

EIGHTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on April 22nd, 2025, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Absent
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Randy Keller the Fremont County Coroner gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

McKinley Elementary 4th and 5th grade students led those present in reciting 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. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Shawn Sutton gave the Sales & Use Tax Report for the months of February and March, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner Grantham commented that although there are negative numbers, it is not alarming considering the county does budget conservatively in anticipation of drops in collections during the winter months and then sees a significant rise once the weather gets warmer.

Clerk Grantham gave the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner Bell moved to accept the County Clerk's monthly report for the month of March 2025. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Clerk Grantham said that the process of creating this field trip to the Fremont County Administration building began a few months ago teaching the McKinley School 4th and 5th grade students about local government. He said that in honor of Earth Day, Seuffer Tree Farms donated two trees to plant and dedicate to the classes of 2032 and 2033.

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

County Administrator Carochi announced that the new director of DHS is Tonia Sutton. She has been working at Fremont County DHS for 18 years in various supervisory and administrator positions.

Commissioner Grantham explained that Senate Bill 3 will be very burdensome for the Sheriff Office causing financial and physical strain mandating a gun owner registration system.

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

Jackie Clark handles government relations for Holcim in a compact region that extends from Arizona to Alabama, including Colorado. She said her purpose of being present at the meeting was to welcome the team of community relations for the local Portland Plant Justin Kurth and Bob Gardner. Ms. Clark expressed enthusiasm working with community and having Holcim become more and more involved with the community.

Commissioner Bell said that the last few years it has felt as if Holcim has been missing from the community table, so she was pleased that Justin and Bob will be stepping up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Proclamation naming May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month
Representatives: Molly Willard and Steven Bergant, Department of Human Services

Molly Willard introduced herself as the Supervisor for Kinship and Foster Programs at DHS and she believes it's important to acknowledge foster parents because she believes they have the hardest job considering they do it every day. Ms. Willard then recited the proclamation for May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month.

Commissioner Grantham was very touched by the thought that they are people in our own community that step up and give these kids a soft place to land.

Commissioner Bell expressed gratitude for the dedicated employees at DHS and she would like them to share how to begin the process of becoming a foster parent.

Ms. Willard said you can visit the county's website or just call the DHS front desk, and they will be able to direct you to the correct person. She said they are hoping to do some recruitment soon to make the foster community even stronger.

Commissioner Bell moved to proclaim the month of May 2025 as Foster Care Awareness Month here in Fremont County. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Award bid for aggregate materials for Fremont County Department of Transportation
Representative: Michael Whitt, Director

DOT Director Whitt said they have finally received a good bid for the aggregate. The Fremont County Department of Transportation recommended the award of the bid as follow: $\frac{3}{4}$ inch aggregate rock at \$20 a ton from Holcim in Canon City for the chip-seals and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aggregate chip rock for \$23.50 a ton from Holcim in Canon City for chip-seals and Fremont DOT will pick it up.

Commissioner Bell moved to award the bid for aggregate materials for the Fremont County Department of Transportation as follows: $\frac{3}{4}$ inch aggregate chip rock \$20 a ton to Holcim for Canon City and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aggregate chip rock for \$23.50 a ton to Holcim of Canon City, and Fremont County crews will pick up the aggregate at the quarry. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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3. Requesting the issuance of Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance for an event at Venue at Oak Creek, 800 N Frazier Ave., Florence, CO 81226 on the following date: May 8th from 4:00 pm to 8:30pm in 2025.
Representative: Emmy Dennehy

Ms. Dennehy explained that the event is for Business After Hours and she is excited to host this event at a new venue to showcase it to the community.

Commissioner Bell asked Emmy if the servers have any training and how the organization will make sure that no one underage will consume alcohol.

Ms. Dennehy answered all the servers have gone through training on how to safely serve.

Mia Holscher from the Clerk's Office read the staff report stating that all required documentation was provided. The Sheriff and Public Health Departments came back recommending approval. The Attorney did not find any deficiencies, and the Alliance provided proof of posting 11 days before the meeting. After reviewing the application, the Clerk's office recommends approval.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve this malt, vinous and spiritous and fermented malt beverage special events permit for the Royal Gorge Chamber alliance for the event at Venue at Oak Creek 800 North Frazier Avenue in Florene, Colorado on May 8th beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 8:30 pm. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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4. Reappointment of Wiley Henley to the Fremont County 4-H Sales Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2027

Commissioner Bell moved to reappoint Wiley Henley to the Fremont County 4H Sales Committee with a term that will expire on December 31st of 2027. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: 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 10:18am.

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WODiYBR_184