



TO: Fremont County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Sunny Bryant, County Manager
DATE: July 26, 2016
RE: County Manager Report

On Wednesday, July 13 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 group is working on updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Report, which is done every five years. Each county is setting up public meetings to compile the information. The meetings for Fremont County are tentatively scheduled for August 9 at 11:30 at the Cotopaxi School, August 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Canon City (Location TBD), and August 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Florence Municipal Building. 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 Thursday, July 14 I attended the Area Manager's Luncheon. This group is composed of Managers/Administrators from various governmental entities in Fremont County. It is a great group to network in and see what is going on throughout the community.

On Thursday, July 14 I met with Christy Culp with the Department of Local Affairs to discuss future grant requests with DOLA. Unfortunately, the grant funds have been suspended at this time due to the lawsuits from various oil companies. It is unknown when those funds will be available again.

On Wednesday, July 20 Fremont County hosted the Fremont Economic Development Council quarterly Elected Officials Luncheon. It is a good time for Elected Officials to meet with members of FEDC to have discussions on what is going on in the community. Colorado Representative Jim Wilson and Representative Clairce Navarro-Ratzlaff attended the meeting as well. There were over 30 people that participated in the discussion.

On Thursday, July 21 Commissioner Bell and I attended the Penrose Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast. It was a good time to meet with members of the Penrose Community and hear about what is going on in the community.

On Monday, July 25 Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Norden and I met with the City of Canon City for our monthly meeting.

The Fremont County Fair will take place from Saturday, July 16 to Sunday, July 13. The County Road and Bridge Department will host the Equipment Rodeo at Pathfinder Park on Thursday August 2 starting at 8:00 a.m. For a list of events please visit the website at www.fremontco.com or go in to the Administration Office or Extension Office at the County Building.

Current County Projects:

- Pathfinder Park Water Line – In Progress – The list of supplies has been compiled and will be ordered so that the Road and Bridge Department can work on this project when their schedule allows. Tommy has installed some PVC pipe so we can monitor the water levels throughout the project area.
- Fremont County Airport Modular Installation for Colorado Fire Command Center – In Progress – The water tap has been purchased and Don Moore is working on documents to solicit bids for the water line.
- War Memorial Park – There are some dead trees in the park that we will be removing and replacing and we will be looking at options on getting a drip system installed for the new trees. We will be adding some additional trees to try to provide shade over the “In God We Trust” letters. Mountain Masonry will be working on the bricks on Panel “A” to separate the donor bricks from the blank bricks to allow the sale of additional bricks by the County.
- Sheriff Jail Kitchen/Laundry/Security Upgrade – In Progress – We have secured funding for the project. The bids were opened on July 20 and we will have interviews of the two bidders the week of July 27. The anticipated start date of the project will be the second week of August.
- Annual Audit – Complete – The Audit will be presented at the next Board of County Commissioner Meeting
- Integrate the Sheriff Department and DHS on ESS Time Reporting System – In Progress

Current Community Projects/Events:

- Pathfinder Park Sewer Line – Fremont Sanitation District is working on the sewer line replacement. They will be working on the section in Pathfinder Park beginning August 8.