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NINETEENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on October 9th, 2012, 615 Macon Avenue, Room LL3, Fremont County Administration Building, Cañon City, Colorado. Commissioner Chairman Debbie Bell called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

Debbie Bell	Commissioner	Present
Michael J. Stiehl	Commissioner	Present
Edward H. Norden	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 Robert Kippley from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Bell noted the scheduling of a Public Hearing for October 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The SRU Request is for Colorado Propane Supply Distribution Facility on Highway 120 east of Florence.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Administrative and Elected Officials

County Clerk Barr gave her report for September 2012. The total collected was \$790,367.65 of which the County was able to keep \$393,631.41. This was \$2,343.62 more than last September. County Clerk Barr explained the process for verifying signatures on the ballots. Today is the last day to register to vote for the November 6th General Election.

Commissioner Norden moved to accept the County Clerk's Report for September 2012. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

County Manager Sugars gave a report for Sales and Use Tax collected through September 2012. Retail Sales Tax increased 5.1% above a year ago.

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The Auto Use Tax was up 2.9% from last year. Construction Use Tax increased 4.7% over last year. Total Sales and Use Tax collected through September is up 4.7% from last year and 2.7% over the targeted budget.

Commissioner Bell thanked the citizens who braved the cold this past weekend to celebrate Apple Days in Penrose.

2. Citizens Not Scheduled:

Mark Rowland of Sweetwater River Ranch spoke to the Board regarding the Department of Planning and Zoning. In the past he had been critical of the process and the Department. In the past two years there has been a complete and dramatic turnaround in the Department. It was a pleasure to work with Bill Giordano and his staff and he wanted to make the Commissioners aware of how helpful and professional the Planning and Zoning Department is now.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of annual ambulance license renewals, Represented by: Tom Anderson.

Tom Anderson said there are five applications for ambulance license renewals. The current licenses expire on October 31, 2012.

- a. AMR has completed their application with all required insurance forms. He has received a copy of their Pueblo County License. Tom requested an ambulance license be issued to AMR until April 30, 2013. AMR will be licensing 4 ambulances in Fremont County and 14 ambulances stationed in Pueblo County.
- b. Northwest Fremont EMS (NWFEMS) is located in the Tallahassee area. They did complete their application with all insurance forms. They have 2 well stocked ambulances with 3 EMT's. They are diligent in reporting to dispatch the rare occasions when they are out of service. Tom recommended the license be renewed for NWFEMS.
- c. Florence Volunteer Fire Department has completed their application with the required insurance documents. They have 2 well stocked ambulances with one paramedic on staff. They currently have an agreement with AMR to respond with them Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tom has requested each agency to email him directly when they will be out of service. This will allow him to track response times. As an all volunteer department there are times when staffing is difficult.
- d. Penrose Fire Department has submitted the application and required insurance documentation. They have 2 ambulances but only 1 passed the inspection. They will be replacing the older ambulance and run only 1 ambulance for now. The newer ambulance should arrive in the next few weeks and the license for it will be requested at that time. The Florence Volunteer Fire Department is the primary backup and AMR is the second if Penrose Fire can't respond to a call. As the Penrose Fire Department is all volunteers they often have staffing issues.

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Tom recommended Penrose Fire Department be issued 1 ambulance license and 1 permit. He requested an email be sent to him when they are out of service for tracking purposes.

- e. Arkansas Valley Ambulance (AVA) has 2 ambulances 1 is the primary and 1 is borrowed from Custer County. Both ambulances were very clean and stocked as a basic life support level upon inspection. A new ambulance is scheduled to be delivered to AVA soon and he will inspect it as well. Some citizens have been concerned that the medical care provided by AVA is not up to standard. He recommends that AVA notify their dispatch (Chaffee County), Fremont County dispatch and AMR dispatch when they will be out of service. AVA must email him a copy of their weekly ambulance check out. Their ambulances must be checked by him monthly for a minimum of 6 months. AVA must turn in at least 50% of their care reports to their medical advisor for evaluation for the next 6 months.

Skip Moreau is the maintenance supervisor for AVA. He has enacted a run report to show mileage in and out upon dispatch. This report also provides a checklist for supplies and maintenance.

Commissioner Norden asked for an explanation regarding both AVA ambulances being out of service at the same time. Tom Anderson said he was not aware both ambulances were not running until he was notified by a citizen. AMR was not notified either.

Jay DeMay is the operations manager for AVA. He had notified Chaffee County Dispatch that they would be out of service until further notice. He did not notify AMR or Tom Anderson. They were out of service for 7 days.

Beth Black said she had an incident at her home where a mountain lion chased kids who were riding horses. When she called 911 for help she was told there was no ambulance available. She had a child dying in her yard and no ambulance ever came. Beth called a helicopter from Memorial Star herself as dispatch would not call a helicopter for her. As the helicopter was landing the Deer Mountain Fire Department arrived on scene. She lives on Copper Gulch in Texas Creek. The incident happened on August 18th 2012 during the timeframe when AVA was completely out of service. Beth said this is unacceptable and something needs done to make sure this does not happen again.

Commissioner Norden said there needs to be a protocol in place for one dispatch to notify other dispatch centers and agencies when ambulances are out of service. Jay DeMay said Chaffee County dispatch does notify Florence Dispatch when AVA is out of service. Tom Anderson explained AMR is called when Florence Dispatch does not have an ambulance to respond to a call. Commissioner Norden asked if this has happened before when a 911 caller is told there is no ambulance available. Tom said he is not aware of any other time when this has happened as AMR is notified if no other ambulance is available. Commissioner Stiehl said this sounds like more of a dispatch issue. Tom hopes this can be fixed by him being notified of any ambulance that is out of service. He said AVA should also notify Chaffee County dispatch, Florence dispatch and AMR when they are down. As a courtesy Custer County dispatch should also be notified. Commissioner Norden asked what needs to be done to license Chaffee County Ambulance in Fremont County. Tom explained it would be a very simple process for Chaffee County to be licensed in Fremont County. Currently they are able to come into Fremont County and offer assistance if needed.

Skip Moreau explained that Beth Black is a professional EMT. Due to the extent of the child's injuries he instructed her to call Deer Mountain Fire for help as well as flight for life. Either AMR or Custer County ambulances would have been at least 35 minutes away. Skip believes their new ambulance should be ready within the next 3 weeks and will be stationed in Howard.

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Mark Rowland has emergency management experience. He believes Fremont County emergency management services are underfunded, understaffed and underequipped. Mark said there is a big difference between scheduled and non-scheduled out of service times. For 25 consecutive months AVA has responded to 98% of their calls. He said it may be more productive to set performance criteria standards than to implement additional licensing requirements. The same kind of notification process should apply to all ambulance services not just one company.

Commissioner Stiehl said many of these problems are dispatch issues. He agrees with the recommendations for licensing requirements that were suggested by Tom Anderson.

Michael Nalgliesh, supervisor for AMR said they do not have an agreement for outside of their responding area. They try to provide the best patient care possible and help other agencies to the best of their ability. He cannot provide enough staff to guarantee such coverage. Michael suggested that both Custer and Chaffee Counties be licensed in Fremont County. AMR has offered to AVA their mechanic free of charge to service their ambulances that are out of service.

Commissioner Norden moved to approve ambulance licensing through April 30, 2013 for: AMR for 4 ambulances in Fremont County and 14 in Pueblo County; Florence Fire Department for 2 ambulances, recognizing their agreement with AMR, stipulating email notification to Tom Anderson of all out of service periods; Northwest Fremont EMS for 2 ambulances stipulating email notification to Tom Anderson of all out of service periods; Penrose Fire Department for 1 ambulance stipulating email notification to Tom Anderson of all out of service periods; AVA for 2 ambulances, stipulating email notification to Tom Anderson of all out of service periods, must notify Florence and Chaffee dispatch centers for any out of service periods, must email weekly ambulance checks of maintenance and equipment, must have monthly inspections by Tom Anderson through April 30, 2013, and must turn in 50% of patient care reports to their medical advisor through April 30, 2013. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M.

1. Request – Amendment to Fremont County Subdivision Regulations – Request approval of a proposed amendment to the Sketch Plan and Exemptions Sections of the Fremont County Subdivision Regulations. Represented by: Department of Planning & Zoning Director Bill Giordano.

Chairman Bell opened the Public Hearing at 10:43 a.m.

Bill Giordano said this amendment has been on the web page for more than 14 days and was also published in the newspaper. Only 1 written comment was received and that was from County Engineer Don Moore. Don stated that sketch plans should be an informal process to facilitate a discussion. Bill said this amendment is a re-organization and incorporation of policies and procedures. He presented the proposed changes of the amendment. Requirements under section C - 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, and 13 of the regulations are statutory.

Public Comments:

Mark Rowland said he appreciates the efforts made by the Planning and Zoning Department to make the subdivision process easier. He asked if a condominium project would fall under these criteria. Giordano said they would not necessarily fall under these criteria.

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Commissioner Bell said the Commissioners did not receive this information for review until Thursday afternoon and believes they need more time to consider all of the proposed language.

County Attorney Jackson explained that a sketch plan is not required under any circumstance but once a sketch plan is required for any stage then items C - 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, and 13 are required per statute which includes a radiation hazard study.

Commissioner Norden said he prefers to clarify the language and if substantial changes are made possibly continue the public hearing. Commissioner Stiehl noted that another public hearing could be held if needed.

Chairman Bell closed the Public Hearing at 11:09 a.m.

Commissioner Norden moved to table consideration of the proposed amendment to the Fremont County Subdivision Regulations request until the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on November 13, 2012. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

2. Board of Health approval for the use of portable chemical toilets at River Mountain Recreation, 193 County Road 3A Canon City, SRU 10-004 Represented by: Matt Koch, River Mountain Recreation.

Matt Koch said they are requesting permission to use portable toilets for a rafting business for approximately three months of the year. There is currently an existing restroom and septic system that is used by employees. The portable units are hidden behind a fence next to the dressing rooms. The units are serviced regularly by a commercial service.

Chairman Bell stated the Fremont County Board of Commissioners are acting as the Board of Health for this agenda item.

Sid Darden, County Environmental Health Officer said this is allowed per county regulations as there is not a permanently occupied structure on the property. The county does issue a permit for this. One of the requirements for the permit is a contract or written agreement with a company to provide the chemical toilets and maintain them.

Commissioner Stiehl moved to approve SRU 10-004 request for use of portable chemical toilets at 193 County Road 3A River Mountain Recreation. Commissioner Norden seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

3. Consideration of Fremont County Airport Land Lease from Bruce and Gail Claremont Represented by Richard Baker, Airport Manager.

Richard Baker said they had a private individual who moved out of state and is in the process of selling their hangar to the party on this lease. He recommended approval of this new lease. This is a standard lease that the airport has adopted and uses regularly.

County Attorney Jackson said this is our standard lease and she is glad they are entering into a new lease rather than assigning an old lease.

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Commissioner Norden moved to approve the new land lease between the Fremont County Airport and Bruce and Gail Claremont. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye. The motion carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Clerk and Recorder