

## **TWENTYTHIRD MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on November 25<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
Sean Biddle	Assistant County Attorney	Present
Shawn Sutton	Assistant County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

### **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Dwayne McFall 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 / October 28, 2025, November 10, 2025
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,882,443.55
3. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Emergency Management 2025-2026 Signature Authorization Forms
4. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Cigna Application for Amended Group Coverage
5. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Colorado Retirement Association Participation Agreement
6. Approval of Pathfinder Park Event Center Fee Schedule for 2027

7. Schedule Public Hearings: None.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL**

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a. Sales & Use Tax Report, Shawn Sutton, Budget & Finance Officer

**Shawn Sutton** gave the Sales & Use Tax Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

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b. County Clerk's Monthly Report, Justin Grantham, County Clerk

**Clerk Grantham** gave the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

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

c. County Administrator Report, Shawn Sutton, Assistant County Administrator

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

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**Commissioner Grantham** said that the county has been allocated monies from the Underfunded Courthouse Grant Commission which is funded by the state. They have received funds before creating the sallyport built on the southwest corner of the judicial building. This helped elevate the level of security by preventing people from escaping out the door and straight down a staircase. He also reminded everybody that the new funding received will replace all five HVAC systems since they were close to 30 years old and one had already stopped working.

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

**Ty Seuffer** said there are whispers of concern regarding the economy around Royal Gorge area, he has noticed that it is hard for businesses to survive. This has been apparent considering numerous amounts of different kinds of businesses have closed over the years. He said he purchased the Buckskin Joe property six years ago which is a total of 885 acres. The newest idea is to create a 772-acre gated community

designed from the ground up to be ecofriendly and sustainable, the first of its kind to give back to the grid. There will be a total of 152 lots, all solar powered with Tesla panels and the same color to create a modern and classy look. He suggested that the remaining 217 acres, which equate to 28% of the entire property to be put into a permanent conservation easement with the Palmer Land Conservancy District. It is known as one of Colorado's most respected land trusts. They will create an HOA that states even if you own a three-acre lot you are only allowed to develop an acre of it and the dwelling on it may not be bigger than 1,300 square feet. Mr. Seufer asked the commissioners to consider the fact that this land was largely zoned for economic development and was used for retail purposes previously. He said with the current 75% open space PUB requirement is not realistic for any kind of development. He already has a fire protection plan for the area, and the fire department has regulated all future roads.

**Commissioner Grantham** stated the Commissioners are not allowed to dialogue concerning this matter since there is an open application.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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#### **1. Fremont County Impaired Driving Gallery Data Walk: Key Findings and Recommendations**

Presenter: Michelle Boscia, Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment

**Ms. Boscia** said she works off the Impaired Driving Awareness Grant, and she wanted to share her results from the data walk last year. The grant is funded from fines paid by people convicted of impaired driving and their job being in Public Health is to improve and protect population health by reducing risks and increasing public health factors and protective factors. Prevention consists of three different sections, downstream, midstream, and upstream. Upstream means stopping problems before they start, such as policy changes and education. Midstream focuses on early intervention, catching issues before they get worse. Downstream means responding after harm has occurred like treatment or rehabilitation. She explained that a data walk is a hands-on interactive way for the community to engage, explore data, and share their own experiences. Instead of just presenting our numbers, we display data visually, invite people to react, and collect their insights. She then moved onto what the data was presented at the walk. She began with that in 2023 there were nine motor vehicle deaths and four of them were caused by an impaired driver. That makes it nearly 44% of all crashes in Fremont County were impaired driving which is higher than the state's average of about 30%. Ms. Boscia went on to explain how they collected the data which consisted of traffic light activity, bean voting, brainstorming wall, story sharing, timeline of influence, and cause-and-effect web. One of the activities the public participated in was the bean counting where they got to vote which option they believed would be the most effective in making change to impaired driving in the local area. The option that got the most votes was changing the parking regulations downtown to allow overnight parking or alternatives. The second was transportation solutions such as free ride vouchers paid for by DUI fines or making public

transportation available at least on the weekends or peak times. She believes that they should strive for long-term impact by continued community engagement, data-driven decision making, and policy advocacy. The vision is to create a community where safe driving is the norm. That public health, law enforcement, schools, businesses, and residents can build a culture that values safety and responsibility.

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**2. Impaired Driving Awareness Month Proclamation**

Representative: Michelle Boscia, Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment

**Michelle Boscia** recited the proclamation for Impaired Driving Awareness Month, which can be found in its entirety at the bottom of these minutes.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the proclamation making December 2025 Impaired Driving Awareness Month. 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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**3. Transfer of Operator CUP 16-001 Colorado Quarries**

Colorado Quarries will be taking over the operation of the Iron Mountain Gravel Pit CUP 16-  
Representative: Colorado Quarries, Inc. - Jodi Schrieber,

**Ms. Schriber** said it is currently under Rocky Mountain Excavating and Colorado Quarries is wanting to take over. The current size of the gravel pit is 9.2 acres, and they would like to expand to 46.89 acres which requires BLM approval and they almost complete. She explained with the expansion it will be in four phases, expanding from 8.4 acres to 14.5 acres at a time. She said that just because they are expanding the overall size of the quarry, they are not looking to increase the output this is just for the extending the longevity of this quarry. They plan to have around 358 semi-loads a year which should equate to one a day.

**Commissioner Bell** asked if she and the applicant are aware that the transfer of operatorship comes with all responsibilities and conditions of the previous CUP.

**Ms. Schriber** answered that they are aware, and it is understood by the operator.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said Colorado Quarries assumes all responsibility for the performance of all obligations, conditions, guarantees imposed upon them of the approved permit. He explained that the Cooper was operated by Shane Cooper and was approved November 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2005. In 2016 the operator changed to Shawn and Benny Cook and the name was changed to Iron Mountain Gravel Pit. The Planning and Zoning department recommends approval.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve this transfer of operator for conditional use permit number 16-001 Colorado Quarries to take over operation of the Iron Mountain Gravel Pit. 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. Schedule for a Special Board of County Commissioners meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2025, with the following agenda items:

a. New Business

- i. Resolution summarizing expenditures for each fund and adopting a budget for The County of Fremont, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2026, and ending on the last day of December 2026  
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer
- ii. Resolution levying General Property Taxes for the year 2025, to help defray the government costs for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2026 Budget Year  
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer
- iii. Resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below, of the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2026 Budget Year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026  
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer
- iv. Certification of Levies and Revenue  
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

**Commissioner Grantham** reminded the public that they are encouraged to retrieve copies and ask questions to be a part of the process to approve a sufficient budget.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:00am to finalize the 2026 Fremont County Budget. 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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5. Reappointment of Amanda Fouche to the Fremont County Fair Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028.

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

6. Reappointment of Emily Eggleston to the Fremont County Heritage Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2028.

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

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

**None.**

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.

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

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O\\_QJPDeDLk&t=2944s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O_QJPDeDLk&t=2944s)

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners





## **Fremont County Board of Commissioners**

### **Proclamation**

#### **IMPAIRED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH DECEMBER 2025**

**WHEREAS**, impaired driving whether due to alcohol, over-the-counter or prescription medications, illicit drugs, or any other substance is a preventable public safety and public health crisis that exacts a heavy toll of devastating and life-changing consequences for individuals, families, and communities across our country and right here in Fremont County; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that, on average, 34 people are killed every day in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver in the United States that's one person every 42 minutes. In 2023 alone 12,429 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes while thousands of others were injured in collisions involving drivers impaired by alcohol and other drugs. All these tragedies were preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, impaired driving continues to claim lives in Colorado, where the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) reports that in 2023 a total of 716 people died in traffic crashes statewide and 218 of those deaths or 30.4% involved alcohol impairment. Moreover, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (COBI) reports that Colorado State Patrol and local law enforcement made 16,821 DUI arrests in 2023, highlighting the persistent need for education, enforcement and prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Fremont County is no exception to this trend: The Fremont County Coroner's Office reports that in 2023 there were nine motor-vehicle-related fatalities in our county and that four of those deaths or 44.4% involved alcohol impairment. State court records show that local law enforcement made 1,579 arrests in 2023, 348 of which were DUIs, or 22% of the total. These sobering numbers highlight the urgent need for a concerted local effort to develop a coordinated prevention approach; and





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### Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment (FCDPHE) has a strong partnership with local law enforcement agencies and community partners and is diligently working to reduce the number of impaired-driving crashes in Fremont County through public awareness efforts, prevention activities, and community outreach and education; and

**WHEREAS**, no one agency or organization can stop impaired driving alone, and Fremont County is collaborating closely with local and statewide partners including CDOT, El Paso County, the Pikes Peak DUI Task Force, and the soon-to-be-launched Fremont County DUI Task Force to strengthen prevention efforts, save lives, and create a brighter and safer future for all our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, a time when we honor and remember those we have lost to impaired driving, support survivors and their families, and renew our collective commitment to ending this preventable tragedy through increased awareness, individual action, and collaboration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that December 2025 is hereby designated as Impaired Driving Awareness Month in Fremont County, Colorado. The commissioners encourage all residents to make responsible choices, never drive under the influence, support prevention initiatives, and work together to keep our roads safe for everyone.

Signed this 25th Day of November, 2025.

**Kevin Grantham**  
District 1 Commissioner

**Debbie Bell**  
District 2 Commissioner

**Dwayne McFall**  
District 3 Commissioner