

## **NINTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session On May 13<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**

Dan Canady from River City Vineyard 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**

**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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**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 for April 2025. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

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

**Christopher Olney** came before the board to discuss water usage since the growth across the front range is draining our natural resources. He asked the commissioners and all the counties along the Arkansas River to sit down and have these tough conversations, to collaborate about solutions before they become an even bigger issue.

**Commissioner Grantham** asked if he could fill out a slip with his information and the commissioners will reach out to set up a time.

**Commissioner McFall** thanked Mr. Olney for speaking at the meeting and understands the problems since he serves on the Arkansas Round Table and the Upper Arkansas Board. It is a problem that these boards discuss often, and he believes it would be a very beneficial conversation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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1. CDP 24-001 Penrose RV & Boat Storage  
Request for a Commercial Development Plan for storage units for recreational vehicles and boats located at 17225 State HWY 115 in Penrose, CO. Applicant: Anna Fluckey

**Ms. Fluckey** thanked the board for giving them the space to revise plans to give their clients the best possible result.

**Jim Brosttovich** from Civil Resources explained that they eliminated one of the buildings that was in the front, so they were able to reconfigure the two remaining buildings to recover some of the square footage lost. He said that not much is different, the access to the property is the same, and the storm water is the same. The location of the parking lot moved to the northeast corner and a portable toilet pad has been added at the request of the planning and zoning staff.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said the only changes to the application are the proposal of chemical toilets and the site plan was reduced to two prefabricated storage buildings. All the setbacks are now met, the department recommends approval with the following contingency items; they provide a hazardous spill procedure plan, a CDOT notice to proceed for the access permit, an approved noxious weed control plan, and approval for the use of chemical toilets.

**Commissioner Bell** asked attorney Bellas if they are allowed to approve the chemical toilet permit during the same motion considering the Board of Health consists of the same people at this meeting.

**County Attorney Bellas** said that it is allowed if they specifically state it in the motion.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the request for a commercial developments plan for storage units for recreational vehicles and boats located at 17225 CO-115 in Penrose for the Penrose RV & Boat Storage, this is CDP 24-001. This motion does include the contingencies of providing a hazardous spill procedure plan that addresses any onsite contamination, a copy of the CDOT notice to proceed for access permit number 224022, an approved noxious weed control plan, and it does include the Board of Health approval for use of chemical toilets on site, and the waiver for the refuse plan. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. Cañon City High School Capstone Project  
Professional and Internship Community Experience (PaICE)  
Presenter: Alessio Aurrucoecha

**Mr. Aurrucoecha** thanked everyone for his experience at the county administration building and explained the purpose of PaICE is to give students real life work experience and a taste of a specific field so they can understand quickly if that line of work is truly something they are interested in. Mr. Aurroucoecha explained that his interest is in the political field and the inner workings of local government. The Capstone Project entails designing a sprinter train that goes from Canon City with a stop in Florence, Pueblo, and ends in Colorado Springs. He believes this project would help increase tourism and overall funds for the county. It is also an opportunity to help the elderly community receive transportation. He appreciates all the knowledge and people he has gotten to meet during this journey.

**Commissioner McFall** asked with the experience he now has what his goals are for the future.

**Mr. Aurrucoecha** answered that his main goal is to research more local government to really understand how it works and then possibly work up to state; possibly even the federal level.

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2. Requesting the issuance of Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Events Permit Fremont County Republican Central Committee for an event at the Venue at Oak Creek, 800 N. Frazier Ave., Florence, CO 81226 on the following date: May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 pm to 11:59pm in 2025.  
Representative: Susan Luck

**Ms. Luck** said this event is the annual fundraiser called the Lincoln Day Dinner in honor of him for being the first Republican president. It is their biggest fundraiser of the year, and they chose this venue this year to try out a new area in the community.

**Commissioner Bell** asked Ms. Luck who the servers will be at the event and if they have any training to identify people correctly.

**Ms. Luck** answered that the owner of Paradise Liquor, Jeremy, will be the server at the event. He intends to review everyone's identification to verify they are over the age of 21.

**Clerk Grantham** gave the staff report which stated all documentation was provided on time. The application was sent to the Sheriff's Office and Public Health Department which came back recommending approval. The County Attorney reviewed the file, and all the information is correct. The Clerk's office recommends approval.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve the special event permit for Fremont County Republican Central Committee for an event at Venue at Oak Creek, 800 North Frazier Ave in Florence on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00pm to 11:59pm in 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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3. Requesting the issuance of a Fermented Malt Beverage Special Event Permit  
Royal Gorge River Initiative Organization for an event at Royal Gorge Park  
East Ridge Campground, CO RD 389 B, Canon City, CO 81212 on the  
following date: May 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm to 9:00pm.  
Representative: Caleb McNeil

**Mr. McNeil** explained that this event has been happening for a couple years now hosted by Zia Rides by Mountain by Grac. It takes place at the Royal Gorge Campground and the beverages are donated by World Brewing. The organization just receives tips for fundraising. They are using construction fencing to create an area with one entrance and exit where they can set up the ID checking spot and they will be giving people wristbands.

**Clerk Grantham** said all documents were provided; proof of notice was submitted to us within the adequate time frame. The Public Health Sheriff, and the Attorney's report came back recommending approval. The Clerk's office recommends approval.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve this fermented malt beverage special event permit for Royal Gorge River Initiative Organization for the event at Royal Gorge Pak East Ridge Campground on County Road 389B in Canon City, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. 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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4. **TUP 25-001 Penrose VFW Post 2788 Car Show**

The applicant is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow Penrose VFW Post 2788 to conduct a one-day Car Show from 9am to 4pm on May 17, 2025.

Applicant: Geraldine Rimpley & Jim Sheridan

**Mr. Sheridan** said that this is the second annual car show for the VFW, so they are still learning how the process works and how to host a successful event. Last year they had a total of 110 vehicles when only 50 to 60 were expected. This year there are expected to be 200 vehicles, they have appropriate blockings for the streets all the way down to the firehouse. They have acquired volunteers for security and they are going to be standing within the gates and roads.

**Planning and Zoning Director Victoria** said the request for the temporary use permit is to conduct a one-day car show from 9:00am to 4:00pm on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The location of the event will be held on a two-block section of Broadway starting at the alley by Beaver Park Water Building and ending at Illinois. The applicant is asking to close side streets connecting Broadway which includes Fremont, Grant, Hawkins, and the intersection at Broadway and Illinois. The area is predominately a business zone district, drinking water will be provided from the VFW, they are proposing two chemical toilets with handwashing stations. They will be acquiring an eight-yard dumpster, the Penrose Fire Station Number One will respond to emergencies, and they have an approved fire protection plan. The only staff comment comes from FC DOT, they request that the applicant removes any debris from the roadway after the event and the applicant handles all signage or detours. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval of the TUP with the contingency for approval of the waiver for the surety bond.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve TUP 25-001 for Penrose VFW post 2788 for the car show. The event will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:00am to 4:00pm with approval of a waiver for the surety bond and approval of chemical toilets. 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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5. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for Bethlehem Welde dba  
Dagi Transportation LLC

**County Attorney Bellas** said these licenses and permits are for behavioral transport services. Class A services are authorized to use limited physical restraint if necessary. The vehicles must be permitted, a Type One vehicle has a barrier between the driver and the passenger, a Type Two does not.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve a secure transportation service license for Bethlehem Welde doing business as Dagi Transportation Limited Liability Company for a Class A secure transportation service license. This motion includes certifying a 2016 Ford Explorer as a Type One secure transportation vehicle with Bethlehem Welds. 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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6. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for Rogaia Alsalik dba  
Secure Transport LLC

**County Attorney Bellas** explained the difference with this motion is it's a Class B secure transportation service license, meaning no physical restraint is authorized and a Type Two vehicle permit which does not have a barrier between the driver and passenger.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve Class B license for Rogaia Alsalik doing business as Secure Transport LLC as well as a Type Two permit for a 2015 Toyota Sienna. 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 10:07am.

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

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners