

TWENTYEIGHTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Special Session on December 17th, 2024, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman McFall called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Justin D Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	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 Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 39** 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 2025, and ending on the last day of December 2025
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Finance Officer Sutton said that he originally presented the draft budget in the second week of October at the public hearing, and it was posted on the county website. He said the total expenditures requested for 2025 is \$66,723,051. He divided into different categories such as General Fund for \$20,624,575, the Sheriff Fund for \$13,539,635, and Department of Transportation Fund for \$6,402,939, etc. A few changes were made to the budget such as updated salaries, benefit packages, and expenses.

Commissioner Bell commented that it is shocking to see the amount of funds the Sheriff's Office now receives because of unfunded mandates made by the state, considering it was only \$3.9 million 14 years ago.

Commissioner Grantham moved to adopt Resolution No. 39. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. **Resolution No. 40** levying General Property Taxes for the year of 2024, to help defray the costs of government for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2025 Budget Year
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Budget and Finance Officer Sutton said the final assessed valuation amount from the Assessor's Office totals \$616,667,601 and the County's Mill Levy Certification is 12.325 Mills which is broken out by General Fund at 8.422, Road and Bridge .850, Department of Social Services at 2.701, and the Airport Fund at .321. Refund Abatements totaled at 0.13%. The total property tax revenue is \$7,600,428.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve **Resolution No. 40**. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. **Resolution No. 41** 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 2025 Budget Year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Budget and Finance Officer Sutton said this is the final step on the 2025 budget process, this resolution appropriates monies to each fund allocating the funds to cover the expenses set forth in the 2025 budget.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve **Resolution No. 41**. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Certification of Levies and Revenue
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Budget and Finance Officer Sutton said his department sends out 37 requests to different entities which includes municipalities, special districts, etc. for the annual mil levy certification. The deadline this year was December 16th so the department can verify the numbers, to then be able to provide the entire certification to the state by December 23rd. He said this agenda item does not require a resolution or motion, that he just wanted it to be verified by the board before County Administrator Carochi signs it to be certified.

Commissioner McFall adjourned the meeting at 9:16am.

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners