

FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

August 29, 2023

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for August was held on August 29, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fremont County Administration building, 615 Macon Avenue, Room 208, Cañon City, Colorado. The following Board members were in attendance:

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

Staff Present:

Brenda Jackson – County Attorney
Tony Carochi - County Manager
Amy Jamison – Environmental Health Officer
Paula Buser- Public Health Director
Wyatt Sanders – Building Department Director
Rachel Miller – Minutes Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to Order by Commissioner Bell at 2:00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bell called for any changes or corrections to the June Minutes. Amy Jamison noted that the meeting began at 2:00 instead of 2:11 and Amy needed to add program updates under rabies testing and not rabies testing under program updates.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to Approve the July 2023, Minutes with the noted changes being made; 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. Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Agenda is Approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Paula Buser Public Health Director- Food services fees year to date are at \$24,857 and are budgeted for \$71,000. Talked with Amy and most food service fees will be paid in November. They upped the budget from last year to \$71,000 which was the collection from last year. Restaurant plan review have made an adjustment in the budget from last year. Last years budget was \$900 but they collected \$1,600 so they budgeted \$1,600 for this year and we are at \$1,525. The payments are still coming in and Paula thinks they will exceed the budget for them. Vital Records- Last year they budgeted \$60,000 but ended at \$71,000. They bumped the budget up to \$73,000 for this year. Immunizations on same track as last year. Last year they collected \$23,000 and this this year they are at \$23,008. Public Health has \$822,000 in revenue and \$665,000 in expenses. Have surplus of \$156,000 in revenue. Last year they had \$699,000 in revenue and \$771,000 in expenses. Paula is continuing to learn about finance. Sarah and Autum are helping her.

Grants- They created a new Board of Health Grant Spending Report. The report has all Public Health grants listed. It includes the amount of grant and how much they have spent for each grant. They are going to add a column stating whether they've received payments yet. Commissioner Grantham made motion to accept the Financial Report. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. Call for vote; all Ayes. Financial Report is Accepted.

CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA – TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Derek Wilkins- Derek bought property on 1426 Locust Street and would like to build a house on it. The footprint of house about 1500 square feet and the lot size is .3 of an acre. The lot is within 400 feet of sewer main that runs on Elm Street. The current code requires to extend him to extend the sewer main up locust street to be able to connect to sewer access. Derek requested a variance. He received a bid from Avalanche that came in at \$99,902. There would also be a \$4,500 permit fee additional to the expense. Derek stated that there is adequate space for a septic system and an alternative leach field which meets all requirements. It will be away from all water sources.

Wyatt stated that within notations of sand district they say that the area is looking for grant funding to extend sewer access. Wyatt recommended that if they do get grant funding that Derek does hook to the sewer. Wyatt recommended approval. Brenda notes that if they expand to the sewer, they will make Derek abandon the septic system. Derek said he would be preferring to hook up to the sewer system if this happens. Wyatt stated that they are applying for the grant funding this month, but it could be years before they receive funding.

Commissioner McFall made a Motion to approve the variance. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. All Ayes; All Ayes; Variance is approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

New Establishments

Loves Travel Stop and Arby's are open. SoCo Heatwave is a food truck that was approved a couple weeks ago. Closures- My Sisters Place will be closing next month.

Inspections, re-inspections and interventions

Retail Food Inspections: 17 routine, 4 reinspection's, 3 preoperational, and 4 consultive visits.
Child Care: 1 routine and 3 preoperational. Preoperational: McKinley added a room that needed inspected and the Boys and Girls Club changed buildings.
Body Art: 2 routine. Amy is finished with body art for the year unless we have any new opening. Amy has collected all of the fees she was expecting for Body Art this year.

Complaints

Mike Stahl home tattooing. His certified letter was never delivered. When Amy got it back she asked code enforcement to delivered letter. They dropped it off and said they could see someone was there but no one answered the door. They left the packet in door along with their card. Mike did call back at one point but when code enforcement has tried to call him back they've had to leave messages. Amy has not heard from Mike either. Brenda said we can send him a letter. She will look up what the penalties are because they changed them.

Husky Burger- Amy received a complaint that said it smelled like raw sewage when you walk in. She went there the next day and said there was no overly strong smell. All of the bathrooms flushed, Amy

spoke to the owner about the grease traps, and she ran all of the sinks to make sure everything was going down and it was. The owner said after he bought the restaurant he had to get all pipes replaced because of a sewage backup. The owner said that everything has been running well and no one had let him know of a complaint.

Train and Depot-Amy had another complaint about the train and depot. The complaint was about how the chemicals are stored, that there are employee beverages without lids, that the refrigeration condensers were leaking on food, and about labeling and dating. Amy stated that a lot of the complaints seemed to be true so she worked through a lot of those. She did their routine inspection while she was there and they are going to need a reinspection so she will go out again most likely next week.

Ecolodge complaint- There was an unhappy customer that said they had a dirty room and got a new room that she said had bed bugs. Amy said she went and talked to them. The room that she said had bedbugs wasn't available. Amy talked to the motel about pest control and all of their practices are what is recommended.

Amy said that she forgot to mention for her inspections that she is caught up from maternity leave and is projected to be ahead on her inspections.

Rabies Testing

Amy said she has had a busy month. There were two different bats that were sent from home exposures. People found the bats in their home. Two of the bats have come back negative for rabies. A third one came in yesterday and was sent for testing. Amy has not received the results back for that one yet. A lady had a squirrel hang off her toddler's arm. Amy said we have not had a squirrel infect anyone in the past but decided to have it tested. The state will pay to test it.

Other Program Updates – None

Commissioner McFall made a Motion to Accept the Environmental Health Report. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; All Ayes. Environmental Health Report is Accepted.

Public Health Manager

New Director Transition

Paula's been working on getting her computer set up. Paula met with each employee personally so she had a chance to connect with everyone. Yesterday they did preliminary website updates so people could noticeably see an update. Updates may be delayed because the employee who usually does the updates is on leave. CDC Infrastructure Grant will help pay for a public health dedicated website and looking at doing this for Public Health. Paula attended OPER Immunization Health Equity Roadshow in Pueblo. Paula was able to connect with people from the region. She said she is diving into grants and is working with staff to make shared decisions while she is learning. Is feeling good about her experience learning about the grants. Deputy Villagrana sent a word version of the safety manual, and she is working on updating it for Public Health. She had her first staff meeting and discussed safety. The Community Improvement Plan is in the shared drive and Paula asked the Commissioners if they had any edits.

Program Updates

West Nile Update- They've had 6 human and 2 horse cases reported since second of August. Of the human cases 3 were the neuroinvasive and 5 were hospitalized. They have a press release and are running the fight the bite information on Facebook. There are 122 cases statewide.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to accept the Public Health Report. Commissioner McFall seconded the Motion. All Ayes; The Public Health Report is Accepted.

Meeting is adjourned at 2:47 p.m.