

October 25th, 2011

TWENTIETH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on October 25th, 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	Absent
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present

Also present: George Sugars, County Manager; Marshall Butler representing the Planning and Zoning Department and Jody Blauser Deputy Clerk.

The Morning Prayer was given by Tim Bennett of Mountain View Community Church.

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 Norden noted there will be two public hearings scheduled for November 8th, and November 22nd regarding the proposed Fremont County 2012 budget. County Manager Sugars said this is a balanced proposed budget and changes can be made if necessary. Commissioner Bell stated that a lot of work has gone into the budget and she hopes citizens will attend the public hearings. Commissioner Bell moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Administrative and Elected Officials

a. Fremont County Treasurer Pat McFarland – Tax Lien Certificates

County Treasurer, Pat McFarland explained to the Board the need for the two requests. One of the liens was erroneously sold and it was never in title. This would make it a double assessment so she needs to return \$55.58 to the owner, Mr. Lowry. The other lien was a 1/3 mineral interest in the name of three separate people. It was put on the tax role with three separate schedule numbers. The tax lien holder needs to be refunded \$110.30 from the general fund. The County Assessor is deleting all of the erroneous schedules from the tax roll. Commissioner Stiehl moved to pay \$55.58 from the general fund on the Lowry tax lien certificate and \$110.30 on the Bond tax lien certificates. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Bell, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

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Commissioner Norden asked when the tax lien sale would be taking place. McFarland said it will be held on November 17th at 9:00 in this Board Room. Buyers must come to her office before the sale and get a bidder number to be able to bid on a property. McFarland said once the delinquent tax notice is published in the paper the names will remain on the notice even if the taxes are paid prior to the tax lien sale. Commissioner Stiehl asked McFarland if she could give an overview of the services her office now offers online. She explained how to search on the County website for her department and the services available. After January 1st taxpayers will be able to pay their property taxes online. McFarland said they are also working on getting the foreclosure listings on line. There were 13 new foreclosures filed just this week and they continue to rise.

b. Fremont County Department of Transportation Director Anthony Adamic – Project Report

Department of Transportation Director, Tony Adamic, updated the Board on the asphalt projects. Fremont County received a grant of \$400,000 from the Gaming Fund for the Garden Park Road project. They were able to do 5.1 miles of Garden Park Road with a two inch overlay. The total project cost was \$764,228.98 of which \$324,298.89 was in-kind match. They had to take \$8,180.09 out of the County asphalt budget for material cost. They also paved ¾ mile of road in Lincoln Park. They spent \$72,274.10 on this project. Commissioner Norden commended Tony and his crews for the excellent job they have done on Garden Park Road, Phantom Canyon Road and Shelf Road. Commissioner Norden said they were told the original projected revenue from highway user's tax fund did not include the Faster dollars. They budgeted for an extra \$400,000 in anticipation of the Faster dollars. Then the County was informed that it did include the Faster dollars which meant they had to trim \$400,000 from the D.O.T. 2012 budget. Adamic said this will affect asphalt, chip seal, dust suppressant and gravel projects for 2012.

Commissioner Bell reminded citizens they need to turn in their ballots by November 1st, 2011.

Commissioner Stiehl invited the public to attend the Heritage Commission celebration on November 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building. They will be celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Fremont County which was one of the original counties in the state of Colorado. They will also be celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the County Administration Building. Fremont County moved into this Administration Building on September 5, 1961.

Commissioner Norden said they were told at the gaming impact hearings the gaming impact fund has been cut in half. The state will be keeping money that was specifically designated for counties with gaming and neighboring counties by the legislature that approved gaming. He hopes these dollars will be rightfully restored to local governments as these funds are specifically designated to these counties.

2. Citizens Not Scheduled:

Colleen Schmoyer thanked the Board of County Commissioners for fulfilling her request to remove elm trees at the intersection of Poplar and Ash as they were a safety hazard. She lives at 1641 Lombard Street between Poplar and Cedar. She requested a sidewalk be put in from her property to the corner of Cedar as there is no place for her to walk. Schmoyer is willing to help pay for the sidewalk. Commissioner Norden said typically in those neighborhoods sidewalks are left to public improvement districts. The property owners in the neighborhood would have to fund a sidewalk as the county does not have the funding to do this.

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Norden recommended she work with Commissioner Stiehl and the County Engineer in getting an estimate for the work to be done at her expense. Commissioner Stiehl said they had improved the intersection of Lombard and Stone Place by putting in a concrete pan. Schmoyer praised the Board for getting that intersection fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Reschedule Fremont County Board of Health Meeting from Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. to Monday November 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., and Fremont County Board of Human Services Meeting from Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. to Monday November 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., to allow for attendance at Colorado Counties Incorporated (C.C.I.) Conference.

Commissioner Norden said these two meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month. They need to be rescheduled so that the County Commissioners may take part in business sessions at the Colorado Counties Incorporated Conference in Colorado Springs. Commissioner Stiehl moved to approve the rescheduling of both meetings; the Fremont County Board of Health Meeting from Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. to Monday November 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., and the Fremont County Board of Human Services Meeting from Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. to Monday November 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, 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 9:58 A.M.

Clerk and Recorder