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## Department of Human Services

172 Justice Center Road  
Canon City, CO 81212

February 23, 2021  
2021 MEETING #2

The Fremont County Board of Human Services (BOHS) met in Regular Session Tuesday, February 23, 2021 in Conference Room 207 at the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon, Cañon City, Colorado. Chairman Grantham called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Those present included:

Kevin Grantham	Chairman	Present
Dwayne McFall	Chairman Pro Tem	Present
Debbie Bell	Treasurer	Absent at Roll Call

Also present: Brenda Jackson, Fremont County Attorney, Sunny Bryant, Fremont County Manager, and Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS).

**MINUTES:** Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Grantham to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting with no additions or deletions. Upon vote: Board Member Grantham, aye; Board Member McFall, aye. The motion carried.

**AGENDA:** There were no additions or corrections to the agenda requested. Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Grantham to approve the February 23, 2021 meeting agenda. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL/CASELOAD REPORT:** Stacie Kwitek-Russell stated due to the maximum benefit amount still being allowed, Food Assistance issuance continues to be high. After discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Grantham to accept the January financial and caseload reports. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Stacie Kwitek-Russell provided the Board with a written report summarizing the last month's activity that has taken place within the Department. There was discussion regarding issues the deputies have been dealing with for child welfare cases in the parking lot, as well as an alert from law enforcement about a parent making threats to Chaffee County, but the child and grandparents live in Fremont County. Director Kwitek-Russell then shared that the lease for the shelter expires at the end of the month. She recommends it not be renewed, and DeeDee Clements with Loaves and Fishes has offered to make space available if it's needed. After a full discussion, Board Member McFall moved, duly seconded by Board Member Grantham, to accept the monthly report. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Director Kwitek-Russell provided an update on efforts being made regarding homelessness. She said she had a conversation with the Colon family. They are asking that agencies on Justice Center Rd and Independence Rd put up a 6' chain link fence on their property if they share a property line with private property owners. The church thinks they can get donation. Loaves and Fishes will have to speak with their board. Commissioner Grantham advised that some rationale to a fence would be clarifying that trespassers are not welcome. Brenda Jackson said she's had discussions with the Sheriff regarding the fence law. Commissioner Bell arrived to the

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meeting at 2:30pm. She stated that the board was approached by a citizen asking for a citizen group to support land owners. Stacie Kwitek-Russell said the Colon's are estimating the County's portion of the fence would be 6' tall and approximately 200' long for the County property behind UAACOG. The concern is the County owns land throughout the County and if we did this fence it would set precedent for future requests by private property owners. Brenda Jackson said to look at it from a County function. What is the County function for the fence? Stacie Kwitek-Russell said they are moving forward with a committee for safe outdoor space and are looking for a County representative. She is willing to serve in that capacity. Commissioner McFall moved to appoint Director Kwitek-Russell to this committee, Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. Upon vote: Board Member McFall, aye; Board Member Bell, aye; Board Member Grantham, aye. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business to discuss.

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Chairman, Fremont County Board of Human Services

03/30/2021

Date



Secretary

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STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF FREMONT

ATHORIZATIONS AND PAYMENTS MADE BY FREMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSACTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

\$ 2,210,490.95

WARRANTS ISSUED FEBRUARY 19, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 25, 2021

2/24/2021	8,624.97
3/3/2021	270,275.87
3/10/2021	7,683.04
3/17/2021	280,935.11
3/25/2021	7,899.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>575,418.88</b>

I, STACIE KWITEK-RUSSELL, Director of the Department of Human Services, of Fremont County, Colorado, hereby certify that the payments as set forth herein as of this date have been approved and authorized to be issued through the EBT system or warrant.

3/30/2021

Date

  
Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Director

We the undersigned Fremont County Board of Commissioners acting in the capacity of Fremont County Board of Human Services do hereby certify the above EBT authorizations and ratify the warrants issued, having been properly certified by the Director of Fremont County Department of Human Services according to law, are approved for payment. Done this 30th day of March, 2021.

  
Chairman Grantham

  
Commissioner Bell

  
Commissioner McFall