

## TWENTYFIFTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on December 26, 2023, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Kevin J Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Absent
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Manager	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

### INVOCATION

Bradley Buck from Bridge to Life 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 McFall** said an amendment must be made to the agenda, the County Clerk's report needs to be removed because he is not present and letter C must be made B. Commissioner McFall moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / None
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,420,348.50
3. Ratification of Chairman's signature on contract with The Employers Council for compensation consulting services
4. Schedule Public Hearings: None.

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL

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#### 1. Staff / Elected Officials:

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

**Budget & Finance Officer Sutton** gave the Sales & Use Tax Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com).

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

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

**County Manager Carochi** gave the County Manager Report, which can be found on in its entirety at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com).

**Commissioner Grantham** announced that starting January 23<sup>rd</sup> the Board of County Commissioners meetings will be held at 9 am instead of 9:30 am, moving the public hearings to 9:30 am.

**Commissioner Bell** commented that part of the reason for this change is because public hearings have the potential to be very long, and people aren't allowed to have food or drink in the Board room. Since that is the case, some people can't wait and leave.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. Resolution No. 44, Series of 2023 Continuing Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2023 Until January 10, 2024, or Such Earlier Date That The Fremont County, Colorado Board of County Commissioners Adopts a Budget, and Appropriates Funds For Fiscal Year 2024.

**Attorney Jackson** said that state legislators have extended the deadline for local governments to adopt and approve a budget and appropriate funds pursuant to the budget for next year. The deadline has been extended to January 10, 2024. The legislation that allows the local government to extend or to wait until January 10<sup>th</sup> to adopt a budget does not include extension of the 2023 expenditures so there would be no practical way for the county to pay bills from January 1 to January 10<sup>th</sup>. Considering that, this resolution extends the 2023 budget until the 2024 budget is approved.

**Commissioner Grantham** wanted to make it clear that this is exclusively for the first nine days of the year to be able to write checks until the next meeting to approve the budget.

**Commissioner Bell** said she has a hard time reconciling that a continuing resolution is necessary, that she never thought in her lifetime a county would have to adopt this because of the actions of state legislation.

**Commissioner Grantham** commented that it's also indirectly caused by the taxing districts because they must come to a budget based on what legislature did and set their mills and then the Board can take a final action.

**Commissioner McFall** reiterated that the County budget will be finalized when other entities finalize their budgets, and the Board can approve the mill levies for each of the special districts

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve Resolution No. 44. 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. Reappointment of Barbara Clark to the John C. Fremont Library District Board of Trustees for a term ending December 31, 2028.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to reappoint Barabara Clark to the Fremont Library District Board of Trustees with a term ending December 31, 2028. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuxNBR3UWq0vV2T2Rgyl6rA>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners