

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Special Session on October 31, 2017, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Debbie Bell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.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

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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept bid for EPA Brownfield Grant Application and Implementation Assistance

County Manager Bryant said that a couple of weeks ago this grant was brought to their attention and that the deadline for the application was November 16, 2017. Upon putting out a Request for Qualifications for a company to write the grant and carry out the project, they received 2 bids. One from Ayres & Associates and one from Stantec. Manager Bryant said that Ayres quoted a flat rate of \$6,000.00 and that Stantec said they would prepare the grant at no cost and if the grant was rejected for any reason, they would find out why and help to resubmit the grant. She said that looking at the hourly rates between the two companies, they were fairly similar.

Commissioner Bell explained that a “Brownfield” was a piece of land or property that had been designated as having environmental problems or obstacles that prevented it from being used for other purposes, such as old service stations with underground tanks. She also said that the FEDC had reached out to the County to partner in this with them but that essentially it would be the County’s responsibility for administration.

Manager Bryant said that the FEDC also said they were sending out letters to the City of Florence and the City of Canon City to ask them for letters of support for this endeavor.

Commissioner Payne said that he prefers Stantec because he likes the aspect of not having to pay anything upfront and that they will help resubmit the grant if it is rejected.

Commissioner Bell said that the other thing to consider is that the 2017 Budget does not include any fees for this and that it specifically does not have \$6,000.00 that Ayres would require. Even if the grant was approved, we would not recoup the \$6,000.00.

Commissioner McFall said that he was pleased that all hourly rates between the two companies were equivalent.

Commissioner Payne moved to award the bid to Stantec. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Clerk and Recorder