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## TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Special Session on August 31, 2006, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Michael Stiehl called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Michael J. Stiehl	Commissioner	Present
Edward H. Norden	Commissioner	Present
Larry Lasha	Commissioner	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Norma Hatfield	Clerk and Recorder	Present

Also present Finance Director, Dana Angel and Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### PROPOSAL AND RESOLUTION #64 CERTIFYING AND REFERRING TO THE NOVEMBER 2006 BALLOT 1A - FREMONT COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,900,000.00 PER YEAR (5.5 MILLS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF STAFFING AND OPERATING THE FREMONT COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION, AND FOR IMPROVING COMMUNITY PATROL SERVICES.

**Sheriff Jim Beicker** reported this proposal was the result of long and sustained public effort and support. He stated the jail is his biggest responsibility because it holds the largest liability to the County. Sheriff Beicker stated the Statue is very clear and he is legally required to run the Fremont County Detention Center. He commented the services extend beyond the County reporting that incarcerated individuals were sent to them from the State Patrol, Department of Corrections, and City Police Departments. **Commissioner Norden** said the County originally sought funding of \$1.5 million for the jail expansion; however, citizens expressed concerns regarding the critical need for expanded patrol services in the community. The revised figure of \$1.9 million allocates \$400,000.00 per year for the expansion of community patrol services

**Commissioner Norden** made a motion to approve **Resolution #64**. Commissioner Lasha read the Resolution in its entirety and seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried with the Adoption of **Resolution #64**

#### PROPOSAL AND RESOLUTION # 65 CERTIFYING AND REFERRING TO THE NOVEMBER 2006 BALLOT 1B - FREMONT COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$850,000.00 PER YEAR (2.5 MILLS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FREMONT COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE SYSTEM.

**Terry Acton, District #2 Road and Bridge Foreman** reported that the County has been forced to readjust its five-year plan for road and bridge construction and that the County is struggling with the rebuilding of roads damaged from the July flooding. Mr. Acton also reported that traffic is increasing within the County resulting in the deterioration of the existing roads. The money would address priority improvements for asphalt, chip sealing, and gravel for road and bridge repairs in all three of the County's road districts.

**Commissioner Norden** complimented the Road and Bridge Department for their accomplishments given the shortage of personnel and financial resources.

**Commissioner Lasha** made a motion to approve **Resolution #65**. Commissioner Norden read the Resolution in its entirety and seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioners Lasha, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried with the Adoption of **Resolution #65**.

**PROPOSAL AND RESOLUTION #66 CERTIFYING AND REFERRING TO THE NOVEMBER 2006, BALLOT 1C - AN EXTENSION OF THE 2% FREMONT COUNTY LODGING TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF TEN (10) YEARS.**

**Commissioner Norden** stated the present 2% lodging tax concludes December 31, 2006 and it needs to be renewed. The tax is collected from motels, hotels, campgrounds and other similar overnight accommodations. He reported the Fremont County Tourism Board is responsible for spending and investing the funds generated to increase tourism in the area. **Commissioner Norden** made a motion to approve **Resolution #66**. Commissioner Lasha read the Resolution in its entirety and seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried with the Adoption of **Resolution #66**.

**Norma Hatfield, Clerk and Recorder** commented on all three Resolutions being proposed. She stated that voters not only have the opportunity to vote; but are also able to submit written pro-or-con statements and comments prior to the election.

**County Attorney, Brenda Jackson** stated the citizen comments must be received at least 45 days prior to the election; deadline being September 22, 2006.

**Commissioner Stiehl** confirmed that the funds sought under the Resolutions would be solely utilized as stated in the Resolution and those figures and expenditures would be public record.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN A REAL ESTATE OPTION CONTRACT FOR THE POTENTIAL SALE OF LOT 39, AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK**

**Commissioner Stiehl** reported Lot 39 is approximately eight acres. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) plans to construct a new office on two acres for the purpose of processing immigration detainees. **Commissioner Norden** reported the recent zone change from airport industrial park to industrial park had been directly related to the potential sale of this Lot. He stated the Board of Commissioners would replat the remaining acreage in the near future for sale and development and Commissioner Stiehl commented that purchase and usage of the lots are taxable and would result in additional income for the County.

**Commissioner Lasha** made a motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign a real estate option contract for the potential sale of Lot 39, Airport Industrial Park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norden. Upon vote: Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

**Commissioner Stiehl** adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.