

SIXTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on July 28th, 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	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	Present

INVOCATION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / July 8, 2026, Special Meeting and July 14, 2026
2. Approval of Bills for \$2,734,632.19
3. Resolution No.17, Series of 2026 Adopting the Amended Fremont County Body Art Regulations
4. Schedule Public Hearings:
 - a. Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 9:30 AM
ZC 26-002 Carr
Requesting a Zone Change from Business to Residential One (R1). Representative: John Carr

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

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- a. County Clerk's Monthly Report, Justin Grantham, County Clerk

Clerk Grantham presented the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which is available in full at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner McFall moved to accept the County Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2026. 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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- b. Public Trustee Quarterly Report, Kathy Elliott, Fremont County Public Trustee

Kathy Elliot presented the Public Trustee Quarterly Report, which is available in full at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner Grantham moved to accept the Public Trustee's Quarterly Report. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent

- c. Semi-Annual Treasurer Report, Kathy Elliott, Fremont County Treasurer

Kathy Elliot presented the Semi-Annual Treasurer Report, which can be found in its entirety at www.fremontcountyco.gov.

Commissioner McFall moved to accept the Fremont County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. 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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- d. County Administrator Report, Tony Carochi, County Administrator

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

Commissioner McFall announced the arrival of the annual Fremont County Fair; due to rain, the junior rodeo was postponed until the following day. They are also doing goat, chicken, and pig competitions.

Commissioner Grantham said August 1st marks the official 150th anniversary of Colorado's formation. He also wanted to bring attention to one of the greatest abridgments of our constitutional freedoms that Colorado is imposing on August 1st as well. Senate Bill 3 prohibits the manufacturing, distribution, transfer, sale, or purchase of a specific and long list of semi-automatic firearms. It bans rapid-fire conversion devices and requires people who want to purchase one to take a firearm safety training program completed through Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Commissioner Bell commented that she and Commissioner McFall attended the NACO conference, and that she had the opportunity to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee. For the last six years, she has led an annual policy resolution seeking and pledging financial support from the federal government for the agricultural industry. She expressed concern about who would take up the responsibility after her impending retirement, so she decided to run it as a permanent addition to the NACO Federal Policy. As soon as she reached out, she received 20 co-sponsors, and it sailed through the steering committee and was granted full approval from the NACO board. Commissioner Bell sadly revealed that a cherished community member, Geri Collette, recently passed away. She was a lifelong educator, spending her entire professional career teaching students in school and then moving out of the classroom to teach adolescents the importance of beef. Geri attended a board meeting last month to ask the commissioners to pay tribute to Gloria and Walter Schepp.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. 2025 Fremont County Financial Statements & Management Letter
Representative: Kyle Logan, Logan and Associates, LLC

Mr. Logan said that they started the 2025 audit in January 2026. One of the checks focused on disbursements, including payroll transactions and certain revenue items. This was primarily to test Fremont County's internal controls. He explained that they review commissioner minutes to determine whether actions taken or agreements made had supporting documentation and were followed through. Because Fremont County received over a million dollars in federal funds, they are required to have a compliance-type audit. To complete this, they reviewed four programs in total, two of which were operated by the Department of Human Services, specifically Medicaid and child support services. Mr. Logan explained that they also evaluated the Coronavirus SLRG program funds and the airport improvement project, as it was one of the largest in 2025. Mr. Logan concluded that his opinion was unmodified, which is essentially a perfect score.

Commissioner Grantham moved to accept the 2025 Fremont County financial statements and management letter as presented by Kyle Logan of Logan and Associates LLC. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. Appointment of a new member to the Fremont County Fair Board for a term expiring December 31, 2029.

Commissioner McFall stated that the Fair Board had received a resignation, with the term ending at year's end. The board then received a letter of interest from McKenna Long, who grew up in 4-H, has traveled extensively, and has now returned home.

Commissioner McFall moved to appoint McKenna Long to the Fremont County Board with a term ending December 31st of 2029 to complete this term and serve the next full term. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED 9:30 a.m.

None.

Commissioner Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.

To view the YouTube Video for the Commissioner Meeting, go to the following website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93xSL51xeRs>

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners