

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
December 15, 2020**

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Lavon Ritter, Kassie Roth, Makayla Motzkus, Hayden Walker, Julie Gentz, Alan Gentz, Bill Henry, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman McBride called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION- Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2020 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – The Board will need to approve the remaining CARES Grant payments.

Kassie Roth, Makayla Motzkus and Hayden Walker will address the Board concerning use of the fairgrounds facilities for an event.

LEASE OF WATER SHARES ON SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS PROPERTY – The Board approved advertising the lease of water shares that were acquired with the transfer of ownership of the Sunset Memorial Gardens Property to Logan County.

DECEMBER 29, 2020 MEETINGS - The Board will not meet the week of December 29, 2020 due to the business meeting needed on December 22, 2020.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS- Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated December 15, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the payroll for the period of November 21, 2020 through December 4, 2020.

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – The Board will add the ratification of the December 15, 2020 CARES Grants that will be approved today in the Work Session to the consent agenda.

INTERSCHOLASTIC EQUESTRIAN TEAM HORSE SHOW - Kassie Roth, Mikayla Motzkus and Hayden Walker met with the Board to request the use of the Fairgrounds for an IEA event on March 26, 27 and 28, 2021. The Golden Plains Equestrian Team, based out of Wray, Colorado along with trainer Drake Johnson plan to host the show and will limit the number of people on the grounds at any one time if COVID-19 restrictions are still in place. This will be done by only allowing one parent with the team member on the fairgrounds and giving the members certain times that they can be on the fairgrounds and then they must leave. The show will allow the team members to earn points to qualify for regionals. The show will be advertised to the public if the public is allowed to attend.

The group has talked with Chance Wright who has agreed to set up the portable horse stalls for 30-40 horses, due to NJC being in session with colts in training and using stalls. The group has asked that fees be waived for the event for Golden Plains as it is a non-profit organization. Approximately 150-200 teams from the front range are expected. The Board approved the waiver of fees and suggested

that the group petition the Logan County Lodging Tax Board to help with advertising.

CARES GRANT FUNDING – Additional funding for small business relief may be coming available from the state. The Board received an e-mail from Sterling City Manager, Don Saling stating that the City is not interested in applying for the funding and agreeing to allow the county to administer any grant funds awarded.

Commissioner Bauder noted that the process does not sound difficult, and does not have too many restrictions tied to it now, but as time goes on more restrictions may be added. Commissioner Bauder added that she feels it would be negligent on the county's part to not do this. Restaurants that do up to \$500,000 in gross receipts would receive a payment of \$3,500; those that do \$500,000 up to \$1 million would receive \$5,000 and those that do over \$1 million would receive \$7,000.

Senate Bill 1 will be simple enough that the Google forms application can be used again. The business can put in their gross receipts for 2019 and will get a check for the amount corresponding to the amount of receipts. This grant will not be as much work as the previous CARES grants were. The remainder of CARES grant checks are being mailed out today and total almost \$1.3 million in grants for local businesses.

Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the small business grants. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Pelton noted the county needs to get the money spent so it does not go back to the Governor. Commissioner Bauder noted that the restaurants she delivered checks to were really thankful for the grants. She received numerous texts and e-mails thanking the committee. The money came just in time for some businesses.

Commissioner Pelton discussed the Eastern TPR meeting and concerns that money is being taken from Human Services to fund roads which will cause local entities to have to fund more child welfare. The money cannot be taken from Human Services to add to the stimulus package. There are a lot of issues in rural counties with Department of Human Services.

Commissioners are being asked by Gary Beebe, the Highway Commissioner to get on committees, especially Air Quality Control Committees because they are looking to regulate agriculture with air quality control. There will be ramifications for the Eastern TPR because it is all agriculture and Air Quality Control regulates methane produced by cows. Air Quality Control has way too much power, it is not elected officials but government bureaucracy. Commissioner Pelton will attempt to get an appointment to that board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.