgers and hotdogs. To run September 23rd through October 31st, 7 days a week. The site is located at 1649 Poplar Ave., being at the northwest corner of Poplar Ave., & Locust St., in the Lincoln Park Area. The site is approximately 10 acres. This is the third submittal of this request for the TUP.

**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:

b. County Clerk's Monthly Report, Katie Barr, County Clerk and Recorder

**Dotty Gardunio**, Chief Deputy for **Clerk Barr**, reported that in July of 2017 the Clerk's Office collected \$1,162,339.10 in total MV fees, sales tax and Recording fees. Fremont County's portion for disbursement was \$636,435.41, which is 55% of the total fees collected and is \$89,341.75 more than July of 2016. Year-to-date the office is up \$436,744.59 from last year.

**Commissioner Payne** moved to approve 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.

c. County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report and Public Trustee's Quarterly Report, Kathy Elliott, County Treasurer

**Treasurer Elliott** reported that her office is now at full staff and asked if the commissioners had any questions for her about her semi-annual report.

**Commissioner Bell** asked if there was anything worth pointing out or mentioning and Treasurer Elliott said no.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

**Treasurer Elliott** then gave her Public Trustee's Quarterly Report stating that they have done 479 Release Deeds of Trust, initiated 23 foreclosures and processed 41 foreclosures as of the end of June this year. She said that the same time last year we were at 51 foreclosures.

**Commissioner Payne** moved to approve the Public Trustee's Quarterly Report. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

d. County Manager Report, Sunny Bryant, County Manager

- On Thursday, July 27 Manager Bryant attended a Safety Committee Meeting. They have a lot of really good ideas that they are working on to improve the various safety issues in the county buildings. Several AED's have been ordered and are on their way. They will continue to meet and discuss the progress of these items and any additional needs that may come up.
- On Thursday, August 3 the Commissioners and Manager Bryant met with individuals from the El Paso Recovery Team, the National Resources Conservation Services, Coalitions and Collaboratives, Representative Wilson, staff from Congressmen Lamborn and Senator Gardner's office, and the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management to discuss recovery efforts for the Hayden Pass Fire. The potential projects have been identified, but they have not been able to secure funds to accomplish the projects. The group discussed frustrations with the process and ideas on how to move forward.
- On Thursday, August 3 Tammy Childs and Manager Bryant attended the Equipment Rodeo. She said it is always a great time to watch how skilled individuals are on operating the heavy equipment. The Department of Transportation did a wonderful job of putting the event together.
- She said they will continue to work on the 2018 budget. She is sending out the budget templates to all departments this week, and the requests are due back to her on September 11th. They will begin budget discussion with the Commissioners the week of September 18.
- She met with Pat Caulfield and Margaret McGinn with Search and Rescue and discussed the need to look at new building space for them. They are meeting with

Jeff Wood from the University of Colorado Architecture Program today to discuss the future of the Search and Rescue Building and to come up with plans so they can apply for grant funding.

**Commissioner Bell** said that she and the other commissioners were at the open house last Saturday for the Penrose Fire Department which is near and dear to her heart.

**Commissioner Bell** also reminded everyone that this Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Golden Age Center is celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The theme this year is “High School” and all are welcome to attend.

**Commissioner McFall** mentioned that the County Fair has come to an end and thanked all the participants and gave congratulations to all the kids that took part in the event.

**Commissioner Payne** thanked Commissioner McFall for heading up and being actively involved in the Hayden Pass Recovery project.

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

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. OPC 14-006 Mile High Green Cross, LLC dba Mile High Green Cross, LLC (Optional Premises Cultivation – Commercial Greenhouse) 2017 Modification – FINDINGS FROM PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON JULY 25, 2017

**Commissioner Bell** read several of the findings from the four page document that the Commissioners and the County Attorney drafted. Some items she mentioned were that the new request and the old request that was previously denied, were virtually identical with no explanation of what has changed. She went on to say that a simple change in ownership doesn't matter. Commissioner Bell also said that this area of Fremont County already has a high concentration of marijuana OPC's and they are trying to get future OPC's further out in more rural areas. The Planning and Zoning Department already receives many complaints about their current odors and that adding more greenhouses probably won't help that. While the owner of the land states the surrounding restaurants have no complaints with his business, the commissioners have never received any letters of support either.

**Commissioner Payne** moved to approve Resolution 26, denying OPC 14-006 Mile High Green Cross, LLC dba Mile High Green Cross, LLC (Optional Premises Cultivation – Commercial Greenhouse) 2017 Modification. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

II) New Business for Consideration:

1. Proclamation for Fremont Fall Heritage Festival September 5, 2017 through October 15, 2017  
Representative: Fremont County Heritage Commission

**Linda** with the Fremont Heritage Commission said that the Fremont Fall Heritage Festival has been going on since 2011. She then read the proclamation.

**Commissioner Payne** moved to approve the proclamation, making September 5, 2017-October 15, 2017, Fremont Fall Heritage Festival. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

2. Fremont County Heritage Commission to present their Semi-Annual Report

**Linda** reported that they have been focusing on getting more information out to the public. They have recently revised their brochure and continue to make and hand out the self-guided tour books. They are currently working on a booklet of coal camps in Fremont County.

3. Proclamation for Celebration of the Arts/Art in the Park  
Representatives: Barbara and Jim Smith

**Barbara Smith** talked of the events that would take place at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:00am – 6:00pm. Artists of all walks of life are encouraged to attend for no fee. They will be allowed to perform, sell their merchandise, etc. All forms of art; dance, theater, authors, etc. are welcome.

**Dana Savage**, the sales and marketing representative for the Royal Gorge Bridge said that they are excited to welcome all artists of any kind to interact with public and sell any merchandise they may have. She noted that it will also be the last Park in the Dark concert of the year so people are encouraged to make a whole day of it.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the Celebration of the Arts/Art in the Park for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10 A.M.**

None

**Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

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Clerk and Recorder