

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on December 19, 2022, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chair Pro Tem Kevin Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Absent
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk & Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Tammy Childs	County Manager	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Todd Luce, Grandview Christian Church

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 Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / November 8, 2022, November 22, 2022, November 29, 2022
2. Approval of Bills for \$5,106,077.94
3. Black Hills 2021 Community Solar Garden RFP Program, Subscriber Agency Agreement to add Sheriff's Office, Pathfinder Park, and Airport
4. Ratification of Chairman ProTem's signature on the 2023 EMPG-LEMS Annual Program Paper
5. Schedule Public Hearing: None.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 12/19/2022 – 4:18

1. Staff / Elected Officials:
 - a. County Clerk's Monthly Report

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

Commissioner McFall wondered if Motor Vehicle fees are starting to catch up.

Clerk Grantham agreed with Commissioner McFall.

Commissioner McFall said the numbers will likely improve.

Clerk Grantham added that there will be a lot pushing motor vehicle sales next year to continue making up for 2021.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the County Clerk's Monthly Report. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

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

Commissioner McFall mentioned the inclement forecast and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday season.

Commissioner Grantham also wished the public a merry Christmas and happy holidays.

2. Citizens who wish to address the Commissioners on a matter not scheduled on the agenda.
 - a. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 12/19/2022 – 7:25

1. 2022 Employee of the Year

Commissioner Grantham explained how the Board will present the employee of the year award nominations by taking turns reading letters for each nominee.

Commissioner McFall recognized Kathy Acton.

Commissioner Grantham recognized Michelle Harris.

Commissioner McFall recognized Evelyn Campbell.

Commissioner Grantham recognized Alicia Stone.

Commissioner McFall recognized Kenneth Dear.

Commissioner Grantham recognized Darren Holmes.

Commissioner McFall recognized David Hankins.

Commissioner Grantham announced that the employee of the year is Alicia Stone.

The Board proceeded to stand for pictures with the nominees and employee of the year.

Commissioner McFall thanked those who stood for their service in the community.

Commissioner Grantham thanked all those who helped the County recover from the cyber-attack in August.

2. Re-appointment of Paul Telck to the Weed Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

Commissioner McFall explained that they will make a single motion for all the re-appointments.

Commissioner McFall thanked the volunteers who serve on the County's boards.

Commissioner Grantham pointed out the importance of the volunteer boards and thanked the board members.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve the re-appointments with terms ending December 31, 2025 as follows: Paul Telck, Jay Adamic, and Paul Garrett to the Weed Advisory Board; Luke McIntosh to the Airport Advisory Board; Amy Bourlon-Hilterbran, John Daniels, Tay Jeffords, and Linda Valdez to the Fair Board; Larry Brown and John Hammrick to the Planning Commission; Gina Grisenti to the 4-H Sales Committee. Also, to approve the re-appointments with terms ending December 31, 2024 as follows: Gardner Fey and Dale McCullough to the Planning Commission. Also to approve the re-appointment with a term ending December 31, 2023 as follows: Mark Masar to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Re-appointment of Jay Adamic to the Weed Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

4. Re-appointment of Paul Garrett to the Weed Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

5. Re-appointment of Luke McIntosh to the Airport Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

6. Re-appointment of Amy Bourlon-Hilterbran to the Fair Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

7. Re-appointment of John Daniels to the Fair Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

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8. Re-appointment of Tay Jeffords to the Fair Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

9. Re-appointment of Linda Valdez to the Fair Board for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

10. Re-appointment of Gardner Fey to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024

See Item 2 Of New Business

11. Re-appointment of Dale McCullough to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2024

See Item 2 Of New Business

12. Re-appointment of Mark Masar to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2023

See Item 2 Of New Business

13. Re-appointment of Larry Brown to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

14. Re-appointment of John Hamrick to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

15. Re-appointment of Gina Grisenti to the 4-H Sales Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025

See Item 2 Of New Business

16. Appointment of three new members to the 4-H Sales Committee
two with a term ending December 31, 2025
one with a term expiring December 31, 2024

Commissioner McFall told the public that board vacancies are posted at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve appointments to the 4-H Sales Committee as follows: Jamie Grisenti and Jenna Yslas for terms ending December 31, 2025 and Kelsey Smith for a term ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

17. Resolution summarizing expenditures for each fund and adopting a budget for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2023, and ending on the last day of December 2023
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer spoke about the budget adoption process and review for 2023 then reported the proposed 2023 budget, which can be found at www.fremontco.com.

Commissioner McFall thanked Shawn for his work on the budget.

Commissioner Grantham also thanked Finance Officer Sutton for his great work on the budget.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve Resolution #35 summarizing expenditures for each fund and adopting a budget for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2023 and ending on the last day of December 2023. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

18. Resolution levying General Property Taxes for the year of 2022, to help defray the costs of government for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2023 Budget Year
Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer requested \$6,859,399 for the total mill levies collected.

Commissioner Grantham pointed out that this resolution is the other side of the ledger that allows the County to pay for the 2023 budget with collected revenues and taxes.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve Resolution #36 levying General Property Taxes for the year of 2022, to help defray the costs of government for the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2023 Budget Year. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

19. Resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below, of the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2023 Budget Year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023

Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer explained that the final step in the budgeting process is to appropriate monies to funds that were previously approved.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve Resolution #37 appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below, of the County of Fremont, Colorado, for the 2023 Budget Year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Grantham mentioned the public hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and decided to continue through New Business and end with the public hearing.

20. Certification of Levies and Revenue

Representative: Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer

Shawn Sutton, Budget and Finance Officer explained the budget levying process and thanked Stacey Siefert and Charis Hall. He added that Resolution #25 allowed the County Manager to approve the certification rather than the Board.

Commissioner McFall clarified that it used to have to be certified by the Board but now the authority has been delegated to the County Manager.

Commissioner Grantham explained that it streamlines the process.

Attorney Jackson said they can make a motion if they want to, but it isn't necessary.

Commissioner Grantham invited the public to be part of future budget processes.

21. Award bid for Broadband Study

Representative: Rachel Miller, Grants Administrator

Grants Administrator, Rachel Miller said Fremont County received 7 bids for the Broadband Study between \$21,164.99 and \$201,000. Bohannon Huston was recommended to be awarded the bid at \$49,705.

Commissioner McFall asked Grants Administrator Miller to expand on the request the County put out for the Broadband Study.

Grants Administrator Miller explained that the goal is to have a company to assess where the County should start expanding the community's access to Broadband.

Commissioner McFall suggested it will be paid with a grant.

Grants Administrator Miller replied that it will be paid with ARPA funds.

Commissioner McFall mentioned the need for Broadband in western Fremont County and other places in the community.

Commissioner Grantham added that limited access to Broadband is a problem that all of rural Colorado is facing.

Commissioner McFall moved to award the bid for a Broadband Study to Bohannon Huston. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

22. Mitali LLC dba Quality Inn & Suites is requesting the transfer of a Liquor Retail License from Canon Inn & Investment LLC at 3075 US Hwy 50, Canon City, CO 81212. The application was submitted to the Clerk's Office October 19th, 2022.

Representative: Niraj Desai

Damon Cassens, who represents Niraj Desai, explained that Mr. Desai purchased Quality Inn & Suites and is looking to transfer the liquor license to his corporation.

Commissioner Grantham asked for a staff report.

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

Commissioner McFall asked about a note in the application packet regarding fingerprinting.

Assistant Clerk to the Board Smith explained that the note was made before the attorney reviewed the application.

Attorney Jackson assured the Board that it was in order.

Commissioner McFall wished the applicant luck with his business.

Attorney Jackson thanked the applicant for submitting one of the cleanest applications she ever reviewed.

Commissioner McFall pointed out that they reviewed 144 pages for this transfer.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License transfer from Canon Inn & Investments to Mitali LLC dba Quality Inn & Suites. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

23. Resolution Approving Assignment of Airport Land Lease Agreement for Hangar #12-B,
Fremont County Airport
Representative: Brenda Jackson, County Attorney

County Attorney Jackson explained that the 99-year lease agreement for Hangar #12-B was entered into in 1968. The current owner is selling the hanger and so the County's lease agreement of the ground space should be transferred to the new owner as well.

Commissioner McFall said the buyer's name is Darren Ford and the seller is Mark Holloway.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve Resolution #38 approving Assignment of Airport Land Lease Agreement for Hangar #12-B, Fremont County Airport. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

24. Waiver of Building Permit Fees for Arkansas Valley Ambulance District

Commissioner McFall discussed the ambulance barn that Arkansas Valley Ambulance District is building in Coaldale and requested the waiver of the \$1,175.00 building permit fees.

Commissioner McFall moved to forego the Building Permit Fees for Arkansas Valley Ambulance District. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 12/19/2022 – 48:15

1. Secure Transportation Services Licensing Regulations

Commissioner Grantham opened the public hearing at 10:16 a.m.

Attorney Jackson explained that all Colorado counties must have transportation services regulations in place and effective by January 1, 2023. She added that the resolution includes a provision to compensate for the short time between the adoption and effective dates. She added that the regulations include various provisions and requirements of two kinds of licenses and permits. She noted that once effective, agencies

other than law enforcement and ambulances must be licensed. She is only aware of one local company that this applies to.

Commissioner McFall noted that inspections will be done by Emergency Manager Mikel Kroll.

Attorney Jackson said that Emergency Manager Kroll has accepted the role then listed license expirations and fees.

Commissioner Grantham invited the public to speak on the matter. None approached.

Commissioner Grantham closed the public hearing at 10:20 a.m.

Commissioner McFall thanked Attorney Jackson for her work on the resolution and accompanying documents.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve Resolution #39 adopting the Secure Transportation Services Licensing Regulations. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Grantham adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.


Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

