

## FOURTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on February 28, 2023, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Kevin Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk & Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	Interim County Manager	Present
Daniel Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

### INVOCATION

Bradley Buck, Bridge To Life

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the agenda. 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 / February 14, 2023
2. Approval of Bills for \$2,567,837.29
3. Stormwater Discharge Annual Report for Airport Industrial Park and Change of Contact for CDPHE
4. Ratification of letter of support with a \$3,000 funding commitment to participate in the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative
5. Schedule Public Hearings: 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

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 2/28/2023 – 3:52

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

**Clerk & Recorder Grantham** gave the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com).

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

- b. 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](http://www.fremontco.com).

**Commissioner Grantham** mentioned how 2021 was an abnormal year for collections, so he doesn't find the numbers concerning.

**Commissioner McFall** agrees that there is nothing to worry about because the numbers are in line now.

**Commissioner Bell** thanked Sutton for providing details and explanations, which help add to the public's understanding of the reported numbers.

c. County Manager Report, Tony Carochi, County Manager

**Interim County Manager, Toni Carochi** gave the County Manager Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com). He mentioned that Barry Acton has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to be Director of Human Services for Fremont County.

**Commissioner Bell** spoke about the current and upcoming remodels throughout the Fremont County Administration Building and thanked citizens and patrons for their patience.

**Commissioner McFall** explained that he missed the last BOCC Meeting because he was in Washington D.C. representing Fremont County on the Colorado Public Lands Steering Committee, National Association of Public Lands Committee, and Western Interstate Commission Board, with the intention of compelling the Federal government to take care of public lands. He explained that the steering committee was able to get some resolutions passed to the National Association of Counties, one of which has to do with upstream downed timber from fires affecting water downstream. Commissioner McFall mentioned that the much of the conference was filmed at <https://www.c-span.org/> for those interested in observing the discussions.

**Commissioner Grantham** spoke about bills that were discussed at recent Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) Steering Committee Meetings. One discussion was in opposition of House Bill 23-1165 giving County Commissioners the authority to prohibit firearm discharge on someone's own private property under the guise of local control. Another concern is Senate Bill 111 that would make counties and other government entities subject to collective bargaining. Commissioner Grantham also invited the public to attend Chamber Legislative Hour, where State Representatives and Senators come in and give updates, happening next on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m. and sponsored by Royal Gorge Chamber Alliance.

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

a. Janice Yalch

**Janice Yalch** from Howard approached the Board and requested that the Cotopaxi substation be manned 24/7 due to concerns about recent homicides in the area and general wellness. She mentioned emergency calls having very long response times.

**Commissioner Grantham** asked whether she has approached the Sheriff.

**Ms. Yalch** replied that she has not.

**Commissioner Grantham** told Ms. Yalch that Sheriff Cooper is very approachable and encouraged Ms. Yalch to reach out to him.

**Ms. Yalch** asked whether the Board decides if the substation is manned.

**Commissioner McFall** explained that the that the Board has no control over the patrols, as the Sheriff is in charge of hiring and posting his staff and maintaining budget.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 2/28/2023 – 30:42

1. Recognition of Mykel Kroll, Emergency and Recovery Manager, South Hazards Region Emergency Manager of the Year for 2022

**Commissioner Grantham** announced that Mykel Kroll was named South Hazards Region Emergency Manager of the Year for 2022 with the Colorado Emergency Management Association.

**Commissioner McFall** announced that Kroll received several nominations for the award and read some of them aloud.

**Commissioner Bell** recited specific work that Emergency and Recovery Manager Mykel Kroll did in 2022: organized emergency meetings and ensured preparation for potential emergency situations; assisted the Florence Fire Protection District in establishing a full-time Emergency Medical Service; worked with the Combined Regional Communications Authority to restructure radio talk groups, radio operations, EMS flight asset procedures, emergency response procedures for active shooter situations, and emergency calls within the Royal Gorge region; assisted in planning an establishing a mobile satellite cellular hotspot trailer for emergency response agencies; and recognized Kroll's efforts in response to the Cyber Attack in August. She congratulated Emergency and Recovery Manager Mykel Kroll for being awarded.

**The Board** asked to see the reward and invited Emergency and Recovery Manager Mykel Kroll to speak.

**Mykel Kroll** displayed the South Hazards Region Emergency Manager of the Year for 2022 Award to the Board and the public and explained that the work accomplished in 2022 was thanks to group efforts and great partnerships. He claimed he was doing what he was hired to do and said he enjoys working for the county.

**Commissioner Grantham** thanked Kroll and added that the Board considers it a privilege to recognize employees for their industriousness.

2. Purchase Agreement for Sale of Mitigation Credits  
US Army Core of Engineers Project # SPA-2021-00173 (Grandview Bridge)  
Representative: Brenda Jackson

**Attorney Jackson** explained that for the replacement of the Grandview Bridge, the County is in the process of acquiring rights-of-way and easements, and so, must account for any wetlands that will be dried up. She said the payment will allow them to proceed with bridge replacement.

**Commissioner McFall** added that the County is not just replacing the bridge, but also making changes to it.

**Commissioner Bell** expounded on Commissioner McFall's point and said the project includes a complete realignment.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the Purchase Agreement for the Sale of Mitigation Credits for US Army Core of Engineers Project #SPA-2021-00173, including the approval of the Chairman's signature on the agreement and the \$5,000 payment. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Resolution for a \$3,000 funding commitment to participate in the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

**Commissioner McFall** explained that the scholarship was created as a network for student support with the intent to increase the number of students in higher education by assisting students with educational costs.

**Commissioner Bell** added that former Commissioner Ed Norden was one who originally worked to help get the program started in Fremont County.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve Resolution #9 for a \$3,000 funding commitment to participate in the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. 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 Bell** spoke about the applicant's informative letter and positive reviews from the Fair Board and CSU Extension about the applicant.

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

5. Appointment of new member to the 4-H Sales Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2024

**Commissioner McFall** pointed out that everything Commissioner Bell said about the last applicant applies to this one as well. He also explained that the members have staggered term expirations so that members can apply for reappointment at different times.

**Commissioner Bell** expressed how much the Board appreciates their volunteers and invited those interested in being a member of a board to apply at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com).

**Commissioner McFall** to appoint Wiley Henley II to the Fair Board with a term expiring December 31, 2024. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Re-appointment of Dave Boden to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with a term expiring February 28, 2026

**Commissioner Bell** talked about Mr. Boden's excellent service on the Board of Zoning Adjustment in the past.

**Commissioner McFall** said Mr. Boden showed interest in being reappointed.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to re-appointment of Dave Boden to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with a term expiring February 28, 2026. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

7. Fremont County 2023 IGA for weed control with City of Canon City  
Representative: Brittany Pierce

**Director of Weed Management, Brittany Pierce** explained that Fremont County and City of Cañon City have an agreement to maintain rights-of-ways and properties on City-owned land since 1999. She said they occasionally like to review and verify that both parties are maintaining the agreement and that it is up to date. She notified the Board that there were some minor vernacular changes made to the agreement.

**Commissioner Bell** pointed out that they bill for the services provided and do not have a total dollar amount set.

**Director Pierce** added that they send a yearly proposal in advance, which is usually \$4,000.00, but has since increased.

**Commissioner Bell** thanked Director Pierce for her diligence and pointed out that she was recognized as County Weed Manager of the Year in Colorado a couple years ago.

**Commissioner Grantham** mentioned that Director Pierce consistently does a great job of highlighting legislative oversights that should be opposed by the Board.

**Commissioner McFall** to approve Fremont County 2023 IGA for weed control with City of Cañon City. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. There was none.

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

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