

## FIFTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on March 14, 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.

Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Talia Smith	Assistant Clerk to the Board	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Manager	Present
Danielle Adamic	Planning & Zoning Coordinator	Present

### INVOCATION

Burt Corley, Connect Church

### 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, including the removal of **Item a. County Clerk's Monthly Report from Administrative & Informational** and renumbering the remaining item(s) to show this 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 / February 28, 2023
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,305,013.35
3. Ratification of Pathfinder COR#1-Additional Scope Per Design Completion from Corsentino Construction Inc.
4. 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

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 3/14/2023 – 3:18

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

**County Manager Carochi** gave the County Manager's Report, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com). The report included a notification about the annual trash voucher program with Twin Enviro Landfill.

**Commissioner Grantham** told the public that they can find vouchers in administration office.

**Commissioner Bell** clarified that Administration is in Room 106.

**Commissioner Grantham** invited the other elected officials to speak.

**Commissioner Bell** thanked County Manager Carochi for taking over the County Manager position and spoke about the Broadband Feasibility Study in Fremont County. She added that there is a link for the survey at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com). She noted that paper surveys will be available in City Halls throughout Fremont County and the Admin Office in the Fremont County Administration Building.

**Commissioner Grantham** added that the study is focused on the west end and rural parts of the county.

**Commissioner McFall** encouraged people to take the survey. He also talked about construction of the Pathfinder Park covered pavilion, where they plan to host the County Fair. Commissioner McFall also told the public that next Monday the Accountability Report will be presented at the Senior Mini College and reminded the public of Stage 1 fire restrictions.

**Commissioner Grantham** reminded the public that Colorado Legislature is still in session and announced that there will be an update regarding legislation from state representatives in the BOCC Meeting chambers on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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

**John Hamrick** told the Board that the City of Cañon City has received five applications for the Water Committee. He asked for the Board's input on whether the City should continue to take applications or close the positions with five of eleven roles filled.

**Commissioner McFall** mentioned that the City was looking for applicants who satisfy certain categories.

**Mr. Hamrick** explained that those who applied fulfilled the category representation requirements. He also asked whether the City should also consider adopting a resolution reflecting the resolution in Item 4 of New Business. He added that Brittany Pettersen is having a meeting online.

**Commissioner Grantham** said the County always appreciates the City's support on legislative issues.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 3/14/2023 – 15:04

1. Proclamation naming Saturday, March 18, 2023, Honor Flight of Southern Colorado Day in Fremont County  
Representative: VFW Post 2788 Commander Jim Sheridan

**VFW Post 2788 Commander Jim Sheridan** is Deputy Chief of Staff of Veterans. He spoke to the Board about Honor Flight of Southern Colorado Day, when the Honor Flight Association takes veterans to Washington D.C. memorials to pay their respects. He invited the Board to attend a banquet on March 18<sup>th</sup> for the first female flight from Colorado. The banquet fundraiser goes to Honor Flight Association.

**Commissioner Bell** read the Honor Flight of Southern Colorado Proclamation. And expressed gratitude for working with Commander Sheridan.

**Commissioner McFall** thanked Commander Sheridan for his service and asked how others can donate to the flights not at this banquet.

**Commander Sheridan** shared that people can go online and offered to give more banquet information to the Board.

**Commissioner Grantham** also thanked Commander Sheridan for this and the VFW and service. He spoke about his experiences working with Honor Flight Association in the past.

**Commander Sheridan** said since retiring from Federal Service last October, he has devoted his time to this program and the veterans in the area.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve the Proclamation naming Saturday, March 18, 2023, Honor Flight of Southern Colorado Day in Fremont County. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Dryup Covenant and Agreement for Pathfinder Regional Park water tap  
Representative: Brenda Jackson

**Attorney Jackson** said this agreement is for one water share (about 1/10 of an acre) and the resolution gives the chair the authority to sign the agreement.

**Commissioner Bell** said this would be Resolution #10.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve Resolution #10 for the Dryup Covenant and Agreement for Pathfinder Regional Park water tap. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Commissioner Grantham** deferred the Public Hearing scheduled for 10:00 a.m. until after New Business.

3. Resolution No. 11, Amending the March 2019 Edition of the Fremont County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, Chapter 7, Leave and Chapter 13, Pay and Compensation Plan  
Representative: Alicia Stone

**Human Resources Director Alicia Stone** explained that the amendments on the resolution include changes as follows: to sick leave bank for maternity leave, compensation administration to clarify yearly step-increase administration and new-hire step placement, amending policy pay administration to remove the Service Adjustment section and increase the promotion percentage from 3 percent to 5 percent, and classification to add criteria for reevaluations.

**Commissioner Bell** mentioned that Stone is new to the position as HR Director and thanked for her work.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve Resolution No. 11, Amending the March 2019 Edition of the Fremont County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, Chapter 7, Leave and Chapter 13, Pay and Compensation Plan. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Resolution No. 12, Protecting Fremont County citizens' right to self-defense and opposing HB23-1165 "County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge"

**Commissioner Grantham** read the Resolution Protecting Fremont County citizens' right to self-defense and opposing HB23-1165 "County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge."

**Commissioner McFall** mentioned that there are three other gun bills attacking constitutional rights and limiting the rights of citizens. He said these terrible bills will not accomplish what they are trying to.

**Commissioner Bell** pointed out the perspective from the hunting community and how when you grow up with guns, you are more familiar with how they are meant to be handled. She added that veterans fought for constitutional rights.

**Commissioner Grantham** explained that the bill is framed as a benefit for local control by allowing local regulation of firearms on someone's own private property. He pointed out that, by design, the Constitution gives local control to the individual. He thinks the bill is having a difficult time finding

support in senate and due to the bipartisan nature of the bill, they are facing opposition from the other party.

**Commissioner McFall** pointed out that making good people helpless will not make bad people harmless.

**Attorney Jackson** noted that it has been assigned to Local Government and Housing committee in the Senate.

**Commissioner Grantham** moved to approve Resolution No. 12, Protecting Fremont County citizens' right to self-defense and opposing HB23-1165 "County Authority to Prohibit Firearms Discharge." Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Mr. Hamrick** asked the Board their next move since the resolution has been adopted.

**Commissioner Grantham** said they will send the resolution to state government and City of Cañon City.

#### 5. 2022 Fremont County Accountability Report

**Commissioner Bell** said the Accountability Report shows the public what Fremont County does and added that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> report. She referred to the 2022 Fremont County Accountability Report slideshow, which can be found in its entirety at [www.fremontco.com](http://www.fremontco.com).

The Board took turns talking about the various County Offices on the Accountability Report, including: The BoCC, Employee of the Year Nominees and Employee of the Year Alicia Stone, Fremont County Airport, Building Department, Fremont County Department of Human Services, Fremont County Department of Transportation, Emergency Management, Planning & Zoning and Code Enforcement, Fremont County Department of Health & Environment, Veterans Service Officer Marty Peek, Fremont County Weed Management and the Director Brittany Pierce, CSU Extension Office, Pathfinder Park Event Center, and Sheriff's Office.

**Commissioner Grantham** thanked Fremont County Staff and Citizens.

**Commissioner Bell** thanked Alicia Stone for compiling the information on the report. She also expressed gratitude to the Sheriff for providing information about his office for the Accountability Report.

**Commissioner McFall** added that they will be going over the report again at the Senior Mini College.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Ref. Fremont County BOCC Meeting 3/14/2023 – 1:16:16

1. ZC 22-001 Wood , 25305 US HWY 50, Cotopaxi, CO 81223, requesting approval to rezone this 2.34 acre property from TTP&CG zone district which is obsolete to Agricultural Suburban so she can build a residence.

**Commissioner Grantham** opened the public hearing at 10:46 a.m.

**Planning & Zoning Coordinator Adamic** explained that the property's zone district is obsolete. She said the Building Department and Planning & Zoning recommend approval.

**Commissioner Grantham** invited the public to speak. None approached.

**Commissioner Grantham** closed the public hearing at 10:49 a.m.

**Commissioner Bell** thanked staff for putting this together and determined it obviously needed to be rezoned. She also expressed appreciation for being provided with a list of findings.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve Resolution No. 13 for ZC 22-001 Wood, 25305 US HWY 50, Cotopaxi, CO 81223, requesting approval to rezone this 2.34 acre property from TTP&CG zone district which is obsolete to Agricultural Suburban so she can build a residence. 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 10:50 a.m.

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners