

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

July 28, 2020

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for July was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. in the Garden Park Conference Room, located at 201 N. 6th Street, 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
Amy Jamison - Environmental Health Officer and several employees of Fremont County Public Health
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 1:15 p.m. All members of the Board are present. Commissioner Bell thanked all of the FCPH employees for all of their hard work. New Director interviews are going well and they are down to two people. Dr. Victoria King has agreed to be the Interim Director but will not be coming into the office. Katie Romano is going to be acting as a Director at the office and/or anyone can contact any of the Commissioners. Commissioner McFall added his praise of the FCPH employees and noted that Emma had left everything in good shape and all of the staff know what they are doing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the June, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the June meeting. Commissioner McFall 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 added Complaints to her Environmental Health 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 introduced Jeff Koch who is requesting a Variance for 1042 Illinois to allow him to go back to a Septic System instead of being on the Fremont County Sanitation System.

He stated that he has had to replace the low gravity pump 4 times; adding that he has spent a total of \$10,000. He is having difficulty finding parts for the continued repairs. He also stated that he is on Park Center Water. Jeff continued his request to the BOH by explaining how his neighbors are also having to replace their pumps. He added the cost of the upkeep of the pumps is astronomical. Wyatt Sanders, Building Dept./OWTS stated that he has spoken to Susan Koch (wife) to discuss the OWTS Regulations which state that “anyone within 400 ft. of Sanitation Services has to hook up to the Sanitation Service. He doesn’t know exactly what the ramifications would be of going against the State Regulations. Brenda Jackson, County Attorney added that under both the State and Local OWTS regulations a septic system cannot be located on a property where sewer service is available. A Variance isn’t available unless Fremont County Sanitation District approves it. The Statutes and State Regulations both state that the homeowner has to make all of the requests. Brenda continued by explaining about the Special Improvement District that was formed specifically to add the residents in the North Canon area to FCSD because of all of the problems with Septic Systems in that area because of various factors including the soil and water table. She explained about the process which included many Public Hearings, Special Assessment; where if there had been more than 50% of the homeowners not wanting the change then it wouldn’t have been implemented. Discussion continued with input from the BOH, County Attorney, Wyatt and Jeff Koch. Koch feels that the County should have to pay for the expenses he has incurred. After hearing everything presented; Commissioner Bell stated that there is no legal way to move forward. Brenda added that a denial is most appropriate at this time. If Koch gets approval from the Sanitation District he can present his request to BOH again. Commissioner Bell directed Koch to contact FCSD with his request to return to a Septic System. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to Deny the Septic Variance for Jeff and Susan Koch. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

New Establishments

Amy announced there is a new mobile unit, Feed Your Soul and another one Kickshaw BBQ; based out of Custer County that she will give more information about when she has it.

There is also a new childcare facility; McKinley Preschool.

Complaints

The complaints that she is receiving are about Employees not wearing masks in different businesses and restaurants. She has been addressing each one and is providing education to the businesses. Brenda reminded Amy that we can enforce this on Employees of Businesses.

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

Amy Jamison presented the report for Public Health.

Staffing

Rachel Miller has been hired as the new office Manager. Shannon Espinoza is back at FCPD as a project coordinator and part-time in abuse/opioid overdose protection. A new Nurse has been hired and will start on August 10, 2020. Amy stated FCPH will be posting for a COVID19 position soon and the position for CTC coordinator has been posted.

Financials

Amy requested Ratification of the Chairman’s signature on the Substance Abuse Block Grant. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to Ratify the Chairman’s signature on the Substance Abuse Block Grant. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is approved.

Programs

Reporting on COVID-19; Sarah Miller stated that there have been 12 new cases in 14 days. FCPH has been reaching out to DOC; as they handle their own employees.

Sarah stated that there has been a new outbreak in a business; which is actually a three part business. The businesses are not being cooperative at this time. Sarah will be calling Dr. King to do a site visit. Commissioner Bell asked if the Public should be alerted now of the business affected and a Press Release? Further discussion

followed. The Press Release should come from Fremont County Public Health. The three businesses are all connected and all employees should be tested. Only 4 people have been tested at this time. If the businesses are helpful that will be mentioned in the Press Release. Brenda Jackson stated that the Press Release needs to be issued today.

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

Old Business

The Vault Permit for Frank Rhodes/Phantom Canyon R.V. was reviewed again. Frank Rhodes stated that he had posted the required signs within an hour of the last meeting. Wyatt added that he came in to the Building Department and got a permit on July 13th. On July 14th he wasn't ready for Wyatt's inspection. On the 20th Wyatt went to check on his progress. The Tank has been lowered, alarm in place and area needs a berm around it and he was told a flush hose is on order. Frank added an extra hose, which isn't State Reg. design; but will be used until the correct one comes in. Discussion continued on what still needs to be done. Frank wants to start his Caretaker Quarters, which requires a Building Permit and speaking to P&Z. Brenda suggested that all of the requirements that are necessary need to be put in writing for Mr. Rhodes.

New Business

Dr. Victoria King needs to be appointed as Interim Public Health Director. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to appoint Dr. Victoria King as Interim Public Health Director. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

Meeting is adjourned.