

SECOND MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on January 24, 2023, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chair Kevin Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Talia Smith	Assistant Clerk to the Board	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Arrived at 9:32 a.m.
Tammy Childs	Interim County Manager	Present
Daniel Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Luke Canady, Vineyard Canon City

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present cited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / January 10, 2023
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,340,995.51
3. Approval of the 2022 HUTF verification and signature sheet submittal
4. Approval of County Manager Employment Contract
5. Ratification of Second Amendment to Contract to Buy and Sell Real Estate (Vacant Land) with Greener Pastures Meat and Processing, LLC, extending the date for submittal of land use applications to March 31, 2023
6. Assign Resolution #7 to the Statement of Purposes of the Florence Fire Protection District
7. Schedule Public Hearings: None.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the consent agenda, including assigning Resolution #7 to Item 6 of the Consent Agenda for Statement of Purposes of the Florence Fire Protection District. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 1/24/2023 – 3:23

1. Staff / Elected Officials:
 - a. Sales & Use Tax Report, Shawn Sutton, Budget & Finance Officer

Budget & Finance Officer Sutton gave the Sales & Use Tax Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner Bell added that the final numbers for the 2022 Retail Sales Tax and Lodging Tax will be released in February.

Commissioner Grantham pointed out that besides the 2021 aberration, the numbers are continuing on their expected trends.

b. County Manager Report, Tammy Childs, Interim County Manager

Interim County Manager, Tammy Childs gave the County Manager Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner Grantham mentioned new County Manager Tony Carochi's presence at the meeting.

Commissioner Bell expressed excitement about County Manager Carochi's new role.

Commissioner McFall informed the public that the Board will be attending Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) to discuss legislative bills, especially concerning those affecting counties and their residents. He urged the public to express their opinions on the proposed legislation. Commissioner McFall also reminded the public about Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

Commissioner Grantham added to Commissioner McFall's point on proposed legislation and elaborated on the 2023 Legislative Session. He detailed a proposed bill regarding fair work-week employment standards, which would affect the service industry – particularly restaurants – then listed some requirements outlined by the bill.

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

a. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 1/24/2023 – 16:44

1. Requesting the issuance of a Tasting Permit for Lincoln Park Liquor Inc. dba Waterhole #1, a retail liquor store located at 1532 Elm Ave. Cañon City, CO 81212.

Angie Cecil explained that she wants to implement tastings at her store so consumers can try new beverages.

Commissioner Grantham pointed out that she is scheduling them for Fridays through 2023.

Ms. Cecil agreed with Commissioner Grantham.

Commissioner Bell added that the tastings will be Fridays 4:30 p.m. through 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Cecil agreed with Commissioner Bell.

Commissioner Grantham added that hers is the second application for tastings they received.

Commissioner McFall indicated that the application was actually the first, but the second to be brought before the Board.

Commissioner Bell asked Ms. Cecil about certification and training.

Ms. Cecil told the Board that her staff attends any and all liquor enforcement meetings that the City of Cañon City puts on. She added that some of her distributors have agreed to run the tastings first, while training her and her staff on how they work and what to expect.

Commissioner McFall asked what number of cups are allotted.

Ms. Cecil explained that each sample cup is an ounce, and each customer is allotted 2 cups.

Talia Smith, Assistant Clerk to the Board gave the staff report.

Commissioner Grantham asked if they are approving just the Friday tastings through the expiration of the liquor license or through 2023.

Assistant Smith responded that they are approving up to the expiration in May.

Attorney Jackson clarified that it would be considered a renewal after that point and would go through the usual renewal process.

Commissioner Bell mentioned Ms. Cecil's question regarding an outdoor tasting area and explained that since the map of the premise is only indoors, she will not be able to operate outdoors.

Ms. Cecil informed the Board that she is considering applying to extend the premises at time of renewal.

Commissioner Bell pointed out that the store will have to adhere to fencing requirements and other obligations if she chooses to extend the premise outdoors.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the issuance of a Tasting Permit for Lincoln Park Liquor Inc. dba Waterhole #1, a retail liquor store located at 1532 Elm Ave. Cañon City, CO 81212 for tastings through May. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. 2021 Fremont County Financial Statements & Management Letter
Representative: Kyle Logan, Logan & Associates, LLC

Kyle Logan is the owner of Logan & Associates LLC. He relayed the results of 2021 Audit and specifically spoke about the phases of the audit and explained the contents of the Audit Report. The full audit report can be found at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner Grantham thanked Mr. Logan.

Commissioner Bell asked how Fremont County's six months of operating expenses reserves compares to the reserves of other counties.

Mr. Logan explained that it's a difficult question to answer and that six months is pretty good. He said that he considers Fremont County to be in a fairly comfortable position that allows them to sustain operations without going into debt.

Commissioner Grantham thanked Mr. Logan for his response and pointed out the work that former staff had done to get the County to a comfortable place as far as reserves go.

Commissioner McFall thanked the staff who assisted Mr. Logan with the audit. He also thanked Mr. Logan for providing an explanation of each page on the report. He also pointed out that the auditor determined that there were no issues.

Mr. Logan moved on to explain the purpose of the Management Letter and briefed each notable section. The Management Letter can be found at www.fremontco.com. Mr. Logan recommended ensuring that grants are continuing to be thoroughly accounted for and that inmate accounts are reconciled across the board, ideally monthly. He also spoke about the IT audit and newly established preventative measures resulting from the recent cyber-attack. He thanked County Staff, former County Manger Bryant, Budget & Finance Officer Sutton, Interim County Manager Childs, and those at DHS, specifically Kim Rankin, for their help with the audit.

Commissioner Bell thanked Mr. Logan for offering recommendations because many positive changes have been made based off his past recommendations. She noted that the 2021 Audit was more difficult due to the cyber-attack and thanked Mr. Logan and County Staff for their work during and after the event. She also pointed out that Budget & Finance Officer Sutton is still with Fremont County even after the havoc of the cyber-attack.

Commissioner Grantham thanked his colleagues and staff for a successful audit. He reiterated thanks for Mr. Logan's recommendations and said the County will implement them as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Bell moved to accept the 2021 Fremont County Financial Statements & Management Letter from Logan & Associates, LLC. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Airport Lease for New Hangar, Alpine Depot LLC
Representative: Wes Brandt, Airport Manager

Airport Manager, Wes Brandt explained that Alpine Depot LLC is requesting a land lease to build an 80x80' aircraft hangar and the layout plan was approved by the Airport Advisory Board. He insisted it would be a great opportunity for the airport and Fremont County and recommended approval.

Commissioner Bell said County Attorney Jackson reviewed the lease.

Commissioner McFall asked whether the drainage project was taken into consideration.

Airport Manager Brandt replied that it was.

Commissioner Grantham asked how many additional hangars there will be for the land lease.

Airport Manager Brandt said there may be another large hangar and three smaller hangars.

Commissioner Grantham clarified that the hangars will be built in phases.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the 25-year Airport Lease for New Hangar for Alpine Depot LLC, which goes into effect as of today. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Appointment of new member to the Fair Board with a term expiring December 31, 2025

Commissioner McFall explained that Amanda Fouche is interested serving on the Fair Board and has experience as a leader in a 4-H Club.

Commissioner Bell expressed gratitude for those who serve as volunteers on the County's boards.

Commissioner McFall urged those interested in joining a board to visit www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner McFall moved to appoint Amanda Fouche as a new member of the Fair Board with a term expiring December 31, 2025. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance is requesting the issuance of a Special Events Permit for events located at 6655 Hwy 115 Florence, CO 81226 on February 17th, 2023, and March 9th, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Emmy Dennehy said that the first event is the Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance's Annual Banquet and invited the Board to attend. She explained the March event is a Business After Hours small business expo as a chance to get small businesses exposed.

Commissioner McFall said some Chamber members fall into that category so it will benefit them to showcase their businesses at the event. He expressed his excitement about utilizing the Pathfinder Park Events Center for that purpose.

Ms. Dennehy agreed that the facility provides a great space for such events.

Commissioner Bell asked about liquor training and certification for the events.

Ms. Dennehy explained Vendor Road will provide trained servers for the annual banquet and informed the Board that herself and one other will have certificates through City of Cañon City.

Commissioner Bell asked if Ms. Dennehy will be in charge of serving at the Business After Hours event.

Ms. Dennehy said Linda Larson will likely be managing the area. She added that there will be food trucks.

Assistant Smith gave the staff report.

Commissioner Grantham pointed out a potential exterior area outlined on the map.

Ms. Dennehy said that because there will be food trucks outside, they don't want to run into any violations and added that they are not encouraging people to take drinks out.

Commissioner Grantham asked if it will be fenced.

Ms. Dennehy confirmed that it will be and there will be signs out.

Commissioner Bell said it will be nice to be able to enjoy food and drinks outside.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the issuance of a Special Events Permit for Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance for events located at 6655 Hwy 115 Florence, CO 81226 on February 17th, 2023, and March 9th, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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 10:46 a.m.




Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners