

## **FIFTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on March 11<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 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 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: None.
2. Approval of Bills for \$2,057,325.58
3. 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 Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL**

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a. 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. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

b. County Administrator Report, Tony Carochi, County Administrator

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

**Commissioner Bell** said that one of the incredible parts about being a commissioner is having the ability to recognize citizens in the community. She said there is one young gentleman that has come to their attention recently by his father by the name of Dustin Kletke. He is receiving his Eagle Scout award and his father asked if the commissioners would be interested in writing a letter of congratulations for his ceremony. The commissioners of course happily agreed. Commissioner Bell then began to recite the letter of congratulations a highlight from the letter "Achieving the highest rank attainable in the Scouting program is no small feat. Since its inception in 1911, only 4 percent of all Scouts have earned this rank."

**Commissioner McFall** explained that his seat on the Public Land Steering Committee enables him to band together with the National Association of Counties to create resolutions to fight for our western states' forest health. Enough may happen where the timber industry should pick up to help clean up the forests. A way of determining forest health is the tree density, a healthy forest is 200 to 300 trees per acre and our average forest is 400 to 600 trees per acre which creates a competition for nutrients.

**Commissioner Grantham** encouraged the public to participate in the hearing for Senate Bill 3 if the Second Amendment is important to them and wanted to let the public know that the commission has already sent a letter requesting the Governor and the House Committee to veto.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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1. **TUP 23-002 Marchand Ranch Wedding & Event Center**  
Request for Extension of Temporary Use Permit

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said the TUP was set to expire April 25<sup>th</sup>, but the applicant realized that they already booked Blossom Ball which is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>. The applicant requested that it be extended till the end of the day on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner McFall** said that it was disheartening that the applicant wasn't present for the meeting and that this has gone on for almost two years when this is specifically supposed to be used temporarily. He believes that they have had plenty of time to establish a long-term Special Review Use permit.

**Commissioner Bell** agreed that this situation is disappointing and understands Commissioner McFall's point that this extension is important for the community but on the other hand that the exact same point should be motivation for the applicant to have everything in order to operate properly.

**Commissioner Grantham** asked Director Victoria if they believe the SRU will even be established by April 26<sup>th</sup> or if this is going to need to be revisited once again.

**Director Victoria** explained that this complicated process is difficult to put specific times on considering many different factors such as the application will be open for comment for 14 days to several different departments and then to evaluate those comments and getting it to the planning commission. After that takes place, it then can be put on a BOCC agenda, he anticipates it getting to that stage in May.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve a one-day extension to the Marchand Ranch Wedding and Event Venue of the Temporary Use Permit and expire April 26<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, no; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. Secure Transportation Vehicle Permits and Secure Transportation Service Licenses for Broncos Ride LLC, MedRide LLC and Super Transit LLC

**Attorney Bellas** explained that these transportation services are more for behavioral health instead of medical emergencies. The purpose of this agenda item is due to regulations demanding that each provider be licensed and each vehicle is permitted based on the type of vehicle. Class A is essentially one step below a ground ambulance service, and they are allowed to use limited physical restraint. Class Bs are not allowed to use any restraint. A Type One vehicle has a barrier between the driver and the backseat passengers. A Type Two is just a regular vehicle with no barrier.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve a Class B Secure Transportation Service License for Medride, LLC. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve a Class A and B Secure Transportation Service License for SuperTransit, LLC. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve one Type 1 and one Type 2 Secure Transportation Vehicle Permits for Super Transit, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve a Class A and B Secure Transportation Service License for Broncos Ride, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McFall. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve one Type 1 and one Type 2 Secure Transportation Vehicle Permits for Broncos Ride, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McFall. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve a Class B Secure Transportation Service License for MedRide, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McFall made a motion to approve 29 Type 2 Secure Transportation Vehicle Permits for MedRide, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Reappointment of Matthew Landis to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a term expiring February 28, 2028

**Commissioner Bell** moved to reappoint Mathew Landis to the board of zoning adjustment for a term that will expire on February 28<sup>th</sup> of 2028. 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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3. **Resolution No. 7**, Series of 2025, Declaring Square Dance as an Official Folk Dance of Fremont County

**Commissioner Bell** recited **Resolution No. 7**.

**Susan Levy**, the President of the newly reformed club, was grateful that the commissioners chose to give recognition to square dancing and their organization. She believes the mind and body connection you gain from dancing and the social interaction is so beneficial for any individual and encourages everybody to give it a try. She said they are beginning the season with an open community dance for people to try it out to decide if they would like to participate in the 14-week course.

**Shellie Busetti** said that it's important for everyone to know there is no dress code for this course. She likes to wear the more traditional square dance attire and Susan prefers a more modern prairie skirt and even a pair of jeans will suffice.

**Bill Busetti** said that after a car accident a few years ago that severely injured him, square dancing has reintegrated his brain and body and brings him a lot of joy.

**Larry Richards**, the Vice President, reaffirmed all the claims that the previous people have spoken. He said the number one common goal and rule of the center is for everybody to get along and have a good time.

**Laura Ricord** the President of the Board for the Golden Age Center said the center welcomes the Promenaders and the history of square dancing. She encouraged people of all ages to participate, to create relationships and learn history from the elders.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve **Resolution No. 7** series of 2025; declaring square dance as an official folk dance of Fremont County. 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.**

**None.**

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 9:54am.

To view the YouTube Video for Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ukuRVuwOgo8>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners