

December 28th, 2010

TWENTY FOURTH MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, met in Regular Session on December 28th, 2010, 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
Larry Lasha	Commissioner	Present
Brenda Jackson	County Attorney	Present
Norma Hatfield	Clerk and Recorder	Present

Also present: Bill Giordano, Planning and Zoning Director; George Sugars, County Manager; and Jody Blauser of the Clerk and Recorders Office.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/INFORMATIONAL

1. Administrative and Elected Officials

County Manager, George Sugars reminded everyone that the Administration Building will be closed this Thursday December 30th, and Friday December 31st, 2010 in observance of the New Year Holiday. The Administration Building will reopen on Monday January 3rd, 2011 at 7:30 A.M.

Commissioner Norden noted the County Clerk had joined us for her last official meeting and thanked her for being here. Commissioner Stiehl noted this would be Commissioner Lasha's last meeting as well. Commissioner Norden stated at the next meeting on January 11, 2011 the new District 2 Commissioner and other elected officials will have already been sworn in that morning prior to the meeting. There will be a reception held for the outgoing elected officials and the newly elected officials following the meeting on January 11th, 2011. Norden said this would be the last official meeting for Commissioner Lasha after 8 years in office. Ed said Larry and Norma will both be greatly missed.

Commissioner Stiehl mentioned our VA Officer Betty Hanawalt reported that \$650,000 in new pension money each year has been brought into Fremont County. Stiehl compared that to a new company coming into the area hiring 20 employees and paying them about \$30,000 per year. He said this is good for our local economy. Stiehl is very proud of the work Betty has done in serving our local Veterans.

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County Clerk and Recorder, Norma Hatfield gave her final report as this was her last meeting. Norma stated the total revenue taken in so far from January to November 2010 is \$8,732,206.85 compared to last year's total of \$7,745,329.83. This is a profit of \$986,877.02 over last year's total. The total revenue for the month of November 2010 is \$723,871.15 compared to November 2009 was \$675,466.54. This is a difference of \$48,404.61 higher than last year. Commissioner Lasha asked Norma if a lot of this money goes to the state for faster fees. She said yes, a large portion does go to the state. Commissioner Stiehl said this shows an improving economic picture for the County. Commissioner Lasha moved to accept the Clerks Report. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

2. Citizens Not Scheduled:

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recognition of Fremont County Employee of the Year for 2010

Commissioner Norden said an employee had been selected as the Fremont County Employee of the Year for 2010. Norden stated this decision is made by all of the Elected Officials after an employee is nominated by their co-workers. Ed read the letter written by Gary Weirton of the Department of Transportation nominating John Hamilton as the Fremont County Employee of the Year for 2010. He said John had been a Fremont County Employee for the past 10 years. His duties include maintaining and repairing vehicles for the Sheriffs Department and Administration Building as well as heavy equipment repairs as needed. He said John has a great trouble shooting ability and always has a positive attitude. Norden extended congratulations to John on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and presented him with a bonus check for \$300. John also received a certificate of appreciation and boutonniere. Tony Adamic, Director of the County Department of Transportation, mentioned John has been a good employee since day one. John said he works with a great bunch of guys who make it easy on him, and thanked everyone for the award. Ed told John they would post his photo in the Administration Building Lobby for the next year.

2. Consideration of Bid Award for the Courthouse Entry Vestibule.

George Sugars said the need for the Entry Vestibule is to help conserve energy as well as employee comfort. The vestibule will be placed outside the Judicial Building main entrance doors. The vestibule doors will open first and once they close then the main entrance doors will open. This should keep the cold air out in the winter as well as the hot air out in the summer. George noted earlier this year we secured a grant from the Governors Energy Office in the amount of \$50,000 which is 100% money that the County does not have to match. Bids were taken in December for this job. Four bids were received. The lowest bid was from Mountain Masonry of Canon City for \$50,000, which is the amount of the money we received from the grant. George recommended to the Board they award the bid to Mountain Masonry for \$50,000. Commissioner Lasha moved to award the bid to Mountain Masonry for \$50,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the bid. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Commissioner Stiehl said he was worried about the architectural integrity of the building but was very pleased with the design Mountain Masonry presented.

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He said it features solar warming in the winter and solar shading in the summer. Stiehl is happy they are a local business and bid the amount of money the County can spend on this project. Commissioner Norden said this problem has existed since the building was first constructed, as the entry doors are automatic doors. Norden said attempts had been made in the past to help keep the area warm with a blower, but did not fix the problem. Upon Vote: Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried. Norden asked Mike Madone of Mountain Masonry if the work would begin immediately. Madone replied as soon as he finished the drawings he would start construction.

3. Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriated Funds between the Various Funds of Fremont County, for the Budget Year ending December 31, 2010.

Dana Angel, County Finance Officer said the first Resolution will Authorize Transfer of Appropriated Funds between the Various Funds of Fremont County and was published in the Daily Record as a Public Notice. This is for a supplemental 2010 budget that will amend the budgets as shown on page 1 of the Resolution. Dana attached to the Resolution the budgets affected and the difference between the approved budget and what is estimated for 2011. Dana said this becomes the supplemental budget, the difference between what was originally adopted and what was estimated for 2010 during the 2011 process. Commissioner Stiehl said to be clear, these are not amounts that have gone over budget, but are revenues that we hoped to come in at the time of developing the budget. Dana said this would need to be assigned a Resolution number and signed by the Chair once approved. Commissioner Stiehl moved to adopt Resolution #66 for a Supplementary 2010 Budget. Stiehl then read from the Resolution: Whereas unanticipated revenues (including grants and issuance of 2010 Certificates of Participation), and available fund balance reserves, not assured at the time of the adoption of the 2010 budget, are the providing resource for the various additional expenditures, by Fund, as follows. Commissioner Lasha seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

4. Resolution appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for and appropriated by Fremont County, for the Budget Year Ending December 31, 2010.

Dana Angel said this will be Resolution #67 and will be documentation to have in our records to document the various transfers that were planned on in the budget. Commissioner Stiehl asked Dana to discuss the Indirect Costs noted on page 2 of the Resolution. Dana explained these are different from the transfers. The Indirect costs are costs that are allocated to different funds are the result of general fund efforts. These are calculated in a cost allocation plan performed by an independent consultant. These are the funds that pay the General Fund for their services and the General Fund recognizes it as revenue. Commissioner Stiehl asked if these are services such as payroll, legal, and human resources. Dana said yes all of these services and services provided by the Clerks Office and Treasurers Office as well. Commissioner Lasha moved to approve Resolution #67 Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriate Funds between the Various Funds for Fremont County for the Budget Year Ending December 31st, 2010. Commissioner Stiehl seconded the motion. Upon Vote: Commissioner Lasha, aye; Commissioner Stiehl, aye; Commissioner Norden, aye. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lasha noted that John Hamilton was selected for the 2010 Fremont County Employee of the Year, but there were some other employees nominated as well. He said it is unfortunate that they are only able to select one employee for this award as there are several employees that fall into this category.

Commissioner Norden said the County website, Fremontco.com is updated with important information and announcements on the homepage. The 2011 budget should be posted to the website in the next few days.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M.

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT 2011-2012 Allocations

The purpose of the hearing is to consider and designate the utilization of the 2011-2012 CSBG. The grant will be used to assist low income residents of the county. The public is invited to review and comment on the CSBG plan for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Norden opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 A.M.

Judy Gilkerson, CSBG Coordinator said they expect to get about \$35,500 from the grant, the same as last year. The grant money this year was all gone by August. Judy explained this money can be used for rent, mortgage payments, utilities, food, medicine, funeral expenses, or any other emergency. She said the limit is \$500 per family, this was previously \$300 per family. Judy said the grant money has helped 79 families with a total of 290 individuals so far. Commissioner Lasha remarked how difficult it must be for Judy to choose the applicants that receive the grant proceeds, as there is such a need in our community. Commissioner Norden asked for any public comments regarding this Grant.

Public Comments:

None.

Commissioner Norden closed the public hearing at 10:04 A.M. Norden said no action is required by the Board. The Board has an obligation to conduct the public hearing and receive any public comment.

Commissioner Norden adjourned the meeting at 10:05 A.M.

Clerk and Recorder