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**SIXTH MEETING**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on March 25, 2008 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Larry Lasha called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Larry Lasha	Commissioner	Present
Edward Norden	Commissioner	Present
Michael J. Stiehl	Commissioner	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present

Also present Finance Director, Dana Angel; Planning and Zoning Director, Bill Giordano and Deputy Clerk, Tina Taylor.

Sean Meagher from Living Stone Calvary Chapel gave the Morning Prayer.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Norden** moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Stiehl** moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Norden seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL**

1. Staff/Elected Officials

**Commissioner Lasha** stated there is a meeting Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. with emergency personnel to discuss coordinating efforts for locations to do possible sand bagging if necessary and relocation of people if necessary. There is a potential of high water this year because of the snow pack we have on the west end of Fremont and Chaffee counties. **Commissioner Norden** stated that he spoke with Rick Ramano of the National Resource Conservation Service. Rick Ramano stated that there is nothing wrong with good planning and being prepared. At the 911 Board Meeting last week they talked about the need to draw up maps for reverse 911 and the maps of flood prone areas would be good to have on hand, not only for high water run off but for any other flood events that might come during the course of the summer.

**Commissioner Stiehl** stated the County and Cañon City continue to sponsor recycling efforts with the all plastic that have a number on them. The plastic will be collected quarterly for containers. The containers do not have to be separated by number. The next recycling date will be in June.

**Commissioner Stiehl** stated that conservation easements are becoming more of interest to land owners to protect their properties and/or water rights from future development. The first major conservation easement seminar will be this Friday, March 27, 2008 given by the Division of Wildlife at Lake Pueblo State Park. There will be nine (9) different land trust agencies providing information about conservation easements. All interested parties please call me at 276-7300.

**Commissioner Norden** noted that as part of the clean up campaign during March and April, Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> the Holcim Cement plant will be recycling passenger tires from

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9 am to 12 pm at the plant in Florence. Tires must be off the rim. No tractor, monster truck or semi-truck tires will be accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**REQUEST: SRU 99-003 TOP RAIL RANCH RECREATION CAMP**

**Commissioner Lasha** stated SRU 99-003 Top Rail Ranch Recreation Camp was suspended at the February 12, 2008 meeting and placed on the March 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda for review.

**Bill Giordano, Planning and Zoning Director**, stated Mr. Walker has come into the Building Department and obtained a building permit for both of the cabins on the property. Mr. Walker also obtained a septic permit. The septic permit was issued because there is a question as to whether the tank is plastic or not. Mr. Walker also signed an existing septic system letter which basically accepts the responsibility for the absorption field. Bill Giordano stated at the last Board Meeting, a request was made to have the Planning and Zoning Department prepare a resolution for termination or suspension, but since action regarding the issues has been taken it has not been done. Bill Giordano noted that letters received from the Building Department that the permit is still pending inspection by the department for finalization of the permit.

**Commissioner Norden** stated that during the staff meeting March 24<sup>th</sup>, because of the snow pack at the hunting camp area that it maybe late May or June before building inspectors can get on to the property to inspect both the structures as well as the septic. **Commissioner Norden** moved to reinstate the SRU 99-003 for Top Rail Ranch Recreation Camp and set a date for the regular board meeting of July 8<sup>th</sup> to determine if all the necessary permits have been fulfilled for SRU 99-003. This will give time for staff to get into the property and make the necessary inspections for the Planning and Zoning Department. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion asking to amend the July 8<sup>th</sup> date to August 26, 2008 due to the snow pack in the area. Commissioner Norden agreed to amend the date to August 26, 2008. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jane Mannon, Director of Public Relations for Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co.**, gave the annual report for the mine activity. Ms. Mannon stated the Company had an excellent year for safety. The Company received the OHSAS 18001 Certification which is the international standard for health and safety management systems with a rigorous audit that includes all the company's paperwork, employees and training systems. The Company received certification from the International Cyanide Code which is renewed every two (2) years. The certification is for the company's procedures for; handling, protocols for cyanide manufacture, transport, through use and disposal. The company also was recertified for their environmental management system through ISO 14001 Re-Certification last year.

The Independence Tails Reclamation is located on the east side of Victor by the helipad when you come out on Phantom Canyon Road. The area has been graded and seeded and there will be new growth this spring. 2007 State Reclamation Award was received for the project. The Milsap Gulch Tailing reclamation project received the US Department of Interior Cooperative Conservation Award. The majority of the tailings were on BLM land. BLM brought together different agencies for the Milsap Gulch reclamation. The exciting aspect of this project was the incorporation of inmates from the Buena Vista prison to operate the equipment, and in so doing they learn a job skills.

Ms. Mannon stated the regional economic impact for 2007 the mine provides 364 direct jobs (included are 86 hourly employees who live in Fremont County, and 1445 regional jobs. Total direct earnings for 2007 were \$48,822,000.00 and paid more than \$1 million

in mineral severance taxes in 2007. Public tours will be provided on a limited basis this summer. The main goal is to provide small intimate tours during the summer, mostly to educate local residents.

Ms. Mannon stated that Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company will be merging with Golden cycle Gold Corporation upon approval of stockholders in April or May. There will be no impact to Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Co. operations.

Ms Mannon stated that the Company has current permits through 2012 and is working on a plan that would extend the mine life four (4) years. Pre-feasibility study was completed in 2007. The feasibility study will be completed this year. State and County permits will be submitted in mid April. The extension request does not change the permit boundaries, the number of employee, or kind of equipment being used. There will be some county road improvements with the realignment of CR 82/83 and improvement, of the intersection of Highway 67 and CR 821 and in Teller County. There will be open houses in Cripple Creek and Victor. The first open house will be held in Cripple Creek on April 5<sup>th</sup>. November 2008 is target date for State of Colorado and Teller County approvals. Construction will start on the mine life extension in 2009.

**RESOLUTION #28: FREMONT COUNTY AUTHORIZING LEASE-PURCHASE FINANCING FOR EQUIPMENT**

**Dana Angel, Director of Finance**, stated the proposed resolution has a \$700,000 figure that is a “not to exceed” figure. This figure may be arrived at by the end of the year if there are additional lease purchases for the Sheriff’s Department. The resolution authorizes the signature of the Board Chairman on the lease agreement. The lease agreement is being reviewed by County Attorney, Brenda Jackson. Finance Director, Angel, provided an amortization schedule for the Sheriff’s Department vehicles to be purchased. The Sheriff’s Department is planning on acquiring 13 vehicles at a cost of \$361,560.00. The lease agreement is with Wells Fargo Bank and is for an up front payment this year of \$75,000.00 with four (4) annual payments in the next four (4) years. Wells Fargo Bank is the sponsor that Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) works with.

**Commissioner Stiehl** commented that the source of the funds to purchase the vehicles will be varied. Some of the funds for the equipment purchases may come from grant proceeds, some of funds from the Sheriff’s capital expenditure fund and from the County’s capital expenditure fund depending on the type and use of the equipment. **Finance Director, Dana Angle** acknowledged the transactions will be specific to the purpose and will pertain to the appropriate fund. This lease agreement is for sheriff’s vehicles and the “not to exceed” number. \$700,000.00 gives the County convenience of future purchases under one lease agreement.

**Commissioner Norden** moved for approval of **Resolution #28** to authorize the lease purchase finance agreement with the principle amount not to exceed \$700,000.00. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, Aye. The motion carried.

**Commissioner Lasha** adjourned the Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

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County Clerk