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TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on November 14, 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; Bill Giordano, Planning and Zoning Director and Kris Lang, Deputy Clerk.

Pastor Sean Meagher of Living Stone Calvary Chapel gave the Morning Prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Norden stated he had an addition to the Agenda under New Business that would change the date of the monthly Department of Human Services Board Meeting from Tuesday, November 28, 2006 to Monday, November 27, 2006 at 1:30 PM. Commissioner Norden moved to approve the Agenda as revised. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lasha. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Norden moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes October 24, 2006
2. Approval of Bills, November 14, 2006/\$840,138.98
3. LIQUOR LICENSES / None
4. SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS / None

Commissioner Lasha seconded the motion. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Staff/Elected Officials

Norma Hatfield, Fremont County Clerk & Recorder, submitted the Clerk's Report for the month of October. She stated that total revenue earned in the Clerk's Office was \$703,115.26 and that figure was up from a year ago by \$36,263.64. The sales tax collected was \$75,727.02, which was up \$4,149.14 from a year ago. Money collected for distribution among the entities was \$414,539.16 and that was an increase of \$27,438.37 from a year ago. **Commissioner Norden** moved to approve the Clerk's Report for October. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lasha. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

Norma Hatfield expressed thanks and appreciation of her staff during the election period. She stated that the elections were successful in spite of the two malfunctioning machines that were quickly replaced and did not result in a voting process delay. She was proud to announce that Fremont County did not encounter the concerns and delays experienced by other Counties. Ms. Hatfield attributes the election success as a result of dedicated staff working together. Commissioner Norden referenced the \$166,000 plus dollars spent on the new handicap voting machines for the eleven precincts and questioned how many actual

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votes were placed on these machines. Ms. Hatfield responded that the approximately 67 votes were placed on the handicap voting machines. Of these 67 votes, five machines were not utilized, however the public had the opportunity to use the handicap voting machines and assistance from the election judges was available on request. Commissioners Stiehl, Norden and Lasha complimented Ms. Hatfield and her staff for their efforts and accomplishments.

2. Citizens Not Scheduled.

Joe Brunetto of Pinion Avenue stated his comments would be more directed towards Bill Giordano of the Planning and Zoning Department. Mr. Brunetto reported his request for the construction of a tractor-farm pole barn shed was denied and he was seeking further explanation. Mr. Giordano reported the request was denied due to the agricultural building setback requirement. He stated the Planning Department does not have the authority to waive the regulation. He suggested submitting a variance request to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Commissioner Stiehl recommended Mr. Brunetto meet with Mr. Giordano after the meeting to further address his concern. Commissioner Lasha offered Mr. Brunetto his cooperation and assistance.

Dave Strom, Leo Boston Memorial Park reported that \$2400 was raised at the recent VFW function towards the construction of display stands for the Vietnam era Cobra and Huey helicopters in the Leo Sydney Boston War Memorial Park at the Fremont County Airport. Commissioner Lasha complimented Dave Strom and Dennis Withers on their efforts, dedication and accomplishments. Mr. Strom remarked that anyone willing to assist with monetary donations or contributions of time for this project would be welcomed by contacting his office at 275-2305. He suggested that additional assistance with the ground maintenance especially in the summer tourism months would not only improve the appearance of the memorial but also attract tourists and recognition groups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stiehl announced the special Board of County Commissioners Meetings for the 2007 Budget Hearings are scheduled on Tuesday November 21, at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. **Commissioner Norden** referenced the formal action taken at the last meeting scheduling the public hearing times at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. and made a motion to adopt the budget hearing times of 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lasha. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2006 FREMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Commissioner Stiehl stated it was their privilege to announce that the recipient this year was Commander T. Kent DeGarmo of the Detention Division. He read a letter of congratulations from the Board of County Commissioners.

Ty Martin, Undersheriff congratulated and thanked the 13-year veteran with the Sheriff's Department for all his accomplishments within the Agency. He made special mention of the Wildland Fire Team that Commander DeGarmo had created and maintained as an asset to the County. He stated the award was well deserved.

Commissioner Stiehl stated he wanted to recognize Commander DeGarmo's wife Rita. He stated that there was a \$300.00 check with the award.

Fellow Fremont County Sheriff Officers were on hand to congratulate him. Several County employees were in attendance to support Commander DeGarmo

**BRUCE REDUS, FREMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
QUARTERLY REPORT**

Bruce Redus, Executive Director reported an increase in activity, capital investment and employment at the Airport Industrial Park. He remarked that Fremont County would benefit from its affordable housing and additional opportunities as a result of the Fort Carson expansion. Mr. Redus announced marketing and tourism monies were being allocated for the Florence Merchants and the Cañon Chamber Downtown Committee as well as updating the FEDC website. He stated the FEDC Board Meeting in December will be at the Florence High School along with a presentation and tour of the facility and the annual FEDC meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2007. Mr. Redus reported that Commissioner Lasha had been selected to serve on the Over Site Growth Committee for the study of Fremont County's anticipated growth. He summarized the report remarking that the Tourism Destination Expo in Pueblo would be an excellent opportunity for small organization exposure

CHANGE DATE OF THE FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MEETING

Commissioner Lasha made a motion to change the regular scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2006 to Monday, November 27, 2006 at 9:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norden. Upon vote: Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Norden made a motion to change the monthly scheduled Board of Human Services Meeting of Tuesday, November 28, 2006 to Monday, November 27, 2006 at 1:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lasha. Upon vote: Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Stiehl advised these meeting were rescheduled as the result of a conflict with the Colorado Counties Inc. meetings scheduled for November 28 and 29, 2006.

PETITIONS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE JOHN C. FREMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT TO THE PENROSE LIBRARY DISTRICT RESOLUTION #72

Commissioner Lasha explained that when the Penrose Library District was formed in 1992 they had excluded some agricultural properties The John C. Fremont Library District formed in 2004 included these properties. He advised that certain residents whose properties are located within the Penrose Library District currently serves the boundaries of the John C. Fremont Library District and that it would be a benefit to the residents and both library districts if those properties were transferred. Commissioner Lasha reported that owners of fifteen affected properties have presented a petition to each library district requesting permission for exclusion from the John C. Fremont Library District and inclusion into the Penrose Library District. He remarked that additional petitions are anticipated. He complimented both library districts on their cooperation during this transition.

Brenda Jackson, Fremont County Attorney stated she had been in communication with the John C. Fremont Library District and was anticipating another packet of petitions requiring completion by the end of the year to ensure an accurate tax base by the Fremont County Assessor. She remarked that The Board of Commissioners could review on-going petitions on a quarterly basis. **Commissioner Lasha** made a motion to approve the transfer of the fifteen properties from the John C. Fremont Library District to the Penrose Library District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norden. Upon vote: Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye. The motion carried with the Adoption of **Resolution #72**.

Commissioner Stiehl adjourned the meeting at 10:20A.M.

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