

SEVENTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on August 27th, 2024, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman McFall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Kevin Grantham	Commissioner	Present
Dwayne McFall	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Justin Grantham	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Eric Bellas	County Attorney	Present
Tony Carochi	County Administrator	Present
Dan Victoria	Planning & Zoning Director	Present

INVOCATION

Burt Corley from the Connect 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. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / August 13, 2024
2. Approval of Bills for \$3,391,718.29
3. Ratification of Board of Health Chairman's signature on contract between Fremont County Department of Public Health and Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center regarding opioid settlement monies.
4. Schedule Special Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. for Special Events Liquor Permit for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for event on Sept. 7, 2024, from 4 to 11 a.m. Pathfinder Regional Park, 6650 Colorado State Highway 115, Florence, Colorado.
5. Schedule Public Hearing for September 24, 2024, at 9:30 AM:

- a) **SRU 24-001 Vertical Bridge Wireless Communications Facility**
To erect a 194' self-supporting lattice tower with a 5' lightning rod for a total height of 199'. The tower will be located within an 80'x 80' ground area. Location: 43340 US Highway 50, Canon City 81212

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

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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. 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 <https://fremontcountyco.gov>.
- b. County Clerk's Monthly Report, Justin Grantham, County Clerk

Clerk Grantham gave the County Clerk's Monthly Report, which can be found in its entirety at <https://fremontcountyco.gov>.

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

- c. County Administrator Report, Tony Carochi, County Administrator.

County Administrator Carochi gave the County Administrator Report, which can be found on in its entirety at <https://fremontcountyco.gov>.

Commissioner Grantham wanted it to be known to the public that all documentation concerning where the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money was distributed is open to the public. Commissioner Grantham further stressed that anybody is welcome to know, that some of the comments about the distribution of the money from the abbreviated list of the special districts listed wasn't the list in its entirety.

Clerk Grantham announced that the "I Voted" and "Future Voter" sticker contest is now on display and available to be voted on. Clerk Grantham said that Motor Vehicle will only take title transaction after 4:00pm if an appointment is set.

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. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation
Representatives: Jessica Cobler and Jill Anderson

Ms. Cobler recited the proclamation, which can be found in its entirety at the end of the minutes. Ms. Cobler also invited the community to join the fifth annual Fremont County Out of the Darkness Community Walk, it will take place on September 7th at Centennial Park. Registration and check-in beginning at 9:00am, you can register or donate at afsp.org/fremont. Ms. Cobler also announced that this will be the last year she is doing the walk and proclamation because her and her husband will be moving out of state, she has a friend who will be taking over.

Commissioner Grantham moved to approve the Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Awareness month. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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2. **Resolution No. 29**, Series of 2024 Granting An Exemption From The Subdivision Regulations For Two Tracts Of Land In Fremont County

Attorney Bellas explained that the Recreation District has been wanting to build a connector trail from Dawson Ranch Community to Schepp Ridge Trail and Ecology Park. The Recreation District was just a little short of owning enough property necessary to construct that connector trail. An arrangement has been made between the property owner and the recreation district to make a property switch; the two parcels are approximately the same size, being a little more than three acres. The swap will allow the Recreation District to build the long-anticipated connector trail from Dawson Ranch to Ecology Park.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve **Resolution No. 29** granting exemption from the subdivision regulations for two tracts of land in Fremont County. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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3. **Resolution No. 30**, Series of 2024 Opposing Colorado Ballot Initiative 91

Commissioner McFall said that if this initiative gets passed, the wolves and mountain lions will thin the herds of deer and other species in the wilderness and then it is very likely that these predatory species will begin to infiltrate the nearby cities and towns.

Commissioner Grantham commented that he fears if these predatory animals infiltrate these urban areas that action against them won't be taken until pets or children are hurt.

Commissioner McFall moved to approve **Resolution No. 30** series of 2024 to oppose Colorado Ballot Initiative 91. 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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4. Remove Dave Boden from the Fremont County Board of Zoning Adjustment upon his request and appointment of a new member to the Fremont County Board Of Zoning Adjustment with a term expiring February 28, 2026

Commissioner Bell moved to remove Dave Boden and appoint Timothy Bennet to the Fremont County Board of Zoning Adjustment. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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5. Appointment of a new Alternate member to the Fremont County Board Of Zoning Adjustment with a term expiring February 28, 2027

Commissioner Grantham moved to appoint Kevin Brown as an alternate member to the Fremont County Board of Zoning Adjustment term expiring February 28th, 2027. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Grantham, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner McFall, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Commissioner McFall adjourned the meeting at 9:55am.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuxNBR3UWq0vV2T2Rgyl6rA>

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



Fremont County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

WHEREAS, Fremont County is home to more than 46,000 people, a place of destination for thousands of visitors annually, and the site of about a dozen state and federal correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Coroner reported 25 suicides were investigated in 2023, three of which were offenders in the state or federal prison; and

WHEREAS, 90% of those who died by suicide had a diagnosable mental health condition at the time of their death, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; and

WHEREAS, 46% of Americans ages 18+ living with a mental health condition received treatment in the past year; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, suicide was Colorado's eighth leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death for ages 10-44; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 132 suicides per day in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, 54% of Americans have been affected by suicide in some way;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that September 2024 is hereby designated as National Suicide Prevention Month in Fremont County. The County Commissioners do urge all people of Fremont County to become educated on suicide prevention awareness and support those affected by suicide during this month and throughout the year.

Signed this 27th Day of August, 2024.

Kevin Grantham
District 1 Commissioner

Debbie Bell
District 2 Commissioner

Dwayne McFall
District 3 Commissioner