

## **SEVENTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session On April 8<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
Shawn Sutton	Assistant County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

### **INVOCATION**

Todd Luce from Grandview Christian 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 with a minor change of new business item number three, proclamation changing the dates to April 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. 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 / March 25, 2025
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,310,830.53
3. Ratification of Chairman's signature on Professional Services Agreement between Fremont County and Lochner
4. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Fremont County Airport Lease Extension for Jeremy Divan and Michael Ross
5. Ratification of Chairman's Signature on Fremont County Airport Landing Area

Lease Extension for Jeremy Divan and Michael Ross

6. 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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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

a. Public Trustee Quarterly Report, Kathy Elliott, County Public Trustee

**Public Trustee Elliot** gave the quarterly Public Trustee report which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Public Trustee Elliot** began the report with 17 foreclosures have been reported, eight of those being VA loans. She also wanted the commissioners to be aware of two major ones coming in with the value of both being over a million dollars, which includes five mobile home parks. The sale for the parks will take place in July.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to accept the Public Trustee's quarterly 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 Assistant Administrator Shawn Sutton** gave the County Manager Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner McFall** said to be patient with the Code Enforcement department, they currently have 85 open cases. The department gives the owners every chance they can to clean up the property themselves before they forcibly clean up the property using taxpayer money.

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

**Kathy Madonna** said she is concerned about the economy of Fremont County considering the current administration is considering reducing benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP that would affect the most vulnerable population which includes the elderly, women, and children.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### 1. Introduction of the 2025 Blossom Festival Queen and her Court

Queen – Madysen Daniels  
1st Attendant – Olivia Ley  
2nd Attendant – Bella Lloyd  
Miss Personality – Jenna Cornwell  
3rd Runner-up – Eliana Kopunic  
4th Runner-up – Jenna Cornwell  
Interview/Merit – Evie Smith  
Modeling – Taylor Jones  
Miss Photogenic – Ashlynn Quinn  
Spirit of Blossom – Tynlee Cook and Heather Thomas  
Little Mister – Rhett Shaw  
Little Miss – Lillian Dodge  
Parade Grand Marshal – Shirley Troutman

**Cassie Grow** is the President of the Canon City Music and Blossom Festival, and she would like each of the girls present today to introduce themselves and give a brief overview of some exciting festivities coming to Canon City.

**Jenna Cornwell** won this year's Miss Personality, and she announced that this year is the 87th annual Blossom Festival. There will be activities such as craft fairs, rodeos, the parade, and Cluster Duck. Blossom Ball will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Marchand Ranch Wedding and Event Center. The inaugural Blossom Bowlers bowling tournament organized by Fremont USBC and hosted by Canon City Lanes will be held on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Bella Lloyd** is the Second Attendant for Canon City Music & Blossom Festival Pageant this year and she believes the heart of the festival is the school band competition that recognizes elementary, middle, and high school students.

**Olivia Ley** is the First Attendant for the Canon City Music & Blossom Festival Pageant this year and she wanted to announce the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Blossom 5K Run that is organized and hosted by Fremont Adventure Recreation at Centennial Park. Blossom in the park opens at 9am, that is a craft fair and kids' zone at Veterans Park which will have live entertainment and food.

**Madysen Daniels** is the 2025 Blossom Festival Queen and every year they choose a community member to honor that has made significant contributions. This year Shirley Troutman was chosen, and she will lead the court down Main Street for the 87<sup>th</sup> annual Canon City Music and Blossom Festival Parade. An event called Cluster Duck will follow which features 20 bands.

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### 2. Proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Representative: Sarah Fisher, Family Crisis Services

**Ms. Fisher** thanked the commissioners for giving Sexual Assault Month the attention it deserves and recited the Proclamation which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner Bell** said that she used to serve on the board of this organization and understands everything that they do and how important this service is to the community. Commissioner Bell wants everyone to pay attention and understand how this affects everyone in the community, not just the survivors.

**Ms. Fisher** wanted to share some stats about what the organization accomplished last year. It included 1,427 nights of shelter, 170 crisis calls, and they served 274 clients in the follow-up housing program.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the Sexual Assault Awareness proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month here in Fremont County. 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. Proclamation naming April 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week  
Representative: Angie Clawson, CRCA Director and Lindsay Hubbard, Deputy Director

**Commissioner Bell** recited the Proclamation regarding National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontcountyco.gov](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the proclamation naming April 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as National Public Safety Week. 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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4. Award bid for Tack Oil  
Representative: Michael Whitt, Director, Fremont County Department of Transportation

**DOT Director Whitt** recommends the bid go to Suncor Energy for \$2.34 a gallon and Fremont County Department of Transportation will pick up the product.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to award the bid for SS1H Tac Oil to SunCor Energy at \$2.34 per gallon from the Pueblo plant which will be picked up by the Fremont County Department of Transportation. 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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5. Requesting the issuance of a Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit Canon City Rodeo Association for an event at 1595 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Canon City, CO 81212 on the following date: May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30pm to 11:30pm in 2025.  
Representative: Andy Philips

**Mr. Philips** said there will be six sheriff deputies present at the event, with fencing around the area to control the crowd.

**Commissioner Bell** asked who will be serving the alcohol and if they are trained to identify people underage.

**Mr. Philips** said that there will be three people present at the event that are TIP's certified, checking ID's and giving people wristbands.

**Commissioner McFall** asked if there would be a fully enclosed fencing.

**Mr. Philips** answered yes.

**Clerk Grantham** began the staff report by introducing the event and explaining that the application was submitted before the 45-day requirement, sheriff, public health, and the county attorney recommended approval. The proof of posting was received by our office on the 10-day requirement. The Clerk's office recommends approval.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the issuance of a fermented malt beverage special event permit for the Canon City Rodeo Association for an event at 195 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Canon City on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> fro, 4:30 to 11:30, 2025. 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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6. Requesting the issuance of a Retail Liquor Store License for MR INV LLC dba Cutty's Hayden Creek Resort at 3428 Hayden Creek Road, Coaldale, CO 81222.  
Representative: Alex Stauter

**Mr. Stauter** said the plan is to open a liquor store and resort in Coaldale. The diagram is of the A-frame building that they will be using for the liquor store, they will be putting in coolers, shelves, and racks. They plan on having the store's hours 11am to 5pm. The only people working inside the store will be 21 or older and they will be required to ID everyone that comes into the store.

**Clerk Grantham** said the application was submitted by Mr. Stauter on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, providing all necessary information. The county attorney reviewed the file and did not find any deficiencies. The

public health department recommended approval. The Sheriff's office said they will conduct an onsite inspection when or if the application is approved. The proof of posting was sent before to 10day requirement, the proof of publishing was completed Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> which is on the 10-day requirement. After completing the process and reviewing the file in its entirety the Clerk's office recommends approval.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the Retail Liquor Store license for MR INV LLC doing business as Cutty's Hayden Creek Resort in Coaldale, Colorado. 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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7. Requesting the issuance of Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit Canon City Music & Blossom Festival for an event at Marchand Ranch Wedding and Event Venue 4807 State Highway 9, Canon City, CO 81212 on the following date: April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 11:00pm in 2025.  
Representative: Cassie Grow

**Ms. Grow said** this is the third annual Blossom Ball; the event is held at Marchand Ranch and 175 people will be attending with the theme being The Wizard of Oz. Entrances will be manned by Blossom Committee staff members and volunteers who have been trained to check identification correctly. After the person is ID and over the age of 21, they will receive a wristband.

**Clerk Grantham** said the special event application was submitted on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for an event on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Marchand Ranch Venue well before the 45-day requirement. The sheriff's office, public health department, and the county attorney all recommended approval. All things considered; the Clerk's office recommends approval.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the issuance of malt, vinous, and spiritous & fermented malt beverage special event permit for Canon City Music and Blossom Festival for an event at Marchand Ranch Wedding and Event Venue 4807 CO-9 on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. 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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8. **TUP 23-002 Marchand Ranch Wedding & Event Venue**  
Requesting an Extension for TUP 23-002 Marchand Ranch Wedding & Event Venue  
Applicant: Tiffany Foster

**Mrs. Foster** said she is requesting another extension for her TUP while the SRU is still being processed and CDOT approves the shuttle plan they submitted. Mrs. Foster explained that another venue in Howard is doing the same thing and doesn't see why it would be an issue.

**Commissioner Bell** asked what kind of timeline she is asking for.

**Director Victoria** said there are no issues with the application for the SRU and it should be able to go in front of the planning commission the first week of May, which means the application should be available to be present at the board meeting the first week of June. Although that is what the timeline should be Director Victoria believes it would be a good idea to make the extension to July to allow some cushion time.

**Director Victoria** explained that the SRU is almost complete aside from CDOT's response to the new plan that was submitted. The SRU packet is put together and a staff report is being developed.

**Commissioner Bell moved** to approve the TUP extension from April 26 to July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 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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#### **9. CUP Transfer of Ownership: United Companies**

Requesting a transfer of ownership by Oldcastle SW Group, Inc, doing business as United Companies. Due to acquiring Ary Corporation, as part of this acquisition, Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. will take over the existing permits associated with Ary Corporation's operations.  
CUP 22-001 Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix (Penrose Pit) CUP 00-007 Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix (McCumber Hill) CUP 86-007 Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix (MacKenzie Pit)  
CUP 98-011 Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix (Florence South Pit)  
Representative: Sara Weimer & Tony

**Ms. Weimer** said the company is requesting the transfer of three Conditional Use Permits, the company focuses on road construction, providing products such as aggregates, asphalt, ready-mix concrete, and cement. She also wanted the commissioners to know that the company takes environmental compliance very seriously, they are familiar with all the regulations which include the clean air act, clean water act, and the state level environmental law on land development with the Division of Reclamation and Colorado Department of Public Health. She said CUP-00-007, McCumber Hill, is not part of this agenda item.

**Director Victoria** said the department has had a pleasant experience with this company, they were very receptive and have asked lots of questions including the requested copies of all the permits to make sure they are in 100% compliance.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve CUP transfer of CUP 22-001 Fremont Paving and Ready Mix the Penrose Pit to Old Castle Southwest Group Inc doing business as United Companies. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the transfer of ownership of CUP 00-007 Fremont Paving and Ready-mix Mackenzie Pit to Old Castle SW Group Inc doing business as United Companies.

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

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the transfer of CUP 98-001 Fremont Paving and Ready Mix to Old Castle Southwest Group doing business as United Companies for the Florence South Pit. 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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#### **10. SE 25-002 Wright**

Subdivision Exemption for property located at 1638 County Road 46, Howard, CO 81223  
Applicant: Jodell Wright

**Director Victoria** said this application stemmed from a state mandate that was enacted on September 1<sup>st</sup> of 1971 and the earliest parcel for this property came to light on November 1<sup>st</sup> of 1972 and was recorded on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1973. Director Victoria explained this is more to clean things up by granting an exemption to prevent future owners running into problems.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the subdivision exemption 25-002 for the property located at 1638 County Road 46 in Howard. 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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#### **11. Approval of Fremont County Weed Management Plan as submitted by the Fremont County Weed Advisory Board**

**Commissioner McFall** explained that the management plan has not changed much since last year and the importance of destroying these noxious weeds considering they can spread rampantly if not handled swiftly.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the Fremont County Weed Management Plan. 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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#### **12. Resolution No. 8, Series of 2025, Opposing Colorado Senate Bill 25-003**

**Commissioner McFall** recited the Resolution opposing Colorado Senate Bill 25-003.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve **Resolution No. 8**. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

13. Appointment of Kevin Brown to the Fremont County Board of Zoning Adjustment as a permanent member with a term expiring February 28, 2028

**Commissioner Bell** moved to appoint Kevin Brown to the Fremont County Board of Zoning Adjustment with a term expiring February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2028. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 10:52am.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOBGAraDOBs>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners