

FIFTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on July 14th, 2026, at 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Absent
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carocho	County Administrator	Present

INVOCATION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL

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- a. Sales & Use Tax Report, Shawn Sutton, Budget & Finance Officer

Shawn Sutton gave the Sales & Use Tax Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

- b. County Administrator Report, Tony Carocho, County Administrator

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

Commissioner McFall announced that the Four Mile Creek feeding into North Canon City is dangerously low, almost dry. BLM has been working to fix the well since February and has implemented a workaround to increase the Park Center water system's capacity. The system delivers over a million gallons a day, so getting it fixed is critical. Regarding the Aspen Acres Fire, Commissioner McFall noted that containment is improving and the fire is finally burning in the direction firefighters have been pushing. The health of our forests is not great, as evidenced by the fire and by firefighters' statements. Commissioner McFall has presented this to the federal government and advocated for Colorado to receive help with forest health.

Commissioner Grantham expressed disappointment at the false narratives being spread on social media. He was flabbergasted that he felt the need to address rumors that federal prisons were planning to evacuate, when that will never be the case. He thanked all the volunteers, firefighters, and the specialized team for Alaska for their hard work.

Commissioner Bell said the Royal Rumble will be held on Saturday as part of the World Senior Professional Bull Riders Association Rodeo. She also highlighted the extraordinary work of the Emergency Management team and the many citizens who have been donating their time, treasures, and other resources they can offer.

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

Jennifer Keegan appeared to discuss the safety and road conditions on County Road 69. She said that when the Byzantine Pit was approved in the early 2000s, there were only about five houses in the neighborhood. Now, 20 years later, there are over 20 houses, and a subdivision of 20 additional lots was just approved and is planned for development. She claims that with semi-truck traffic from the pit reaching 50 miles per hour and all the new houses, the roads are now very hazardous. She has attempted to contact the Fremont County Sheriff's Department numerous times; each time, her request for more patrols is denied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Consideration of **Resolution No. 16**, Series of 2026, a Resolution Approving Material Modification of Deer Mountain Fire Protection District Service Plan Update
Representatives: Board Chairwoman Miriam Andolini and Chief Marcus Widener

Mrs. Andolini introduced herself and said they are requesting approval of an updated service plan that formally incorporates emergency medical services into the district's authorized services. She acknowledged this may seem like a big change, but the district has been providing emergency medical services to the community since 2013. Deer Mountain Fire Protection District has the third-highest call volume of any fire district in Fremont County. The district responded to 306 calls last year, and 63% of those calls were medical-related emergencies. They forecast 400 calls for 2026, a 32% increase from 2025. She explained that this formal change will not affect current services, but it is necessary because the current one hasn't been updated since 1984. This also allows the district to be more transparent with its community about what it spends money on, its needs, and projected growth.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve **Resolution No. 16**, the material modification of the Deer Mountain Fire Protection District service plan and update. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Secure Transportation Service Vehicle Permit Renewal for Rocky Trip LLC

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the renewal of a vehicle permit for a 2021 Toyota RAV4 for one more year through the 13th of July of 2027. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED 9:30 a.m.

None.

Commissioner Bell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

To view the YouTube Video for the Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qABaXe6o1IE&t=1031s>

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners