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## **FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING December 29, 2020**

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for December was held on Tuesday, December 29, 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  
Tim Payne – Commissioner  
Dwayne McFall – Commissioner

### **Staff Present:**

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney  
Kayla Marler – Public Health Director  
Amy Jamison - Environmental Health Officer  
Debbie Ulrich – Legal Assistant/Minutes secretary

Kevin Grantham was also in attendance as the upcoming new District One Commissioner.  
Sunny Bryant – County Manager/Finance Director was not in attendance.

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

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Bell with Roll Call following at 1:15 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bell called for approval of the November 24, 2020 Minutes. Commissioner McFall noted that in the report of Christina Taylor a zero needs to be added to the number 200,00. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to accept the Minutes with the zero added to the number to reflect 200,000. 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. Kayla needed to add a proposed Bill under New Business. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of the proposed Bill under New Business. Commissioner Payne 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 started her report by introducing Angela Bellantoni, who is representing Holcim/Red Creek Quarry to request a Permit for a Chemical Toilet. The Chemical Toilet will only be needed when a rig is on the premises. It was noted that this area is close to the Pueblo County line. If all goes as planned the Chemical Toilet should be

in place for a 3 week period. Amy noted that she has been speaking to Wyatt in the Building Department. They should be done in a year. Commissioner Payne made a Motion to approve Red Creek Quarry's use of a Chemical Toilet. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

Amy Jamison, Environmental Health Officer continued her report on the following subjects.

#### New Establishments

Bellison Salon – Offers permanent makeup services and didn't realize that she needed to be licensed under the Tattoo Regulations. Amy has worked with her and she is now in compliance.

KFC will be coming to Canon City. Pueblo Chicken, LLC will be opening the new KFC out by Burger King. It was noted that someone from Colorado Springs will be doing all of the permitting and inspections, because of Kayla's involvement with the LLC. Brenda stated that, this was a smart idea, that none of the KFC licensing and inspections would be done by FCDPHE.

Morelli's Mob Dining in Florence

Somewhere Saloon – May be reopening again, but at this time Amy doesn't have any further information.

#### Complaints

Amy hasn't received any complaints this month.

#### COVID 19

No updates right now. Amy stated that local businesses are really hurting in Fremont County.

#### LICENSE RENEWALS

Amy informed the BOH that she has just now been able to access the new State system.

Amy stated that the Senate bill passed for Restaurant Licenses and will be funded by COVID Grant monies. Ice Cream shops will still be required to pay for their licenses.

It was noted that all "Cares Act" monies have been spent. Fremont County has been awarded the Retail Foods Grant. Amy will be reaching out to the Community.

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

#### Public Health Director

Kayla Marler, Public Health Director reported on the following areas.

#### Staffing

Kayla needs to have the signature ratified on a 6 month contract for the new Medical Officer (Dr. Timothy Bresnahan). Kayla shared that the new Medical Officer will be coming into the Clinic 3 hours per month, plus being available for information and guidance. He plans on attending the Board of Health meetings and meet the employees of FCPH.

Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Ratify the signature on the contract for the new Medical Officer. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

Kayla noted that Shannon Espinoza was named November Employee of the Month and Michelle Boscia was named the December Employee of the Month for FCPH.

#### Financials/Contracts

Kayla discussed two contracts she has for review. One is to Create a Video for encouraging mask wearing and following the COVID protocols. The second contract is for Web Design with Sagentic Web Design. When asked if the City would be helping with this project; Kayla replied "not monetarily". Sagentic will be creating a COVID Dashboard, which will contain Complaints and COVID Resources. They will be responsible for the Domain and will be producing graphs. Michelle at FCPH will be reviewing the site and keep it updated. Sagentic Web Design will cost \$1800, which will come from ELC Grant funds. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to

approve the website with Sagentics for a cost of \$1800. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

### Coronavirus – COVID-19

Mako testing will have new hours starting December 21, 2020. They will be open Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are planning on being here until the end of March. There have been 9000 tests done so far. Fremont County has received 100 doses of the vaccine for Phase 1A, Centura Health has received 200 more today (December 29<sup>th</sup>). FCPH is working on Phase 1B now. The first vaccinations will go to First Responders, Healthcare Providers, etc. Pfizer and Moderna both require a 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination. The Hospital has administered approximately 300 vaccinations at this time.

### Flu Clinic

Kayla reported on the Flu Clinics. December 13, 2020 FCPH had their Drive-thru flu Clinic and vaccinated 43 individuals. The total flu vaccinations to date is 981.

### Community Collaborative Update

5 Star Program – We are in Orange but we can operate in yellow in Restaurants. Restaurants aren't wanting to do it at this time as there is a lot to do for it.

Kayla went on to add that Fremont County is doing good right now. We have 240 active cases and Kayla had wanted it below 300 by this time.

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

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Amy had a question regarding Licensing Fees and how will the new bill effect them. Brenda Jackson will need to review the bill thoroughly before answering the question.

Discussion regarding Employee Mental Wellness Program/Partnership with Sol Vista. Commissioner Bell noted that DHS uses it the most right now. Kayla stated that they do resiliency/mental health programs with regional county nurses. She would like to provide this to nurses and front staff. Sol Vista is going to provide a program together with FCPH every third Monday from 12:00 -1:00. Sol Vista is taking the lead on this at no cost to FCPH. Kayla is asking to close Public Health for the hour of time.

Commissioner McFall made a Motion to allow FCPH to close on the third Monday of each month from 12:00 – 1:00 for a Mental Health/Resiliency Program. Commissioner Payne seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is passed.

There was a discussion regarding information about Commissioners being prohibited from serving on Boards of Health. Information from CCI suggests that a BOH be comprised of people with a Medical background. It is already hard to find people to serve on Boards. It was noted that Counties of under a population of 100,000 have the option of whether the Commissioners serve as the Board of Health or have a Medical Team as the Board of Health. Kayla stated that she hears from Directors of smaller Counties that some of the Boards aren't supportive of their Public Health Directors. It was added that not allowing Commissioners to act as the Board of Health is a bad idea and will take Rural Colorado. Commissioner McFall added that we should discuss with our Representatives what our wants, feelings and desires are.

Meeting is adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

