

## **TWENTY FIRST MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	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 remove the approval of October 28<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioner minutes and renumbering the following consent agenda items, Commissioner Bell then moved to approve the agenda. 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 / October 28, 2025~~

1. Approval of Bills for \$1,125,801.83
2. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Fremont County Airport Landing Area Lease Assignment to Skydive COS
3. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Fremont County Airport Office Space Lease Assignment to Skydive COS
4. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Fremont County Airport Land Lease with Pro Av Hangar 1, LLC

5. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Notice to Proceed for Improvements to Fremont County Airport Taxiway A2, A3, A5 and A6 Rehabilitation

6. Schedule Public Hearing: None.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL**

**County Administrator Carochi** gave the County Administrator Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Clerk Grantham** announced that November 2025 election turned out to be a 43.75% voter turnout. Certified results will be announced next week.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 11/10/2025 14:30

1. **MS 25-001 Sinclair Minor Subdivision**

Requesting approval for a minor subdivision that will create a total of two (2) lots. Located at 350 Sangre De Cristo Drive in Coaldale.

Consultant: Attorney Gwendolyn Allen

**Ms. Allen** reiterated that the request is to create one additional lot in the area. She explained that at the last meeting the commissioners requested letters be provided from the surrounding neighbors that they either support or do not disapprove of the subdivision and the applicants are prepared to provide those today. She also asked on behalf of the owners if the commissioners would approve a waiver of the public road requirements regarding subdivision regulations.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said the department received letters from the owners of lot 19 and lot 20 in support of the minor subdivision.

**Commissioner McFall** asked Director Victoria to repeat the recommended contingencies and waivers.

**Director Victoria** said if the board chooses to approve the minor subdivision, planning and zoning recommended the following: a contingency that the applicant provides a letter for the Department of Water Resources dated March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, or earlier. He also recommended that a note be made on the plat stating that a drainage plan is created and approved at time of development, and a recording done that declares the 60-foot easement is accessible through lot two. At the time of development, the owner must provide a driveway access permit and a soil report.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve MS 25-001 Sinclair Minor Subdivision for a total of two lots at 350 Sangre De Cristo Drive in Coaldale, Colorado. The motion includes the contingencies as listed. Item A, the division of Water Resource letter dated March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and three issues that are listed. Condition A, the conditions being a plat note that a drainage plan and report will be required at the time of development of lot one. Condition B, record a declaration of easement for a 60-foot access way located on lot two. Condition C, a driveway access permit required at time of development. Condition D, topographic and soils information required at time of the OWTS. As well as approved waivers of Fremont County subdivision regulations 1.B.4 front on public street, 1.B.8 access to a public dedicated street 1.B.9 sidelines of lots at right angles to the street as well as 1.C access standards. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 11/10/2025 20:15

1. Proclamation designating November 10, 2025, as Howling Husky Pride Day throughout Fremont County in recognition of the Florence High School “Three-Peat” State Championship

**Commissioner Bell** recited the Howling Husky Pride Marching Band Proclamation which can be found in its entirety at the bottom of these minutes.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the proclamation stating November 10, 2025 as Howling Husky Pride Day. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Crash Responder Safety Week Proclamation  
Representative: Mykel Kroll, Fremont County Director of Emergency Management

**Emergency Management Director Kroll** said that Colorado Department of Transportation and Colorado State Patrol reached out to him asking if he would ask the commissioners if they would agree to support Crash Responder Safety Week. The band and staff were in the audience to hear the county’s appreciation.

**Commissioner McFall** recited the Crash Responder Safety Week proclamation which can be found in its entirety at the bottom of these minutes.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve this proclamation claiming November 17-21, 2025, designated as Crash Responder Safety Week. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED 9:30 a.m.**

**Commissioner Grantham** opened the public hearing at 9:35am.

1. UAACOG Closeout of Single-Family, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant  
UAACOG Representatives: Michael Lloyd and Jackie Wolf

**Mr. Lloyd** explained that the program began in 2021 after approval of a grant. Although the grant expired in 2022, but the state never closed it out and requested that they hold a local public hearing to be able to officially close the grant.

**Commissioner Grantham** asked if Mr. Lloyd has any numbers showing effectiveness or productivity.

**Mr. Lloyd** answered that they completed 20 homes in total. Seventeen being in Fremont County, two homes in Custer County and one home in Park County. Ten of those homes were for disabled occupants, and 14 elderly households received help with this grant.

**Commissioner Grantham** closed the public hearing at 9:38am.

## 2. Proposed 2026 Fremont County Budget

**Assistant County Manager Shawn Sutton** shared that the strategy to create this budget was driven by making sure it would encourage quality services provided to Fremont County citizens, fiscally responsible, preserve Fremont County assets and maintain a fund balance throughout all departments. Assistant Manager Sutton said they project an 8.2% increase in Assessor Property Valuation Revenue which is equivalent to around \$522,000 more deposited into the General Fund, \$383,000 for Social Services, \$34,000 for the Airport, and \$89,000 for Road & Bridge. They do, however, expect a decrease in Retail Sales Tax as well as Auto Use Sales Tax. Next subject was expenses for the county, which included a new salary pay scale for entry level pay, proposing a new annual step increase, an increase in health insurance premiums, and addressing building improvements. Mr. Sutton explained that ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) gave Fremont County \$9,292,165.00 to improve the community, the Fremont County Commissioner elected to declare the full amount as lost revenue which has enabled them to fund government services. All funds have been promised and \$7,390,060.00 has been issued throughout the community. Some of the projects projected for the year include Judicial Building and Sheriff Department upgrades. Reynolds Bridge engineering study, airport drainage project, and administration building update/upgrades. The commissioners expect to end 2025 with around \$12 million in the general fund and end 2026 at about \$11.4 million. The projected budget for 2026 is \$17,130,000, the beginning balance is \$32,445,031, revenue is expected to be \$59,277,112, making the total budget available at \$91,723,143. The 2026 budget expenditures are expected to be around \$68,014,337, making the end balance of 2026 \$23,708,806. Mr. Sutton displayed a pie chart showing the various ways the county makes revenue. The top three was 28% that comes from Sales & Use Tax collection, 19% intergovernmental revenues, and 15% use of reserves. The top three expenditures the county spends money on is 31% out of the general fund, 21% is allocated to the Sheriff's office, and 19% to other funds. The final budget adoption is set for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, citizens can view this budget at: [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner Grantham** opened the public hearing at 10:20am.

**Commissioner Bell** praised the directors of the county since they agree with budgeting conservatively so when revenue is down in the county, they can avoid it turning into a crisis.

**Commissioner McFall** emphasized the necessity of preserving the county buildings and bridges in Fremont County.

**Commissioner Grantham** encouraged the public to realize the new mandates strain on local authorities and budgeting. The latest legislation is going to affect elections, law enforcement, and new assessment evaluation aspects.

**Commissioner Grantham** – closed the public hearing at 10:20am.

**NEW BUSINESS continued at 10:21am**

3. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for BS Transport Services LLC

**County Attorney Bellas** reiterated that these secure transports are for behavioral issues. Specifically, a Class A which is authorized to use limited physical restraint and a Type One Vehicle Permit which has a safety partition in between the driver and backseat passengers. The vehicle permit is for a 2020 Ford Explorer that will be good for one year starting today.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve a Class A Secure Transportation Service License for BS Transport Services LLC. The license will begin today and will end in three years on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November of 2028. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve a secure transportation vehicle permit of Type One to BS Transport Services LLC. The vehicle is a 2020 Ford Explorer, and this license will be valid for one year starting today and ending on December 9<sup>th</sup> of 2026. 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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4. Reappointment of Amanda Ellis to the Fremont County Fair Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to reappoint Amanda Ellis to the Fremont County Fair Board with a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028, Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Veterans Day Proclamation and Recognition of Veterans who Currently Serve  
Fremont County

**Commissioner Grantham** recited the Veterans Day Proclamation which can be found in its entirety at the bottom of these minutes.

**Commissioner Grantham** moved to approve the Veteran's Day proclamation and recognition of Veterans. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.

To view the YouTube Video for Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AwSqx6-O2w&t=125s>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners







## Fremont County Board of Commissioners

### Howling Husky Pride Marching Band Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Florence High School Howling Husky Pride Marching Band recently defended their title and again took first place at the Colorado Bandmasters Association State Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, the repeat champion band has been named state champions three times in school history, in 2023, 2024, and now again in 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, all of Fremont County has deep respect for the hard work, long hours, dedication, and talent displayed all season by the Howling Husky Pride members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Howling Huskies set a Colorado Bandmasters Association class 1A state record with the highest score ever for a class 1A band; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florence Band Boosters supported the Howling Huskies by providing food and all forms of assistance at every event throughout 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Howling Husky Pride parents share in the success of their students by hauling trailers; building and moving props; sewing, fitting, and washing band uniforms; feeding band members and driving them to every practice and event; and otherwise giving their time, talents and treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, community sponsors generously supported the band and its endeavors throughout this third championship season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Re-2 District, administration, staff, students, and especially the marching band staff and transportation department, all supported the Howling Husky Pride throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire Fremont County Community cheered the Howling Husky Pride on to its many successes in 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County, Colorado, that in observance of the 2024 Colorado Bandmasters Association State Champion Howling Husky Pride Marching Band, November 10, 2025, is officially proclaimed as Howling Husky Pride Day throughout Fremont County. The Fremont County Commissioners ask the entire community to proudly join in giving special honor and recognition to these dedicated students.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

Kevin Grantham  
District 1

Debbie Bell  
District 2

Dwayne McFall  
District 3





## Fremont County Board of Commissioners

### Proclamation

#### Crash Responder Safety Week

November 17 – 21, 2025

**WHEREAS**, our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment of all first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, safety service patrol operators, department of transportation and public works crews, and tow operators who respond to traffic incidents and conduct valuable and often life-saving operations on the roadside; and

**WHEREAS**, these on-scene personnel provide critical public service and are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse conditions, and in dangerous roadside environments; and

**WHEREAS**, many traffic incident management responders are seriously injured or lose their lives each year while performing their duties as a result of being struck by speeding, impaired, drowsy, or distracted motorists, and motorists who are not aware of Slow Down, Move Over laws; and

**WHEREAS**, responder and response vehicle strikes also result in life-altering injury or death of the involved motorist and passengers, and place upstream road users at greater risk of a crash; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Colorado has a Slow Down, Move Over law and is committed to protecting the traffic incident management responders who are at the scene of roadway crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Colorado has a Driver Removal law, which aims to move vehicles out of travel lanes after minor traffic incidents to improve road user and responder safety; and

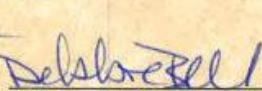
**WHEREAS**, Fremont County has the responsibility to take all necessary precautions to reduce risks to responders and all road users, and all responders, drivers, and passengers have a role in keeping our roadways safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of November 17-21, 2025, is set aside to recognize our crash responders and focus efforts on their safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that November 17 – 21, 2025 is hereby designated as Crash Responder Safety Week.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2025.

  
Kevin Grantham  
District 1 Commissioner

  
Debbie Bell  
District 2 Commissioner

  
Dwayne McFall  
District 3 Commissioner





## Fremont County Board of Commissioners

### Veterans Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the greatest acknowledgement of our freedom is to honor our armed forces veterans who have sacrificed and in many instances paid the ultimate price for our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day stating "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County citizens, along with millions of other Americans, can attest to the importance of veterans' sacrifices for and contributions to our freedom and security; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County realizes many veterans who gave so much of themselves came home without any recognition and were denied educational and occupational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County recognizes and respects the more than 5,400 veterans who live here for their many contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, both men and women of our armed forces continue to be an inspiration to all of us through their demonstration of courage, leadership and commitment in service to our community and country; and

**WHEREAS**, we in Fremont County always will remember and pay respect to our military community, both active and inactive, for their contribution, dedication and commitment to the cause of our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County would like to specifically recognize the veterans who currently serve as Fremont County Employees:

Cheryl Baur, Lieutenant, US Coast Guard  
Christopher Belfield, Specialist, US Army  
Lee Cook, Specialist Five, US Army  
Chad Curtis, Private, US Army  
Sally Edsall, Airman First Class, US Air Force  
John Galli, Seaman, US Navy  
D'Wayne Gaymon, Petty Officer First Class, US Navy  
Keith Grillion, Captain, US Army  
Robert Griswold, Sergeant, US Army  
John Grooms, Petty Officer Second Class, US Navy  
Jordan Gunter, Seaman Recruit, US Coast Guard





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John Keller, Staff Sergeant, US Army  
Ethan Kohler, Corporal, US Army  
Andrew Lewis, Technical Sergeant, US Air Force  
Luke Lunsford, Private 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, US Army  
Kyle Mahoney, Staff Sergeant, US Air Force  
Joshua Miller, Private, US Army  
Joe Moffitt, Major, US Army  
Tony Murillo, Sergeant, US Army  
Alasdair Nolen, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, US Navy  
Lauren Oldham, Specialist, US Army  
Alan Oliver, Staff Sergeant, US Marine Corps  
Brett Osborne, Sergeant, US Army  
John Pascoe, Seaman, US Navy  
Martin Peek, Sergeant, US Marine Corps  
William Podrybau, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, US Navy  
Brenda Rall, Seaman, US Navy  
Richard Rodenbeck, Private First Class, US Army  
William Schweim, Specialist Four, US Army  
Robert Themel, Sergeant, US Army  
Dale Thresher, Staff Sergeant, US Army

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County, Colorado, that in observance of Veterans' Day, on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Fremont County proudly joins the rest of our nation to salute and give special honor and recognition to the men and women who served us in our armed forces.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**Kevin Grantham**  
District 1

**Debbie Bell**  
District 2

**Dwayne McFall**  
District 3