

# FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

October 26, 2021

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for October was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 207, Cañon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

Dwayne McFall – Commissioner  
Kevin Grantham – Commissioner  
Debbie Bell – Commissioner

## Staff Present:

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney  
Sunny Bryant – County Manager/Finance Director  
Kayla Marler – Public Health Director  
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Officer  
Wyatt Sanders – Building Department Director  
Debbie Ulrich – Minutes Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner McFall at 1:15 p.m. Roll call followed.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner McFall called for approval of the September 28, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to approve the September 28, 2021 Minutes; Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for vote: All Ayes. Minutes are approved.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner McFall called for any changes or additions to the Agenda. Commissioner McFall noted that the Gill Variance needed to be added to the Agenda. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to accept the Agenda with the one addition made. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote: All Ayes. Agenda is accepted.

## **CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA – TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None.

## **BOH Business**

The Gill Variance request has come before the Board in August and September. Commissioner McFall stated that they have heard all of the arguments two different times. The BOH has State Regulations that they have to follow and enforce. Commissioner Bell noted that the Fremont County BOH is known for being open-minded. This request goes beyond that scope. They have reviewed and approve the Order Denying the Variance Request. Commissioner Grantham also spoke on how diligently the BOH tried to make this work. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to approve the Order Denying the Gill Variance Request. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is Approved. The BOH expressed their appreciation of Wyatt. It was also stated that Wyatt had worked with Brenda to prepare the Variance Order.

## **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

### **Environmental Health Report**

Amy Jamison, Environmental Health Officer reported on the following items:

#### **New Establishments**

City on a Hill is close to opening. Their pre-operational inspection has been done.

#### **Inspections, Re-inspections and Interventions**

Amy stated that she had 20 Retail Food Establishment (RFE) inspections; this includes re-inspections. Four Childcare inspections, one Body Art inspection and one pre-operational inspection of City on a Hill.

Amy did an intervention at Lost Cajun. This is when she goes into the establishment and teaches the employees safety courses pertaining to RFE's. The need for more safety courses right now is because of the high turnover in employees.

#### **Complaints**

Amy received a bed bug complaint regarding Econo Lodge last week (3<sup>rd</sup> week of October) but complainant's stay dates are from September. Amy notified Econo Lodge. They use a regular Pest Control company (Bugz Out) and Amy did not do an inspection because of the date of stay being a month before the actual complaint was made.

#### **Rabies**

The quarantined pup from back in June is now free. There had been an incident in June in the North Canon area where a dog and skunk got into a fight and the skunk tested positive for rabies. The owners of the dog decided to isolate/quarantine the dog themselves for the appropriate amount of time. He is free now and doing well.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to accept the Environmental Health Officer's report. Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Report is accepted.

### **Public Health Director**

Kayla Marler, Public Health Director, reported on the following subjects:

#### **Staffing**

Kayla reported that she has hired a new Office Assistant, Karen Runck. Kayla interviewed applicants for the R.N. position; offered the position to an applicant but they declined. Kayla also interviewed an applicant for the L.P.N position and has offered the position to the applicant. FCPHE has also re-posted the position of Public Health Specialist who will work with COVID 19.

#### **Coronavirus – Covid-19**

Kayla reported that as of the date of this meeting, October 26<sup>th</sup>; the 14 day cases reported is 513 and the 7 day report is 303. They are seeing an extremely high infectious rate. CICT (Case Investigation Contact Tracing) came out with support for counties of 55,000 or less. They are talking about charging for this service; which is now provided at no cost. Kayla is researching on contracting with another company, possibly MAKO. FCPHE is doing as much as they can and then transferring to CDPHE.

Kayla stated that FCPH was only offering the Moderna vaccine now. Mobile buses are offering vaccines again starting the first week of November. They will be offering COVID and Flu vaccines. Kayla also noted that Pediatric vaccines will also be available.

Kayla reported that Vital Records is now back to normal hours.

Community Collaborative Update

The Intern that had been with FCPHE has now finished his Internship.

Commissioner Bell made a Motion to accept the Public Health Directors report. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; All Ayes. The Public Health report is accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.