

FIRST MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on January 13th, 2026, 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	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	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 as presented. 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 / December 16, 2025, and December 23, 2025
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,013,460.89
3. Ratification of Commissioner Signature on Union Ditch and Water Company Annual Shareholders Meeting Proxy
4. Schedule Public Hearing:
 - a. Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:30 AM
VPR 25-001 McKinley Elementary School
Vacation of Public Right of Way that is a 16' .193 acres Right-of-Way platted for an alleyway, that crosses lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, & 28, of Macons Subdivison. It serves no transportation or utility function, the McKinley Elementary school has been developed on a portion of this alleyway on lots 22, 21, 25, and 26. Representative: Scott Morton

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. County Clerk's Monthly Report for November 2025, Justin Grantham, County Clerk

Clerk Grantham gave the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner Bell moved to accept the county clerk's monthly report for the month of November of 2025. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

- b. County Administrator Report, Tony Carochi, County Administrator

County Administrator Carochi gave the County Administrator Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

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. Reorganization of Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Grantham moved to appoint Commissioner Debbie Bell as the chairman for 2026. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Grantham moved to appoint Commissioner Dwayne McFall as the Chair Pro Tem for 2026. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent. The board reorganized seating and Commissioner Bell took over as chairman.

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2. **Resolution No. 1**, Series of 2026 Designating and Approving Official Depositories for Fremont County, Colorado in 2026.

Commissioner Bell said that Kathy Elliot, Fremont County Treasurer, recommended four different depositories for Fremont County funds. Those are Sunflower Bank of Canon City, Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust, Colo Trust, and Bank of the San Juans.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve **Resolution No. 1**, series of 2026 designating and approving official depositories as Sunflower Bank of Canon City, Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust, and Bank of the San Juans. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye.

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3. **Resolution No. 2**, Series of 2026 Designating Schedule for Regular Meeting for the Fremont County, Colorado, Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Bell explained that their meetings typically take place every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00am. They are scheduling a specific additional meeting for the adoption of the county budget on the third Tuesday of December 15th at 9:00am, they are also changing the second meeting in February to Tuesday February 19th.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve **Resolution No. 2** series of 2026 designating schedule for regular meetings for the Fremont County, Colorado, Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye.

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4. **Resolution No. 3**, Series of 2026 Designating Official Newspaper for Fremont County, Colorado.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve **Resolution No. 3** series of 2026 designating the official newspaper as the Canon City Daily Record for Fremont County, Colorado. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye.

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5. **Resolution No. 4**, Series of 2026 Designating Official Posting Place for Notice of Public Meetings for the Fremont County, Colorado Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve **Resolution No. 4** series of 2026 designating the official posting place for notice of public as follows:

1. The website of Fremont County, Colorado [https://fremontcountyco.gov/\(online](https://fremontcountyco.gov/(online) notice);
2. The bulletin board in the hallway outside the offices of the Board of County Commissioners, Fremont County Administration Building (physical notice); and
3. The bulletin board located at the main (south) entrance of the Fremont County Administration Building (physical notice).

Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye.

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6. Approval of letter of support with a \$3,000 funding commitment to participate in the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.

Commissioner McFall said they have continued this grant for the last several years, but this may be the last year due to changes on the state level. The students receiving the matching grants must meet certain minimum requirements such as FASFA scores and grades.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the letter of support for \$3,000 funding commitment to participate in the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunities Scholarship Initiative. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye.

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7. **Resolution No. 5**, Series of 2026, Resolution of Partnership to Apply for and Distribute Matching Funds from the Colorado Opportunity Scholarships Program to Benefit Residents of Fremont County.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve **Resolution No. 5 series of 2026**. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye.

Commissioner Bell adjourned the meeting at 9:33am.

To view the YouTube Video for Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQilcDMHTaE>