

## **SIXTEENTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Grantham called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

### **INVOCATION**

Todd Luce from Grandview Christian 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 Bell** moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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 from July 22, 2025
2. Approval of Bills for \$1,448,783.51
3. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Assignment of Fremont County Airport Land Lease
4. Ratification of Chairman Signature on 3-08-0009-023-2025 FY 2025 Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement
5. Ratification of Chairman Signature on 3-08-0009-024-2025 FY 2025 AIP Grant Agreement
6. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Airport Utility Easement

7. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Design Services Contract for Phantom Canyon Tunnel Stabilization Project with Brierly Associates
8. Ratification of Chairman Signature on Contract for County Road 12 Stabilization Project with GeoStabilization International
9. Adoption of Resolution Approving SRU 24-005 for Marchand Ranch Wedding & Event Venue, **Resolution No. 14**, Series of 2025
10. 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**

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

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

**Commissioner Bell** moved to accept the County Clerk's report for June 2025. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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- b. 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](http://www.fremontcountyco.gov).

**Commissioner Bell** announced she received notification that she will hold the Vice Chair position for the NACO Rural Action Caucus which means more meetings but a bigger voice for Fremont County.

**Commissioner McFall** said that the Fremont County Fair went well, there were 235 livestock animals with around 66 being sold pulling in a profit of \$203,000.

**Commissioner Grantham** said a meeting was held with elected District Attorney Jeff Lindsey and the other 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District officials to review a budget for the following year. In 2021, the previous district attorney had spent \$500,000 fund reserve, which was spent within a couple of years and now the current district attorney has not only stayed on budget but has managed to begin to build the reserve back up which currently sits at about \$120,000.

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

**David Miller** is a resident in Canon City at top of Oak Creek Grade which is County Road 143 and 277 and he says it is in deplorable condition and needs immediate maintenance. He remembers when the road used to be plowed and sanded for traction when it snows, new road base and gravel was added every couple of years and packed down. He said now that they only use spray solution and by the time regular maintenance gets to the road it is still worse than it should be. He also complained of a draining issue because the culverts and ditches are not properly cleaned out to prevent flooding. He also said there is not enough dirt on the road to properly repair the road. Mr. Miller believes the equipment can't get deep enough to fully remove the washboards, he pleaded with the commissioners to show some interest in fixing the beautiful scenic road properly.

**Terre Davis** said she contacted the road maintenance manager to request he come see the condition of the road and to remind the commissioners that it is the main road from Canon City to Westcliffe and it is their responsibility to keep citizens and paying tourists safe.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. **Resolution No. 15**, Series of 2025, Authorizing Participation in the Rural Jump-Start Program  
Representative: Diana Armstrong, Fremont Economic Development Corp.

**Ms. Armstrong** said the purpose of this program is to incentivize businesses or support new business by granting state income tax reliefs such as sales and use tax and property tax. She said there are also grant projects that give \$15,000 for operating expenses with a three-to-one ratio. Some safeguards are set in place with non-compete clause so new businesses may not compete with existing businesses that would be considered direct competition and must have at least three employees that will work at the business for at least six months.

**Eric Bonik** CFO of Mytikas Manufacturing said within 90 days there will be a ribbon cutting and they will begin to produce manufactured tiny houses out of light gauge steel as well as produce steel components for other building endeavors in the region. He said the company hopes to have around 200 full time employees once they reach the production levels they plan for. Mykitas will be located in the old Domtar building on Colorado Highway 120.

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve **Resolution No. 15**, series of 2025, authorizing participation in the Rural Jump-Start program. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion, Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. **Resolution No. 16**, Series of 2025, Opting Out of the Electric Motor Vehicle Charging System Permitting Process Established by HB 24-1173

**County Attorney Bellas** said that House Bill 24-1173 claims its purpose is to streamline the process for permitting electric motor vehicle charging systems. What it in fact does is encourage counties to adopt an EV charger permitting model code to be developed by the Colorado Energy Office standards. Attorney Bellas said that the House Bill itself is innocuous, but the Colorado Energy Code encourages not only new construction to be built all electric, but it also imposes “energy efficiency” requirements which substantially increase cost for both new construction and remodeling projects. This creates several problems such as limiting consumer choice and reliance on the electric grid which is not adequate at this point to support everything. This resolution basically states that Fremont County doesn’t have a complicated permitting process for EV charging stations now and requires only a state issued electrical permit.

**Commissioner Grantham** commented that this eliminates complications, and that the county only requires an electrical permit to ensure the system is safe.

**Commissioner Bell** added that she doesn’t believe advancements should be enforced on citizens, that America is about choices on whether someone wants to embrace those advancements. They as commissioners have the ability to stop it here in Fremont County.

**Commissioner McFall** said that the infrastructure is nowhere near where it needs to be to support such systems, and it would add exponential cost on existing and new construction.

**Commissioner Bell** moved to approve **Resolution No. 16**, series of 2025, opting out of the electric motor vehicle charging system permitting process established by HB 24-1173. Commissioner McFall seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Secure Transportation Service License and Permit for Yusuf Mohammed  
Yusuf dba Irongate Ride LLC

**Commissioner McFall** moved to approve Irongate LLC for a Class A license beginning on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and ending on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2028, and a Type One vehicle permit for one year beginning on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and ending on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for a 2014 Ford Explorer. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner McFall, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED 9:30 a.m.**

None.

**Commissioner Grantham** adjourned the meeting at 10:03am.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovwGj3Wdoew>

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Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners