



TO: Fremont County Board of County Commissioners  
FROM: Sunny Bryant, County Manager  
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RE: County Manager Report

On April 11, 2016 the County Commissioners and I toured Western Fremont County, and specifically The Western Fremont County Park. We met with members of the Park Committee to tour the park and look at what needs to be done there. The Weed Department did some spraying during the week of April 11 and they will continue to monitor the weeds in that area. Fremont County is hiring a Part-Time Seasonal Employee that will do some mowing and minor maintenance in the County Parks.

On April 13, 2016 I attended the Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD) quarterly meeting. "The Southern Colorado Economic Development District is a non-profit organization whose membership is the twelve counties of Southeastern Colorado. Our primary focus is to provide economic development planning and technical assistance to the twelve member counties." The auditor, Bryan Andrews, was there to present the annual audit and there were not issues or concerns in their report. The group is working on updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Report, which is done every five years. Each county will be setting up public meetings to compile the information. The meetings for Fremont County are tentatively scheduled for some time in August, and there will be one in Cotopaxi, Canon City, and Florence. Another service that SCEDD offers is a Business Lending Center. They offer SBA loans, and other programs. They are a great resource for small businesses or businesses looking to expand.

On April 22, 2016 I attended the Fremont Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) Economic Update with Commissioner Bell and Commissioner Payne. We received an update from Rob Brown, the Executive Director, on various projects that FEDC is working on and some projects that have been completed. FEDC serves as a great resource for new business looking to come to Fremont County. I will be working with County Departments to see how we can get the word out on the services that FEDC provides.

On April 22, 2016 I attended the quarterly Regional Manager's Luncheon, which was hosted by El Paso County. This is a great networking tool and allows all of us to discuss what each community is working on and get advice from others have dealt with similar things. During the conversation I spoke to DeAnne McCann, who is the El Paso County Economic Development Manager, and El Paso County has a Down Payment Assistance Program which helps low income individuals with the down payment on the purchase of a home. I will be bringing more information to the County Commissioners to see if we may be able to incorporate this program in Fremont County.

Tammy Childs started as the Human Resources Director on April 4, 2016. She has been working diligently to get up to speed on County policies and determining what the current processes are. We have gone out to various departments so she can meet the employees and we are hoping to build the relationship between the Administration Department and the various Elected Officials, Department Heads, and employees.

Administration Department Update – Since the retirement of George Sugars we are changing the structure of the County Administration Department. Room 106 now includes Human Resources and the Administration Office Manager. Room 101 includes Finance, Payroll, and the County Manager. We are all working to cross train on various positions to ensure that we can pick up gaps in the day to day activities in this department.

#### Current Projects:

- Fire System Upgrade at Fremont County Sheriff Department in the Jail and front entrance area – In Progress – The project is scheduled to be completed this week.
- Pathfinder Park Water Line – In Progress – The list of supplies is being compiled and will be ordered so that DOT can work on this project when their schedule allows them to.
- Fremont County Airport Modular Installation for Colorado Fire Command Center – In Progress – I am working with City of Florence to get the water tap purchased. The plan is to have the modular delivered by the end of May.
- War Memorial Bricks – In Progress – Will continue to follow up to get a date scheduled
- Sheriff Vehicle Purchase – In Progress – Many of the vehicles are finished and on the street and the others are coming in throughout the next few weeks.
- Sheriff Jail Kitchen/Laundry/Security Upgrade – In Progress – I am working with Alan Matlosz to secure funding for the project and the Sheriff's Department is working with Reilly Johnson to determine the scope of the project.
- Annual Audit – In Progress – Auditors will be here the week of April 25 – 28
- Get Sheriff Department and DHS on ESS Time Reporting System – In Progress
- Get Department of Human Services on Tyler – In Progress