

SEVENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on April 14th, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chair Pro Tem McFall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Absent
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	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 Grantham moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / March 24, 2026
2. Approval of Bills for \$2,312,511.66
3. Ratification of Chair's Signature on Salary Order Form
4. Ratification of Chair's Signature on Policy Assuring Adequate Inspections on Federally Funded Projects
5. Ratification of Chair's Signature on Policy Assuring Compliance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA) on Federally Funded Projects
6. Ratification of Commissioner McFall's signature on Administrative Services Agreement with Alera Group.

7. Schedule Public Hearing:

- a. Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 9:30 AM

SRU 26-001 Legacy Metals and Fabrication Facility

The applicant proposes building a 61,316 SF building that will contain offices, a conference room, a break room, a metal fabrication shop, and a material storage area.

The proposed facility will be a fabrication and sales facility for metal panels, siding, roofs, and similar products.

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

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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

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

Shawn Sutton provided the Sales & Use Tax Report, which is available in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

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

County Administrator Carochi gave the County Administrator Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner McFall informed the community that it is a real possibility that we will face water restrictions, given the already alarmingly low levels.

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

Jeff Koch approached the podium to express concern about traffic congestion, as North 9th Street is closed due to road construction. It has caused traffic to increase on 15th Street, where it transitions to Washington Street at the hard curve. He suggested painting a solid white line to help guide people through the curve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Representative: Stephanie Moses, Family Crisis Services

Stephanie Moses from the Family Crisis Center recited the Proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is available in its entirety at the bottom of these minutes.

Commissioner Grantham expressed gratitude for this program being available to citizens in Fremont County.

Ms. Moses shared that the center has supported 347 new survivors in the past year, supplied 1,477 safe nights, and answered 1,211 crisis calls. They provide services such as safe housing, help with filing legal paperwork, a 24-hour hotline, and counseling.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the proclamation naming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

2. Proclamation naming April 12-18 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
Representative: Angela Clawson, Combined Regional Dispatch Center Director

Angela Clawson, the Director of the Combined Regional Dispatch Center, recited the proclamation, which can be found at the bottom of these minutes.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the Proclamation naming April 12-18 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

3. Requesting the issuance of a Fermented Malt Beverage Special Event Permit, Canon City Rodeo Association, for an event at 1595 South 9th Street, Canon City, CO 81212, on the following dates: May 1st & 2nd, 2026, from 4:00 pm to 11:30 pm.
Representative: Andy Philips

Mr. Philips said the Rodeo starts at 7:00 pm and runs until an undisclosed time, which is why the late-end-time request was made. He said there will be food vendors, wristbands, temporary fencing around the drinking area, and Fremont County Sheriff Deputies present.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the issuance of a fermented malt beverage special event permit for the Canon City Rodeo Association for an event at 195 S 9th St, Canon City, CO 81212, on

the following dates: May 1st and May 2nd, from 4:00 pm to 11:30 pm. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED 9:30 a.m.

1. Revisions and Updates to the Fremont County Environmental Health Department Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Regulations Representative: Fremont County Building Official Wyatt Sanders

Commissioner McFall opened the public hearing at 9:40 am.

Wyatt Sander, Building Department Director, said the state amended OWTS Regulation 43 on June 15th, 2025. On-site wastewater treatment systems regulations were developed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in collaboration with stakeholders. Local agencies have one year to adopt the state's amended regulations or adopt updated local regulations consistent with these changes. The main goal of these revisions is to align with accepted industry standards, ensure statewide consistency, and allow local adaptability. The revisions also clarify various sections, such as the evaluation of properties with high rock content, and introduce new safety measures to prevent people and livestock from falling into septic tanks. Mr. Sanders explained that the foremost objective of the regulation is to preserve the environment, protect public health and water quality, and reduce and control pollution. The purpose of the regulation, as authorized by the OWTS Act, is to establish minimum standards for the location, design, construction, performance, installation, alteration, and use of OWTRS within the state of Colorado, and to establish minimum requirements for regulations adopted by the local board of health.

Commissioner McFall asked Director Sanders how local contractors have responded to the proposed regulations.

Director Sanders responded that the only concern he had heard came from the public, who thought that everything was filtered through a high-pressure sand filter system, and that is not the case. The true change to the regulations comes from defining what constitutes 30% rock or 50% rock during soil tests, and the cost of installation is determined by location.

Steve Harrison, a consultant for the Town of Williamsburg and environmental trainer for the Colorado Department of Health in Denver, was present to express concern. He used the specific example of an area called Benson, where they are attempting to build four houses on a 1.1-acre lot, which is not feasible because it would greatly increase the risk of cross-contamination. He suggested requiring at least 1 acre of land for installing a septic system, and they could add exceptions if soil conditions permit. He expressed gratitude to the county commissioner, since they understand the importance of requiring permits for septic tank installation.

Commissioner Grantham commented that, as a commissioner, they have struggled with the state's attempt to assume local control and allow multiple uses on smaller and smaller properties to increase densities. Still, that logic isn't compatible with OWTS systems.

Director Sanders said that the Fremont County Planning and Zoning Regulations specify that a four-acre lot with a well can have an OWTS system, and that a one-acre lot with public-supplied water can as well. There is an exception for a non-forming parcel, meaning that a lot less than an acre can be installed if there is room for a replacement or an auxiliary system.

Commissioner McFall closed the public hearing at 9:52 am.

Commissioner Grantham made it clear that, as commissioners and the board of health, they are very conscientious about water quality and the placement of these units.

Director Sanders informed the commissioners that the due date is June 15th. The state has 45 days from the date of submission to respond to any changes, and then they must resubmit the proposed regulations.

Commissioner Grantham moved to lay over this agenda item till the April 28th meeting. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED AT 9:54 am.

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4. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for Secure Transit LLC

County Attorney Bellas explained that secure transportation is for behavioral health. There are Class A and Class B services. Class A service personnel are authorized to use light restraints, and Class B personnel are not permitted to use any restraint at all. The license, if approved, will last for three years. The vehicle permits consist of type one and type two. Type one vehicles have a partition between the driver and the passenger; type two vehicles do not.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the license and permit for the Secure Transportation service for Secure Transit LLC, a Class B license from April 14, 2026, to the 13th day of April 2029. Commissioner Grantham also moved to approve a Type Two secure vehicle permit for Secure Transit LLC for a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan. From April 14, 2026, to April 13, 2027, Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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5. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for MED Route Connect LLC

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the secure transportation service license and permit for MED Route Connect LLC. It is a Class A secure transport license for three years, beginning on April 14th, 2026, and ending on the 13th day of April 2029. The vehicle permit is for a 2020 Chevy Silverado. It will be good for one year, beginning on April 14th, 2026, and ending on the 13th, 2027. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

6. Renewal of Secure Transportation Service Permit for Goodkind Transportation Services LLC

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve a Type One secure vehicle permit for Goodkind Transportation, a 2018 Ford Explorer, from April 14, 2026, to April 13th, 2027. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

7. Appointment of a new member to the Fremont County Airport Advisory Board for a term beginning April 14, 2026, and ending October 1, 2027.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the appointment of Miles DeYoung as a Fremont County Airport Advisory Board member for a term beginning April 14, 2026, and ending October 1, 2027. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McFall adjourned the meeting at 10:06 am.

To view the YouTube Video for the Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjNA1Q_E20U