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SEVENTEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on September 13th, 2011, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Edward H. Norden called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

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

Also present: George Sugars, County Manager; Bill Giordano, Planning and Zoning Director and Jody Blauser Deputy Clerk.

The Morning Prayer was given by Pat McFarland, Fremont County Treasurer.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Administrative and Elected Officials

County Clerk Barr gave her report for the month of August. Barr said the total amount collected for August was \$983,790.72. Of this amount the County kept \$474,292.38 which is about 49% of the total collected. This is \$3,924.25 more than 2010. Year to date for 2011 the amount collected is \$6,580,739.07. In 2010 revenue was \$113,492.92. Of the money collected this year so far we have kept \$3,324,465.20 which is \$652.80 more than last year. The County has kept about 50% of the money collected so far this year. Commissioner Stiehl moved to accept the County Clerk's Report for August 2011. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

County Manager Sugars gave his report on Sales and Use Tax for the month of August. Total Sales and Use Tax collected through August is 1.29% over the 2011 projected budget. Retail Sales Tax collected is 1.64% over the 2011 projected budget and is a 2% increase over 2010. The Auto Use Tax is down about 1% over the budget amount. The Construction Use Tax is a 2.32% increase over the budget projection. Commissioner Norden explained that even though we are over the budget projections for 2011 we are still down 1.25% compared to 2010 Sales and Use Tax collected.

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Sugars said this is due to the Construction Use Tax which is down 44% from last year as there were some large projects in the County.

Commissioner Bell invited citizens to Florence this weekend for the Pioneer Day Festivities. The parade starts at 10:00 A.M. and there are many other activities for the public to attend.

2. Citizens Not Scheduled: None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fremont Economic Development Corporation (F.E.D.C.) update by Edie McLish, F.E.D.C. Coordinator.

Edie McLish updated the Board on F.E.D.C. events so far this year. She explained the Governors "Bottom Up Economic Development Initiative" which is intended to create a job creation road map. The team members are Edie McLish, Commissioner Bell, Angela Bellantoni and Judy Lohnes. They have released the blueprint for this plan and are in the implementation stage. This involves U.A.A.C.O.G. (Upper Area Arkansas Council of Governments) applying for a H.U.D. grant to support the process and to create a Regional Energy Office that would be housed at U.A.A.C.O.G. Edie said F.E.D.C. will assist in this process. The F.E.D.C. is also assisting the Southern Colorado Economic Development Corporation with their update on the Five Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region. The F.E.D.C. is continuing its plan for the Clark Power Plant to retro fit the plant with a fluidized bed boiler and with a gasification unit later on due to costs. They are currently trying to raise money for a feasibility study which costs \$70,000. The Aircrete EB5 program will create 589 direct and indirect jobs as well as 110 construction jobs during the construction phase of the project.

2. Ratify approval of signed contract amendment #1 for the Department of Local Affairs Gaming Impact Grant on CR#9/Red Canyon Road.

Tony Adamic, Department of Transportation Director, explained to the Board about the Gaming Impact Grant contract amendment. Tony said they were originally going to pave ten miles of Red Canyon Road. As the pricing came in substantially less they want to add to the project. This will be from the intersection of Fields and Red Canyon Road to the City Boundary which is 1.1 miles. The material cost of this would be \$80,716. The grant they have is in the amount of \$400,000. So far they have spent \$357,000 of the grant money. The amendment needed signed on September 7th for the Department of Local Affairs (D.O.L.A.). Commissioner Stiehl moved to ratify the Chairman's signature on the contract amendment with the Department of Local Affairs Gaming Impact Grant for the current year. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

3. Consideration of a proposal for the Vault Room asbestos abatement.

County Manager George Sugars said the proposal is to take care of the asbestos on the ceiling of the vault. The vault needs to be cleaned so that it may be used again.

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The contract is with Colorado Hazard Control, the same company used earlier this year. The bid for the asbestos abatement is \$26,282 and work should begin in two to three weeks. Commissioner Bell moved to approve the contract with Colorado Hazard Control for the vault room asbestos abatement in the amount of \$26,282. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

4. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement (I.G.A.) with the City of Florence for an Emergency Operation Center (E.O.C.).

Steve Morrissey, Emergency Management Director, said he met with the City Manager of Florence in December 2010 regarding the agreement. Commissioner Norden said the basis of this Emergency Operation Center Agreement is a grant from the State of Colorado. Morrissey said it is a pass through grant from the Feds that can be used for E.O.C. development. Norden stated the Florence City Council had voted to approve this agreement at their last meeting. Norden thanked County Attorney Jackson for her efforts on the agreement with Florence. Commissioner Stiehl moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Florence for an Emergency Operation Center. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Commissioner Bell thanked the City of Florence for their efforts with this agreement. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

5. Office of Emergency Management – Steve Morrissey/Consideration of Secure Rural Schools – Title III Proposed Projects.

Steve Morrissey said they have been able to secure funds for the past three years from the Forest Service for the Secure Rural Schools program. He said the funds are limited in how they can be used. This includes public outreach with firewise projects. Some of the projects that could be used with these funds include a simulation table, signage, the firewise trailer and handouts. Funds can be also be used to implement a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (C.W.P.P.). County Manager Sugars said the deadline for approval of these projects by the Board of County Commissioners is September 30th, 2011. Sugars said the money the county receives from the Forest Service needs to be spent by September 30th, 2012. Sugars recommended the Board approve the list today and can prioritize which projects come first at a later date. Commissioner Bell moved to approve the proposed list of projects for Secure Rural Schools Title III program. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Commissioner Stiehl said if we do not use the \$92,000 grant we have to send it back and these projects will help our community. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

6. Proposed adoption of uniform annual date for beginning and end of the three year staggered terms for members of the Fremont County Airport Advisory Committee and the list restructuring the terms for all members in accordance with the proposed calendar.

Commissioner Norden explained he had presented the proposed calendar to the Airport Advisory Committee last week. This is an effort to get a common date of the year for appointments to the Committee. Many of the members have served extended terms or have expiring terms coming up. Commissioner Norden move to adopt the list of proposed staggered three year terms with October 1st start dates for members of the Fremont County Airport Advisory Committee. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Commissioner Bell agreed this makes more sense and streamlines the terms. Upon Vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

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7. Consideration of a proposal for a seven member Airport Advisory Committee in place of the current nine member committee.

Commissioner Norden said this item is only on the agenda today for discussion. The list just adopted shows one vacant seat expiring October 1st 2012 and three seats that come up for appointment on October 1st, 2011. One of the current members has stated he will not serve again so there will be two vacancies. Commissioner Norden proposed the Board consider this item at a later date and it would not affect the current members serving on the committee. The vacancies will be posted for the terms expiring this October 1st. Commissioner Bell agreed to leave this item for discussion only today.

Commissioner Bell announced there will be a “Chalk It Up” event at the Fremont County Airport this Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. It is sponsored by the Fremont Center for the Arts. They are hoping to have the longest chalk drawing and make it into the Guinness Book of World Records.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M.

None.

Chairman Norden adjourned the meeting at 10:25 A.M.

Clerk and Recorder