

**FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
March 31, 2020**

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for March was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 207 of the Fremont County Administration Building, located at 615 Macon Avenue, Canon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

Debbie Bell - Commissioner
Dwayne McFall – Commissioner
Tim Payne – Commissioner (participated via telephone)

Staff Present:

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney
Sunny Bryant – County Manager/Finance Director
Emma Davis – Public Health Director
Amy Jamison - Environmental Health Officer
Debbie Ulrich – Legal Assistant/Minutes secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Bell with Roll Call following at 1:24 p.m. (delayed by technical difficulties) Commissioner Payne will be participating by telephone for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the February, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the February meeting; Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all ayes. Minutes are approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bell called for any changes or additions to the Agenda. Emma Davis, Public Health Director would like to add PHEP funding to her report. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for vote; All Ayes, Agenda is approved.

CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA – TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Amy Jamison, Environmental Health Officer started her report by discussing the request for a Chemical Toilet permit for Zephyr. This permit requirement is part of the Conditional Use Permit for Zephyr. The request is for the use of one chemical toilet to be used for two weeks at a time from July thru October. Commissioner Payne moved to approve the permit request followed by a question of what to do if there was more use needed than requested. Brenda Jackson noted that the CUP goes longer than a year and suggested to allow Planning & Zoning to do the Annual review and make the Chemical Toilet Permit for the duration of the CUP. Commissioner

Bell made a Motion to approve the Chemical Toilet request for the duration of the CUP. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Request for Chemical Toilet is approved.

Closures

Amy discussed that she has had some complaining regarding closures and how it is killing small business. Restaurants are closed except for to-go orders and/or drive up orders. She has reminded everyone that it is “the law” with orders coming from the State level. Right now no “out of town” Food Trucks are being allowed to operate in Fremont County. No local Food Trucks are affected by this.

License Renewals

Amy reported that she is down to only two that need to be renewed and will put the Enforcement proceeding on hold at this time.

New Establishments

Amy asked the Board if the County wants to license new establishments at this time. Commissioner Bell answered “yes license and then they can open after this pandemic. Amy stated that she would like to hold off until after April 11th. Commissioner McFall would also like to wait until after April 11th and Commissioner Payne agreed.

Complaints

Amy stated that she had received a complaint via Commissioner McFall regarding Melvina Mobile Home Park and sewage on the ground. Amy referred them to the Building Department. Commissioner Bell asked Amy to follow up with the Building Department on the status.

A few businesses have been called out on the Social Distancing Requirements and not following the guidelines.

Amy noted that she has received complaints/questions regarding the wearing of masks and gloves. Emma Davis, Health Director answered this by stating that at this time 3/31/2020 the CDC guidelines say those at Low Risk do not need to wear mask and/or gloves.

Commissioner Payne made a Motion to Accept the Environmental Health report; Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all ayes. Report is accepted.

Public Health Director

Emma Davis, Public Health Director reported to the Fremont County Board of Health on the following topics.

Staffing

Emma stated that she has the same staff and the only changes have been that Paula and Emily have moved over to COVID-19.

Financials

Emma stated that on the OOPP Grant she needs a ratification of the signature of Chairman Debbie Bell, dated 3/3/2020. Emma noted that it is the same funding source just a different Grant.

Programs

Coronavirus – Emma stated that COVID-19 was first brought up at the January 2020 BOH meeting. The calls and monitoring started early January and has progressed to where we are now. In February we were at low risk and within one week it has grown. COVID-19 is an evolving situation. Emma noted that Fremont County Public Health has a COVID-19 Pandemic Plan. Currently we are testing people that have been screened and are symptomatic and have been referred by a physician to be tested. So far FCPH has tested 84 individuals with 2 coming back as positive. These are the ones that we know of. If residents are getting tested in other counties then we weren’t notified of the results. Fremont County was given 200 tests for 40,000 people. Colorado Springs has testing for Healthcare workers. They have 1400 tests.

Commissioner Bell commented on what FCPH is doing. She asked Emma to pass along to the whole team at FCPH and Mykel Kroll, Emergency Management just how much the BOCC truly appreciates all of their exceptional work. Emma continued with her report including their work to get an Alternative Care facility in place for those in need such as the homeless. Emma noted that Stacie Kwitek-Russell of DHS has been great at coordinating food distribution and housing for those in need. Commissioner Payne asked about the remaining test kits, there are approximately 140 left. Commissioner McFall asked about the Hotline # 719-276-7421. Emma stated that it is for information only, no voicemails.

Emma received updated information during this meeting and informed the BOH that 8 tests came back negative from previous testing.

Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Accept the Public Health report. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Report is accepted.

Old Business None

New Business None

Meeting is adjourned at 1:55