

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING May 26, 2020

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for May was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 208 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

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 1:15p.m. All members of the Board are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the April, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 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. Amy Jamison, Environmental Health Director would like to add New Establishments to the Agenda. 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 reported that she had a report of a Bat situation. It was a mother and son and the bat was in the room. It was discovered that 7 bats were living in the home in Canon City. One member of the family was out of State at the time; but because they all had the opportunity to be exposed then everyone needed to be vaccinated for the exposure which is administered in a series of shots. Amy noted that DHS had helped with the cost of the mitigation of the home; to get rid of the bats.

New Establishments

The Boat Barn Bagel Shop is getting ready to open at 420 Main Street, Canon City. The Penrose Pizzeria and Pub is also close to opening. They just need their final inspection and then to be licensed. The Lost Cajun is coming along. Amy did a walk thru and everything was wrapped in plastic. They are getting close to a pre-operational inspection.

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

Public Health Director

Staffing

Emma Davis, Public Health Director reported that they did not hire an Epidemiologist as planned. Emma stated that she has brought Lori Steinbeck in for the Summer.

Financials

Emma stated that it looks like we will receive approximately \$54,000 for Immunizations. The exact dollar amounts of the Grants awarded to Fremont County is hard to determine at this time. Emma added that all of the contracts should be received by now and recently Commissioner Bell signed one electronically and that will probably be the way they will be signed during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Programs

Reporting on COVID-19; Emma stated that the first variance was approved. She has been receiving a lot of complaints. Second variance was just submitted. This one is for Bowling Alleys, Wine Tasting/Sales Rooms and Movie Theaters.

Emma discussed a joint meeting that was held on Thursday, May 21st. Emma also noted that outbreaks are considered to be two or more cases. She is relying on the responsibility of people/citizens. They are refusing to cooperate and/or participate. They don't want to say where they work, live and where they've been. It's been very hard to get the needed information.

Emma reported on a recent press release focusing on Social Distancing. She noted that there is approximately a 13 day lag from onset to hospitalization. Socialization should be kept at 50% – 55%. We are now at 59% and at one point in time it was at 29%. We should all maintain Social Distancing, washing hands, etc. There is a possibility that it could peak in mid August. There is money out there for COVID19. \$169,000,000 for Public Health Departments and \$4,000,000 for Fremont County. At this point in time Emma has not heard how the monies will be distributed.

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

Old Business None

New Business None

Meeting is adjourned at 1:38.

