

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
August 25, 2020

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for August was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration Building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 207, 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
Kayla Marler – 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 1:15 p.m. All members of the Board are present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the July, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner Bell noted a typo that needed to be corrected. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the July meeting with the one correction made. 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 Officer added Frank Rhodes/Phantom Canyon R.V. Park under Old Business. 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 Richard and Brenda Sell. The Sell's are requesting a Set Back Variance. Amy turned the presentation over to Wyatt Sanders, Building Department Director. Wyatt explained to the BOH what the Sell's were trying to accomplish. They would like a variance to the set back distance. It is supposed to be 100ft. and what they need to use is a 94ft. set back. Wyatt explained that they are going to be using a Sand Filter Pressure Dosing System and it does allow for a 75ft. set back, with a

1 bedroom house. It is geared towards a tiny house @ 400 sq. ft. The Sell house will be bigger, but just a 1 bedroom. Their Septic Tank will be 3ft. from the structure. Wyatt agrees that the Sells set back variance will work. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to allow Richard and Brenda Sell a Variance Request for Set Back of 94 ft. instead of 100 ft. from well and 3 ft. from the house with 1 bedroom instead of 2; noting that this only pertains to using the Sand Filtered System. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

New Establishments

Amy announced that there are several new food trucks. “Sugar Dog” is a hot dog truck that is ready to go. “From the Flames” is a Wood Fired Pizza Mobile Unit that will be having their preoperational inspection soon. Amy noted that she has also received two additional calls about interest in starting food trucks.

Complaints

Amy stated that she has had several complaints re: Quincy’s and that none of their employees are wearing masks. Quincy’s states that 11 of their 17 employees have medical exemptions; and 4 have notes from their parents. Discussion continued regarding what can be done about them not being in compliance. A Hearing could be scheduled and examine their documents, Medical Releases, etc. It was determined that Public Health Director/Kayla should be the only one checking the Medical Releases. Brenda Jackson will prepare a letter to Quincy’s requesting that the employees show verification of what they are claiming as medical exemptions. After the letter then BOH will determine if there needs to be a special meeting/hearing. BOH needs to show the complainants that they are or are not in compliance.

COVID 19

Amy reported that several Halloween events have reached out to FCPH for recommendations on operating with the COVID restrictions. Amy and Amanda have walked through Boo Bridge, Parks and Rec Aftermath Haunted House and the Abbey Haunted House. They all seem to have good plans for compliance to the restrictions while operating their Halloween festivities.

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

Kayla Marler is the new Director for Fremont County Public Health.

Staffing

Kayla reported that they have hired a new Nurse, Dawn Decker and she will be taking over the COVID testing.

Kaitlyn Masar is the Communities That Care Office Assistant and they have pulled the posting for a Communicable Disease Coordinator.

Financials

Kayla discussed 2 MOU’s that need signatures. The first is the SARSE which is a multi-County Substance Abuse Grant. This one needs Kayla’s signature. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve this MOU for Kayla’s signature. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

The second MOU is a Block Grant with Public Schools and it requires the BOH Chairman’s signature. Commissioner McFall made a Motion for the BOH Chairman to sign the MOU. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

Programs

Sarah presented the COVID-19 figures as of August 13, 2020. 1,447 residents of Fremont County have been tested. 1,046 of that total were tested by Fremont County Public Health. Kayla stated that she has been impressed by all of her staff. Sarah updated the BOH on statistics regarding COVID-19. 10 Hospitalizations,

Royal Gorge Railroad – Outbreak/closed, Rose Veterinary Clinic-Outbreak/closed. Businesses are doing what they are supposed to be doing by closing when an Outbreak arises. They can re-open when the quarantine time is over. Sarah explained that we are at the Safer at Home Level/Cautious. Schools will be in session with modified schedules. Gyms are operational and have been able to increase from 50 members to 75. Our numbers are definitely improving. But with schools in session now and the Labor Day holiday coming up the numbers will probably spike as they did around the 4th of July holiday. It was noted that the State Health Department has made a COVID 19 and a Wildfire page with links to Smoke Outlook, Advisories and Air Quality. FCPH has received an Air Quality Monitor. Brief discussion on how many sick we have here in Fremont County. Testing results were also discussed and the term of probable. Faster testing is in the works but are having issues with spitting. Our FCPH COVID 19 staff has gone from three to two. Complaints have slowed down.

Kayla stated that Rachel Miller, Shannon Espinoza and herself have all been deputized so they can all help. They have had people walk straight in the FCPH main entrance/lobby experiencing symptoms. They want to stop this from happening. Signs are posted to “Do not enter if you are feeling sick or experiencing symptoms”.

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

Old Business

Frank Rhodes/Phantom Canyon R.V. – Wyatt Sanders presented his report to BOH regarding his Inspection of the Vault and Dump Station installed by Rhodes. Wyatt stated that it was not exactly what was recommended according to his permit; but it worked well. Wyatt approved the Vault and Dump Station with one renewal only on the OWTS before 3/10/2022. The Environmental Health Issue is now in Compliance. No action needed by Board of Health. Commissioner Bell expressed her appreciation.

New Business

None

Meeting is adjourned.

