

EIGHTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on September 9th, 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.

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| Kevin Grantham | Commissioner | Present |
| Debbie Bell | Commissioner | Present |
| Dwayne McFall | Commissioner | Absent |
| 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 Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Grantham, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE & INFORMATIONAL

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1. Staff / Elected Officials:

- a. 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 Grantham said that Commissioner McFall is in Washington D.C to advocate for us to receive money from the PILT fund, which stands for payment in lieu of taxes. This is intended to replace property taxes on government-owned land in the county.

Commissioner Bell wanted to honor a couple of citizens that have passed in Fremont County recently. The first one being Tim Jordan who was a very active member of the community, always curious about the process of local government and took advantage of the Colorado Open Records Act. The second citizen is Steve Smith; he dedicated a huge portion of his life to the Department of Corrections and specialty programs for inmates that he truly hoped would reform some of them. Once he retired from DOC he opened Pop's Vineyard, which means he spent his days making wine and coming up with creative events for families around the holidays.

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

Terre Davis said that she attended the August 12th meeting and expressed concerns regarding the road conditions of Oak Creek A.K.A County Road 143, 277, and 66. She said the conditions have not improved one bit, she believes that they have worsened, she has seen them work on the road once and they have only added loose material and have not packed it down which has made the washboards deeper than she has ever seen in 25 years. She hopes this problem will be rectified before someone gets hurt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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1. Recognition of Fremont County Department of Motor Vehicles audit results
Representatives: Clerk Chief Deputy Dotty Gardunio, Motor Vehicle Director Berta Newell, and Motor Vehicle Clerk III Jeanette Mulay

Clerk Grantham explained that one busy day when they only had six staff working and had a total of 172 customers that day, the state decided to come in and do an inventory audit. Out of a total score of 27 the motor vehicle department received a 27 out of 27. He said that is a glowing score considering the department has 39,00 serialized items and no discrepancies were found. Some comments from the auditors included the security and storage practice were both intentional and efficient. The clerk counters were designed for functionality and visibility while storage zones remained tidy, accessible, and clearly labeled.

Chief Deputy Dotty Gardunio commented that they are wonderful, and Berta is the one who trained Jeanette in how to do it, and they also cross trained all the others since they all pulled from it and they needed to understand the numbering and how to keep track. She also said that she has never seen the

state write such a long and glowing report and it really is a testament on how great the Fremont County motor vehicle department is.

Commissioner Grantham said he appreciated the hard work because they always like to brag about the employees here and this is yet another reason.

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2. Security Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation
Representative: Brian Smith

Commissioner Grantham recited the Security Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation, which can be found in its entirety at the bottom of these minutes.

Mr. Smith said he is honored to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of security officers to our community safety and security. He said he would like to take a moment to honor those who protect our neighborhoods, institutions, and workplaces. Mr. Smith has been in the industry since 2018 and has witnessed firsthand the critical role that security officers play in keeping our community safe. He said the history of security stretched all the way back to ancient civilizations where guards and watchmen protected cities, palaces, and merchant properties.

Commissioner Bell thanked Mr. Smith, who serves the Fremont County Administration and Garden Park Building, for performing his job duties above and beyond what they could ask for. Greeting every customer and helping them where he can as well as being protective of the people that work here.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the Security Officer Appreciation Week proclamation for the week of September 15th through September 21st of 2025. Commissioner Grantham seconded the motion. Upon Vote: 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 9:46am.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxxGda47E0k>



Fremont County Board of Commissioners Proclamation

SECURITY OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK SEPTEMBER 15 – 21 of 2025

WHEREAS, Security Officers play an indispensable role in safeguarding our communities, businesses, and institutions, ensuring the safety and security of individuals and property; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals labor tirelessly, often in challenging and perilous conditions, to prevent crime, respond to emergencies, and provide a sense of security and peace of mind; and

WHEREAS, Security Officer Awareness Week, observed from September 15 - 21, 2025, presents an opportunity to recognize and honor the contributions and sacrifices of Security Officers, and to raise awareness about the significance of their work; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to acknowledge the dedication, professionalism, and valor of Security Officers, and to express our profound gratitude for their unwavering commitment to protecting our communities; and

WHEREAS, Security Officers actively engage with the community, fostering trust and cultivating positive relationships that enhance the overall safety and well-being of our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, ongoing training and professional development are essential for Security Officers to remain abreast of the latest security practices, technologies, and strategies, ensuring they are well-prepared to handle any situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that SEPTEMBER 15 – 21 of 2025 is hereby designated as **SECURITY OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK**. The County Commissioners encourage all people of Fremont County to join in recognizing and appreciating the invaluable service of Security Officers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all Security Officers for their dedication, bravery, and unwavering commitment to our safety and well-being.

Signed this 9th Day of September, 2025.



Kevin Grantham
District 1 Commissioner

Debbie Bell
District 2 Commissioner

Dwayne McFall
District 3 Commissioner