

# FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

August 31, 2021

The Fremont County Board of Health Meeting for August was held on Tuesday, August 31, 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 July 27, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to approve the July 27, 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. Amy Jamison asked if the Gill Variance Request could be moved. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to move the first item under New Business, the Gill Variance Request to the top of the agenda. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for vote: All Ayes. Agenda is approved.

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

None.

### **New Business - Environmental Health**

#### **Gill Variance Request:**

Wyatt started the presentation by explaining where the Gill property is located. Wyatt continued his explanation of what is in use on the property at this time. There is an inability to meet the set back regulations such as the set back from the River to the Tank. Wyatt noted that FCOWTS has specific requirements on watertight vaults, water treatment systems, vault placement, etc. Wyatt added that the Board of Health can approve a system with a setback less than 100 feet, but must be at least 75 feet. Gill's request is for a setback of 50 feet. Wyatt also stated that the "well loft" information was never submitted to his department. After Wyatt's review he recommends to the BOH that they do not approve the Gill Variance Request at this time.

Michael Gill and Greg Snyder (Engineer) spoke regarding the request for a variance. Gill gave the history of the property. Gill stated that he is currently taking waste water from the river across the street to dump in a septic system. Snyder stated that a variance can be granted at less than 75 feet. He continued to explain the placement of the vault with respect to the house and the river. Snyder explained the reasoning behind the changes that Gill has made so far. It was noted that Gill repositioned the Vault without a permit. Brenda Jackson asked Snyder for the BFE of the existing tank. BFE of the tank has not been figured. Wyatt added that they must provide the calculations and it needs to be 87 feet deep. Discussion continued with conflicting numbers. Wyatt stated again that he doesn't feel like the variance should be approved. Commissioner McFall and Commissioner Bell both requested to be provided more calculations and information. It was determined that the Gill Variance Request be tabled until the September meeting. Commissioner Bell made a Motion to table the Gill Variance until the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all ayes, Motion is passed.

## **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

### **Environmental Health Report**

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

#### **New Establishments**

Amy informed the Board of two new establishments. Florence Brewery and Wunder Wagon Mobile. There was a third; Timberline Smokehouse Mobile, but they have already dissolved their partnership.

#### **Complaints**

Amy stated that she has had several complaints this month. Walmart complaint from unknown source of pallets of rotting produce. Complaint of pet dogs being in City Market and a disgruntled employee complained about Burger King and submitted photos with the complaint. The photos showed a disgusting vent hood and more filth. Kayla, FCDPH Director contacted the Franchise Regional Manager of Burger King and it was cleaned up quickly.

#### **Rabies**

Amy noted that she has submitted two bats for testing this last month and both came back negative. They both were found in homes which means there was possible exposure. She also stated that she submitted a bat today (August 31, 2021) for testing.

### **Public Health Director**

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

#### **Staffing**

Kayla introduced Carl Weber, new Intern at FCPHE. He is currently a Nursing student and Paramedic to Nursing Program with his game plan to be in the Psychiatric field.

#### **Coronavirus – Covid-19**

Kayla reported that the local 7 day incident rate is 51 positive cases of COVID. There has been no Delta variant cases. There have been 5 residents hospitalized, 2 in our hospital. Total deaths so far is 70. In the last 30 days there has been 5 deaths, ages 38 to 77. Mako is continuing to test. There has been an increase of individuals to test. They had 115 on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Our local hospital (St. Thomas More) has a maximum of 17 patients. The staff at St. Thomas More is 57% vaccinated. They are currently facing staffing challenges. The State mandate regarding vaccinations will not impact the licenses of Doctors and Nurses. Kayla noted that she has been getting a lot of calls. Mandates are not in place. FCPHE is working closely with the

school districts to keep students in classes. Mask mandate is not enforceable. Kayla has requested more participation in the COVID calls/meetings by the person in charge at the State Department of Public Health.

### Community Collaborative Update

FCPHE will only be vaccinating on Thursdays and only the Moderna vaccine. The Commissioners expressed their frustrations with the State. Kayla stated that they have reached out to the State regarding using Pop-up Clinics. Pop-ups are not self-sufficient. The Mobile Clinics were going everywhere and were a huge help getting everyone vaccinated.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

Bryant ADU Variance Request. Change from one bathroom to two bathrooms. Brief discussion of adding an extra bathroom to the ADU.

Commissioner Bell made a Motion to approve the Variance to allow two bathrooms in the Bryant ADU. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote, all Ayes. Motion is Approved.

Kayla, FCPHE Director wants to revise the Supervisory Nurse (RN) position as a Grade 38, step 7. Kayla is currently working on a proposal and noted that their budget can support this grade level. She also has a Part time R.N. and a Full time LPN.

Kayla is seeking approval to sign the OOPP Grant for Chaffee County. The only change is the dates have been updated to September 2021 – August 2022.

Commissioner Grantham made a Motion to Authorize Kayla Marler, Director of FCPHE to sign the MOU for Chaffee County. Commissioner Bell seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is approved.

The OOPP Grant for Custer County is also updated to September 2021 – August 2022 and needs a signature.

Commissioner Bell made a Motion to Authorize Kayla Marler, Director of FCPHE to sign the MOU for Custer County. Commissioner Grantham seconded the Motion. Call for Vote; all Ayes. Motion is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.