

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Special Session on December 16th, 2024, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chair Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Justin D Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	Present

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.

Commissioner Grantham addressed the slips for speaking, announcing that this is not a public hearing and these agenda items are action only. The public hearing took place on November 10th which was the time to speak and comment on the 2026 Fremont County budget.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. **Resolution No. 18** 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

Finance Officer Sutton said that County Administrator Carochi, elected officials, department heads, and himself all went through the budgeting process again for the 2026 draft budget. He said he first presented it to the commissioners during the second week of October and then a public hearing was held on November 10th, 2025, in which the public was given a presentation and the opportunity to speak. He explained that today is final step in the process and making everything official. The first resolution is for the total expenditures requested for 2026 for adoption of \$69,295,721. Some of the large funds include the Fremont County General Fund totaling \$20,999,959, the Sheriff's Department at \$13,879,489 and Department of Human Services at \$10,900,024. The only changes made were the salaries, insurance, and benefit packages.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve **Resolution No. 18** of 2025, summarizing expenditure 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. 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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2. **Resolution No. 19** levying General Property Taxes for the year 2025, to help defray the costs of government for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2026 Budget Year
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Finance Officer Sutton said the final Fremont County Assessed evaluation from the assessor's office totaled \$721,445,106. The mill levy certification is 11.443 Mills with the majority going to the General Fund 8.422 Mills. He then went on to explain that state statute promises that if taxes ever rise above a 5.5% increase in one year the county must adjust the mills to get down to a 5% increase.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve **Resolution No. 19** series of 2025 a resolution, leaving general property taxes for the year 2025 to help defray the cost of government for the County of Fremont, Colorado for the year 2026 budget year. 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. **Resolution No. 20** 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

Finance Officer Sutton explained that this resolution is another step in the process, this specifically was for approving appropriating sums which give him permission to allocate funds as described.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve **Resolution No. 20** of 2025. Appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies in the amounts and for the purposes set forth of the county of Fremont, Colorado for the 2026 budget year beginning January 1st of 2026 and ending December 31st 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. Certification of Levies and Revenue
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Finance Officer Sutton said that the Assessor's office as well as the finance office sent out 37 letters to various municipalities, special districts, and other entities for the annual mill levy certification. They all must be in by December 15th which means all the work must be compiled, numbers verified, and reaching out to stray entities. The full certification must be completed by December 22nd, which means it should be certified and signed by County Administrator Carochi.

Commissioner Grantham adjourned the meeting at 9:30am.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEvv3GDFMd0&t=1073s>

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners