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FOURTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on July 22, 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 H. Norden	Commissioner	Present
Michael J. Stiehl	Commissioner	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Norma Hatfield	Clerk and Recorder	Present

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

Corey Saundrel from the Vineyard Christian Fellowship gave the Morning Prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Stiehl moved to approved the agenda and added Item #1-A under New Business for a Tax Abatement for Villa Canon Associates. Commissioner Norden seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Norden moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes July 8, 2008
 2. Approval of Bills July 22, 2008 / \$640,841.50
 3. LIQUOR LICENSE
CAT'S CORNER LLC
CAT'S CORNER
411 Broadway
Penrose, CO 81240 - 9040
Retail Liquor Store License Renewal - Malt, Vinous and Spirituous
 4. SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING / None
- Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ INFORMATIONAL

1. Staff / Elected Officials

Norma Hatfield, Fremont County Clerk & Recorder, submitted the Clerk's Report and stated that the revenues earned in the Clerk's Office for June was \$694,076.88 and that was \$5,021.79 less than a year ago. County Sales Tax collected was \$67,634.92 which was \$6,371.10 less than a year ago. Overall what goes to the County for distribution to the entities was \$398,029.04 which was an increase of \$368.00.

Commissioner Norden moved to adopt the County Clerk and Recorder's report. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Norden stated that FAA has postponed the grant for the extension of the airport runway until 2013. **Airport Manager Dick Baker** gave an update on the operations at the airport. He stated there has been secured \$150,000.00 of entitlement money distributed by the FAA that will be used for an equipment shed and some fencing in the shed area. Two grants have been secured from State funds for a new snow plow truck and the continuous maintenance program for the pavement. The current estimate for

the runway extension is seven to nine million dollars. The land has been acquired and the environmental assessment has been done.

Commissioner Norden congratulated the volunteer efforts that went into the new Northwest EMS ambulance garage on CR 2.

Commissioner Stiehl stated a third party hydrologist will be contracted next week to monitor the Black Range uranium exploration in the Tallahassee area.

Commissioner Stiehl stated that he has received complaints about scooter and bicycle riders not following safety regulations and urged parents to advise their children about the laws.

2. Citizens not scheduled.

Vincent Capozzella a resident in the Tallahassee area stated the he and other residents of the area who have been opposed to the uranium exploration received an anonymous letter that cited the "Code of the West, a document adopted by the County 20 years ago and felt it is extremely biased. **Commissioner Stiehl** stated that he refers to the document to people regularly because it talks about property lines, fence lines, street lights and it is very educational. There is another publication available put out by the National Research Conservation Service that is more complete. **Commissioner Norden** stated the document goes back to the late eighties or early nineties and was used for a guide for Fremont County's Code from Larimer County's Code. Commissioner Norden stated that there are a number of counties in Colorado and western states that have adopted language referencing "Code of the West". The document was not written to be offensive. It was written to be factual and correct.

NEW BUSINESS

PAT MCFARLAND – FREMONT COUNTY TREASURER / SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Patricia McFarland, Fremont County Treasurer and Public Trustee, presented the Treasurers Semi Annual Report and the Public Trustees Quarterly Report. She stated in the Semi Annual Report the County is in good shape. She stated that at this time of year is when property tax subsidies until the tax lien sale in November. The Clerk and Records office will be giving the used tax, sales tax, specific ownership taxes, etc. that will be coming into the County. As shown on the Public Trustees Report there is currently about 185 foreclosures and will probably top out at around 300 for the year.

Commissioner Stiehl moved to approved Fremont County Treasurer Semi Annual Report. Commissioner Lasha seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

PETITION FOR ABATEMENT – VILLA CANON ASSOCIATES

Stacey Seifert, Fremont County Assessor, presented a Abatement of Taxes for Villa Canon Associates for their low income housing on east Main Street. Total taxes being abated are \$2,977.44. **Commissioner Norden** moved to approve **Resolution 49, Series 2008** for the abatement of \$2,977.44 in taxes to Villa Canon Associates. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF FREMONT AND THE FREMONT SANITATION DIST. REGARDING TRANSFER OF THE DISTRICT'S SEWER MAINS ALONG SHERRELWOOD DR. NORTH AND SHERRELWOOD DR. SOUTH AND STEINMEIER AVE. TO THE COUNTY FOR USE AS STORM SEWERS

Commissioner Stiehl stated Steinmeier Ave. and portions of Grandview are being repaved in connection with a subdivision that is just being completed, platted and up for sale in Cranberry Park. There is no drainage for the area. This is a project that is coordinated between the County and the Sanitation District, subject to future available County funds, will preserve the abandoned sewer lines for storm drainage for future projects. This Agreement will transfer ownership of the abandoned sewer mains to the County.

Commissioner Norden stated the IGA did not offer any detail about how the Sanitation District accomplishes the abandonment. **Commissioner Stiehl** stated that he has

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requested verbally for them to provide the as-builds and the elevations of the specific locations of all the work and that will be a part of the IGA. **Commission Lasha** stated the agreement can be approved with the addition of specifying how the abandonment is accomplished. **County Attorney Jackson** stated it is specified in the IGA. As soon as the new lines are in place and being used the old lines are being abandoned. **Commissioner Norden** stated they wanted assurances that there is no seepage from the old service lines and have them capped running into the main line.

Commissioner Norden moved to approved the Agreement with Fremont Sanitation District to transfer the sewer mains as described on north and south Sherrelwood Drive and Steinmeier once the new services lines are in place and authorization to sign the agreement once assurances in writing from the Sanitation District that the abandonment includes the capping of all the old services lines into the main. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stiehl commented that in the past there are subdivisions that were platted without drainage and has created a problem. Any new subdivision now has extensive drainage to accommodate additional runoff.

Commissioner Lasha closed the regular session and opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

DOLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OF \$230,500 FOR THE ECHO REMODEL PROJECT. THE MONEY WILL BE USED ALONG WITH OTHER FUNDING TO REMODEL A PORTION OF THE OLD HARRISON SCHOOL FOR ECHO AND FAMILY CENTER EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK PROGRAMS AND OFFICES

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Pam Walker, Representative, stated project ECHO and the Family Center Early Childhood council has been in existence for almost thirty-two years and was created to develop a variety of early childhood programs that help prepare children for success in school. The School Board offered space in the old Harrison School if they could find funds to remodel the area. The Center requested support from the County Commissioners in applying for a The Department of Local Affairs grant to fund one-half of the project. A grant was received from Community Development Block Grant Program. To formally accept the grant a public hearing needed to be held. The building will house the entire ECHO screening program, a therapist who will be doing special education evaluations, early childhood mental health specialists and the Colorado Preschool Programs will be coordinated out of the offices. **Commissioner Stiehl** stated this will be an outstanding use for the building. Unfortunately it will not be the old portion of the Harrison School which is scheduled for demolition. **Commissioner Norden** inquired about the amount of square footage that will be used. Ms. Walker stated forty seven hundred square feet. They are also promoting a local fund raising campaign to be able to also apply for foundation grants and it is called Square Foot Square Inch. A one hundred dollar donation will pay for a square foot of the remodel. Parents can donate ten dollars in their child's name and it will pay for a square inch of the remodel. **Commissioner Lasha** inquired if the hearing had been advertised. Ms. Walker stated she was not sure. **Commissioner Stiehl** stated this could be verified and if need be there can be another hearing. **Commissioner Norden** inquired when the renovation would be finished and move in. Ms. Walker stated with the Department of Local Affairs Grant construction must begin January 1, 2009. The project may take five months to a year.

Commissioner Lasha closed the Public Hearing and returned to regular session.

NEW BUSINESS – CONTINUED

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN SOUTHERN COLORADO RETAC, INC. CONTRACT FOR FUNDS DISBURSEMENT – FISCAL YEAR 2009

Finance Director Angel stated it is a direct pass through of funds through the County and is passed back to the Southern Colorado RETAC (Regional Emergency Trauma Advisory Council). **Commissioner Lasha** stated it is a payment of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) that comes to the County and then we reimburse thru the County to RETAC. **Commissioner Stiehl** moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Southern Colorado RETAC Contract for Funds Disbursement for Fiscal Year 2009. **Commissioner Norden** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Lasha** stated that there are several counties that participate with RETAC and we have been doing the pass through Fremont County and there has not been a problem. Upon vote: **Commissioner Stiehl**, aye; **Commissioner Norden**, aye; **Commissioner Lasha**, aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN BID AWARD A.I.P. PROJECT NO. 3-08-0009-09 FOR SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE CLEARY BUILDING CORP. \$55,441.00

Airport Manager Dick Baker stated the engineer's estimate for the Airport Improvement Project (A.I.P.) snow removal storage shed Cleary Building was \$100,000.00. Upon advertising for the project the low bid was \$55,441.00.

Commissioner Lasha moved to approve authorization for the Cleary Building. **Commissioner Norden** seconded the motion. Upon vote: **Commissioner Lasha**, aye; **Commissioner Norden**, aye; **Commissioner Stiehl**, aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN BID AWARD A.I.P. PROJECT NO. 3-08-0009-09 TAYLOR FENCE CO., / AIRPORT \$23,026.00

Commissioner Lasha stated the second portion of the A.I.P project is for the Taylor fence around the Cleary Building for a total of \$23,026.00.

Commissioner Norden moved to award the bid to the Taylor Fence Co. of Pueblo for \$23,026.00. **Commissioner Stiehl** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Stiehl** commented that bids were requested from local contractors. **Airport Manager Baker** said the bid opening was on May 20, 2008 and they advertised three times in the paper. Upon vote: **Commissioner Norden**, aye; **Commissioner Stiehl**, aye; **Commissioner Lasha**, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Norden inquired when the building would be completed. **Airport Manager Baker** stated the building should be done in September. The building can be completed within five day once the material is delivered and three days for the fencing.

Commissioner Lasha adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

County Clerk