

ELEVENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on June 10th, 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
Shawn Sutton	Assistant County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Taran 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 said there is a minor change to add to the agenda under the administrative and informational section under the staff and elected officials. The item will be labeled B the County Clerk's monthly report for the month of May. Commissioner Bell moved to approve the agenda with the change. 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 from May 27, 2025
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,321,783.93
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

1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. County Administrator Report, Shawn Sutton, Assistant County Administrator

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

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- b. 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.

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

Commissioner Bell wanted to publicly recognize someone from the Fremont County staff that will be celebrated at a special event taking place at the Denver Zoo. A team of agencies are coming together to recognize collaborative efforts that help families stay together. The celebration will include distinct recognition of Colorado's reunification hero honorees, remarks from local leaders, family activities, and a special lunch. Fremont County's own Jaquelyn Wilner,, child welfare caseworker 4, is one of the reunification heroes who will be celebrated.

Commissioner McFall said that they all attended the Colorado Counties Incorporated Summer Conference last week. He found it interesting to gather all the differences, advantages, and disadvantages from county to county in Colorado. Various subjects were discussed such as water rights, nuclear power, and agriculture.

Commissioner Grantham said that he would like to point out the wonderful staff from the Veterans Office that Fremont County has. Marty Peek, who is the director, put together a report for the year which accumulated to 4,876 total contacts which entails phone calls, emails, and in office visits. He also announced that since the radio station has been shut down the commissioners have been brainstorming about a different way for information to be spread to the public. The solution they came up with is to host a podcast that features the commissioners and occasional other guests called One Fremont which is accessible on Fremont County's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

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

Maxwell Hansen introduced himself as the new constituent service representative for Congresswoman Brittney Patterson. He brought up the fact that our area is prone to wildfires, and he extends any service

that he may be able to provide in the event it happens again such as helping facilitate any discussions with federal agencies and partners.

Karyn McClure-Kent asked the commissioners to direct her on where she could obtain a copy of her birth certificate since she was born in England but was brought to the United States after being adopted by her parents that were in the military.

Commissioner Grantham suggested she meet with Mr. Hansen since he is the congressional representative.

Ms. McClure-Kent asked about the lack of availability of internet in the area.

Commissioner Bell responded that they have been fighting for years to obtain it in Fremont County. She said they obtained some funds from the American Rescue Plan Act that they planned to pledge funds to expand internet service but there are no businesses interested in partnering with them with the budget that they have available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. TUP 24-009 The Venue at Oak Creek (Extension Request)
800 North Frazier Avenue, Florence
Applicant is requesting a Temporary Use Permit extension until December 31, 2025
Representative: Amy Hilterbran

Mrs. Hilterbran said that she and her husband are requesting the extension because they need more time to finalize the request of a SRU and the acquisition of the purchase for the property.

Planning and Zoning Director Victoria began the staff report by introducing the applicant and application. The request is to extend the TUP until December 31st of 2025. The department did not have any complaints, and the applicant appears to be in compliance with the department's policies.

Commissioner McFall asked if it is realistic that everything will be finished by the end of this year.

Mrs. Hilterbran answered that the appraisal could take months as well as the title work on the property, but she has been assured that everything should be done within this new timeframe.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the extension of Temporary Use Permit 24-009 for the Venue at Oak Creek located at 800 North Frazier Ave, in Florence, Colorado until December 31st, 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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2. Requesting the issuance of a Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Event Permit Royal Gorge Detachment #1318 Marine Corps League for an event at Venue at Oak Creek, 800 N. Frazier Ave, Florence, CO 81226 on the following date: November 8th, 2025, from 3:00pm to 12:00am.
Representative: Sherry Perdue

Ms. Perdue said this event is the annual Marine Corps Ball, they limited the tickets to 200 people, and they have sold approximately 120. Bar Hoppers will be providing and managing all the alcohol sales at the event with her TIP's certified servers. The security for the event will be newer and more seasoned veterans.

Clerk Grantham said the applicant sent proof of posting in an adequate timeframe, and the Public Health and Sheriff report came back recommending approval. The County Attorney did not find any deficiencies. The Clerk's office recommended approval as well.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the issuance of this malt, vinous, and fermented malt beverage special event permit for the Royal Gorge Detachment #1318 Marine Corps League for the event at Venue at Oak Creek, 800 N Frazier Ave in Florence, Colorado on November 8th, 3:00pm to midnight in 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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3. Requesting the issuance of a Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous & Fermented Malt Beverage Special Event Permit Florence Pioneer Museum for an event at Venue at Oak Creek, 800 N. Frazier Ave, Florence, CO 81226 on the following date: November 15th, 2025, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm.
Representative: Gayle MacKinnon

Ms. MacKinnon said the event will be called Wine Whiskey Pull, they will charge \$15 a person or \$25 a couple. They will also be auctioning off several bottles of wine and whiskey, she said they will make it clear to all buyers that you are not allowed to open any of the bottles on the premises. What will be served is a glass of wine or a bottle of beer and then they will charge around five dollars for any additional drinks.

Clerk to the BOCC Ryan said that the application was fully filled out and made the 45-day requirement. The public health and sheriff report were sent out on April 15th and both came back recommending approval. The proof of posting was provided well ahead of time, so the Clerk's office recommended approval.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the issuance of this malt, vinous, and spiritous and fermented malt beverage special event permit for the Florence Pioneer Museum for an event at the Venue at Oak Creek located at 800 N Frazier Ave, Florence, Colorado on November 15th, 2025, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for Netsanet Yohhanes dba Rocky Trip LLC

County Attorney Bellas explained that the board has had to issue a number of these licenses and permits the past several months. These are for behavioral health transportation services, the level of care provided is a level below emergency medical services. There are Class A and Class B, Class A transportation services allow the transporter to use an element of physical restraint if needed. Class B does not allow any kind of physical restraint. Concerning the permitting of a vehicle there are also two types, Type One has a glass barrier between the driver and passenger. Type Two does not have any type of barrier.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve secure transportation license for Netsanet Yohhanes doing business as Rocky Trip LLC for Class B secure transport license with a Type Two permit for 2021 Toyota Rav 4 van number ending in 6391 starting on June 10th, 2025, and ending on June 10th, 2028. The vehicle permit is valid for one year. 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 10:06am.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Me4PnR9dXtA&t=150s>

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners