

August 25, 2015

SIXTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on August 11, 2015, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Edward Norden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Edward H. Norden	Commissioner	Present
Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Tim Payne	Commissioner	Present
Katie Barr	Clerk and Recorder	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present

Also present: George Sugars, County Manager and Matt Koch, Planning and Zoning Director.

The Invocation was given by Joseph Garkovich, First Christian Church.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes / August 11, 2015
2. Approval of Bills August 25, 2015 / \$1,190,582.07
3. Ratify approval of the Chairman's signature on a Purchase Order for replacement of a domestic hot water system at the Sheriff's Office / Jail Facility.
4. Adoption of Resolution #26, Series of 2015, ZC 15-001 Scheer Zone Change
5. Adoption of Resolution #27, Series of 2015, CDP 15-001 Royal Gorge Dinosaur Center Commercial Development Plan
6. Schedule Public Hearings: None

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the notation of the resolution numbers. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Staff / Elected Officials:
 - a. County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report and Public Trustee's Quarterly Report - Kathy Elliott, County Treasurer

August 25, 2015

Treasurer Elliott said there was nothing significant to report, and all accounts are solvent.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

Treasurer and Public Trustee Elliott presented the first two quarterly reports for the year. Foreclosures are down 39% from last year.

Commissioner Payne moved to approve the two Public Trustee's Quarterly Reports. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

- b. County Sales & Use Tax Report, Sunny Bryant, Assistant County Manager / Budget & Finance Officer

Sunny Bryant stated in the month of June, Retail Sales Tax collected was \$424,534, and Lodging Tax collected was \$51,021. For July, Auto Use Tax collected was \$89,372 and Construction Use Tax collected was \$35,372. The Sheriff Retail Sales Tax totaled \$283,023 in June. The Sheriff's Auto Use Tax was \$59,581 and the Sheriff Construction Use Tax was \$23,577 for July. Overall, year-to-date sales tax collections are more than 2014.

Commissioner Norden noted that Fremont County was able to host the Summer Weed Tour in August for the Colorado Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. He thanked Jana Rapetti for her efforts and assistance in hosting the event. Larry Walker and Rick Romano were also thanked.

- 2. Citizens Not Scheduled

Preston Troutman, President of the Board of Realtors, wanted to know if the statistics and financial report were on the County website. He was informed the report is accessible on the website on the Finance page.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. In consideration of a Proclamation for Kinship Care Month in Fremont County – September 2015
Representative: Steve Clifton & Carrie Porter, Department of Human Services

Linda Potter explained how Department of Human Services tries to place children in their care into homes of physical or psychological family members. The Department provides support to these families. They were able to serve 79 families last year.

Carrie Porter read the proclamation. She invited kinship care providers to attend a support group the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Bell moved to adopt the proclamation. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

August 25, 2015

2. In consideration of a Proposal and Resolution Certifying and Referring to the November 2015 Ballot, an Extension of the 2% Fremont County Lodging Tax

Commissioner Bell noted that the current lodging tax has a ten year sunset that expires in 2016. This ballot question will ask voters to permanently extend the lodging tax. Commissioner Norden said lodging tax revenues were vital to recovery of the Royal Gorge tourism economy in the aftermath of the June 2013 wildfire.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve Resolution #28. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

3. In consideration of approval of two new election precinct maps
Jami Goff, County Elections Director

Jami Goff explained the maximum number of voters per precinct is 2000, and Precincts 11 and 14 are approaching the maximum. The lines for the precincts are being adjusted to allow for growth and change within those precincts. Precinct 12 will absorb approximately 700 voters from 11, while Precinct 18 will absorb around 500 voters.

Commissioner Payne moved to approve the new maps. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Payne, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M.

None.

Chairman Norden adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Clerk and Recorder

August 25, 2015

RESOLUTION 28 SERIES OF 2015

**A PROPOSAL AND RESOLUTION
CERTIFYING AND REFERRING TO THE NOVEMBER 2015 BALLOT,
AN EXTENSION OF THE 2% FREMONT COUNTY LODGING TAX**

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, §30-11-103.5, C.R.S. and §30-11-107.5, C.R.S., authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Fremont County, Colorado (hereinafter "County") to refer the question here and submit it to a vote of the registered electors of Fremont County; and

WHEREAS, on the third day of November, 2015, a general election will be conducted, with authority for the County to refer certain measures to the registered electors of Fremont County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County finds that it is in the best interest of the present and future inhabitants of the County to continue to impose a lodging tax upon on hotel, motel, guest ranch, campground and other similar overnight accommodations, provided that there is no increase in local taxes without voter approval; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont County lodging tax, originally approved by the voters in 2001, and extended by the voters in 2006, will expire on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Tourism Board has recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that the lodging tax be extended and have requested that the matter be referred to the voters for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the residents and citizens of Fremont County would be best served if the lodging tax is extended for an indefinite term; and

WHEREAS, use of the proceeds solely for the purposes of advertising and marketing local tourism has benefited and will continue to benefit the residents and commercial enterprises in Fremont County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF FREMONT:

1. As part of the general election to be held in Fremont County on November 3, 2015, there shall be submitted to the vote of the registered electors of Fremont County, the question herein authorized.

August 25, 2015

2. At said election the official ballot, including absentee and mail ballots, shall state the substance of the question to be voted upon and so stated shall constitute the ballot title, designation and submission clause for each question set forth herein, and each registered elector voting at the election shall indicate his or her choice on the questions submitted, which shall be in the following form:

WITHOUT RAISING ADDITIONAL TAXES, SHALL THE EXISTING 2% COUNTY LODGING TAX, WHICH IS IMPOSED ONLY ON HOTEL, MOTEL, GUEST RANCH, CAMPGROUND AND OTHER SIMILAR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS, BE EXTENDED FROM ITS CURRENT EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 31, 2016, FOR AN INDEFINITE TERM, WHICH CONSTITUTES NO OTHER CHANGES TO THE VOTER-APPROVED LODGING TAX; THE PROCEEDS FROM WHICH ARE USED SOLELY FOR TOURISM PROMOTION, MARKETING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO?

YES _____

NO _____

3. If a majority of all votes cast at the election shall be for the proposed measure, the measure shall be deemed passed.

4. The election shall be conducted under the provisions of the Colorado Election Code as set forth in C.R.S. Section 1-7-101 et seq.

5. The County Clerk and Recorder of Fremont County, State of Colorado, shall give public notice of the election on the question hereby submitted by causing a notice to be published in the Canon City Daily Record as provided by law.

6. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

August 25, 2015

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

Debbie Bell	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Edward H. Norden	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Timothy R. Payne	<u>AYE</u>	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT

The Resolution was declared to be duly adopted.

Date: 8-25-15

By: Ed H. Norden
Chairman

Attest: Patricia E. Barr
Clerk