

JUNE 21st, 2011

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Special Session on June 21st, 2011, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3 Fremont County Administration Building, Canon City, Colorado. Commission Chairman Edward Norden called the meeting to order at 8:45 A.M.

Edward H. Norden	Commissioner	Present
Michael J. Stiehl	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Katie Barr	Clerk and Recorder	Present

Also present, George Sugars County Manager.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stiehl moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Adoption of a Resolution declaring the Duckett Fire as a local emergency and disaster situation.

Commissioner Norden stated the Duckett Fire has crossed into Fremont County. County funds for fighting fires has been depleted, but Commissioner Norden spoke to Deb Downs from Custer County and it was determined that there are limited Governor emergency funds available when an area is declared a local disaster. Downs would like detailed accounting for funds spent on this fire in Fremont County.

Sheriff Beicker reported there have been 600 plus combined hours spent fighting fires since January, an approximately \$15,000 in costs. Once the Duckett Fire is turned back over to the Counties, Beicker's goal is to have no clean up costs out of our budget.

Beicker also reported that the High Park Fire is out. They will continue to monitor the area for hot spots but as of now they consider the fire to be contained. 46.2 acres burned in that fire. .25 acres were BLM land the rest were privately owned. That fire is still under investigation but Beicker said they are leaning towards the starting of the fire being human caused. Beicker said they couldn't have done it without aircraft hauling loads of water and the local agencies that came to help. Overall the costs out of the County's budget will be for one heavy drop, and for overtime put in from both the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Transportation.

Beicker stated it's a very dry time in our state. Local resources are limited as many of them are in other states fighting fires. Because of the dry conditions and limited resources, Beicker is worried about 4th of July. He is going to allow Penrose to do their 4th of July firework show, but under the guidance of the fire department.

Beicker supports the Resolution that is before the Board.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt Resolution #26, declaring the Duckett Fire a local emergency and disaster situation. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

2. Authorize the Chairman's signature for the FAA Master Plan Contract Application.

Commissioner Bell moved to authorize the Chairman's signature for the FAA Master Plan Contract Application. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

Chairman Norden adjourned the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

Clerk and Recorder

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RESOLUTION NO. 26, SERIES OF 2011

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SITUATION
CONCERNING THE JUNE 12, 2011 DUCKETT WILDFIRE EVENT**

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2011, a wildfire, named the Duckett Fire, was reported in Custer County, and which spread into Fremont County on June 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Duckett Fire event caused significant damage to property and required the evacuation of homes, the use of extensive resources to contain and extinguish the fire, and

WHEREAS, as of June 20, 2011, some hot spots remain on the fire scene and crews remain on the fire mopping up, securing and reinforcing containment lines, and continuing with structure protection; and

WHEREAS, the weather conditions in Fremont County remain dry and windy and fire bans remain in effect throughout the County, with maximum restrictions in the urban/wildland interface areas and in the rural area of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that it is necessary to declare an emergency situation and authorize the use of available emergency reserve funds for fire suppression, repairs of public property, and other related and unanticipated expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners acknowledges and states that there are insufficient emergency reserves to pay for all of the fire fighting resources expended by all agencies, including Fremont County, and for repair of damage to public property that has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is granted the authority to declare an emergency pursuant to §24-32-2109, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners through the Office of Emergency Management finds that it is necessary and essential to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Board of Commissioners for Fremont County that a local disaster emergency exists for Fremont County based upon the June 12, 2011 Duckett Fire, and subsequent fire fighting efforts, the resultant expenses and damage to private and public property and the likelihood of further wildland fires in the immediate future;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That the Director of Emergency Management for Fremont County is directed to implement and activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans;

2. The cost of fire suppression efforts and repairing and/or reconstructing the damaged to public property will greatly exceed the Fremont County emergency reserve fund and assistance is needed from other local, state and federal agencies;

3. The Director of Emergency Management is further directed to seek available reimbursement through appropriate local, state and national agencies, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

4. Spending of emergency reserves funding is authorized as necessary for payment of fire fighting expenses, repair and reconstruction of County property, subject to advance approval of expenditures by the Board of County Commissioners for Fremont County.

Commissioner Bell moved the adoption of the foregoing Resolution with a second by Commissioner Stiehl.

Debbie Bell	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edward H. Norden	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Michael J. Stiehl	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: 6/21/11

Edward H. Norden
Chairman

Attest: Natie E. Baur
Clerk