

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

December 21, 2022

Logan County Commissioner Chairman Byron Pelton called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building with Logan County Commissioner Joseph McBride, Logan County Human Services' Director David Long, and Logan County Human Services' Recording Secretary Peggy Kircher, present.

Minutes from the Board of Human Services meeting held on November 9, 2022 were presented. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Board meeting minutes as written. Chairman Pelton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the Commissioners with the Expenditure Summary report dated November 30, 2022, the October Allocation Tracking report, and the TANF Reserve Balances report dated October 30, 2022. Director Long said that there is a projected need to purchase an estimate of \$400,000 of TANF dollars from other counties to fulfill the needs in the local community. El Paso County is willing to sell \$200,000 to Logan County DHS.

Director Long presented the State of Colorado Department of Early Childhood MOU to the Board. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the CDEC MOU. Chairman Pelton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner McBride informed the Board regarding the Sunshine Childcare Center's TANF fund request and there being a conflict of interest due to him being a Board member for the Center. Due to the status of the need for a quorum, he will be available to vote on the TANF fund request.

Chairman Pelton moved to approve the TANF contract with the Sunshine Childcare Center in the amount of \$31,441.00. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the TANF fund request from Early Learning Center in the amount of \$37,613.44. The Board discussed whether to require the Early Learning Center to pay the MOE in the amount of \$5,642.02. It was agreed that the MOE will not be required. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the TANF fund request from Early Learning Center in the amount of \$37,613.44. Chairman Pelton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long presented the 2023 County Merit System Certification. Commissioner McBride moved to approve the 2023 County Merit System Certification and allow the Chair to sign. Chairman Pelton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner McBride moved to approve the TANF fund purchase from El Paso County in the amount of \$200,000 and Logan County DHS will pay the MOE in the amount of \$30,000.00. Chairman Pelton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Director Long gave the Commissioners the briefing and staffing highlights.

Director Long informed the Board that Natalie Nicholson resigned from her position. Savannah Guhl was hired to fill the upcoming vacancy.

Director Long said that at one of the sessions he attended at the CCI Winter Conference, Kim Bimestefer, the Executive Director for the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, gave a presentation on the 3.0 on the public health emergency. Director Long asked her about the child welfare report that was given to the counties that showed the amounts spent on subsidized adoptions. Logan County's expenditure is projected to be over one million dollars. Logan County is the only small/medium size county to be over one million dollars. Director Long looked at some of the other comparable small and medium size counties and they are all between six to eight hundred thousand. He said that Logan County does not have mental health services available so we have to rely on adoptions for the benefit of the children. If there were mental health services available up front, there would be more successful reunifications. When the number of adoptions goes down, it will reflect that Logan County is being successful because there are mental health services available up front.

Director Long said that the Division of Economic Security found a few deficits in eligibility of assistance programs. They determined that Logan County is not meeting the compliance issue with client complaint and civil liberties. Director Long said that we are completing these needs but not according to the State's narrative needs due to the State wants these processes written out and a policy in place. Director Long said that all of the County Directors were discussing this and they all said that they are deficient on the State's narrative requirement.

Director Long told the Board that an individual that works with many counties told him that Logan County DHS is the most friendly and helpful of all counties that she has worked with. The Commissioners agreed that Logan County DHS has great staff.

Chairman Pelton said that if it is ok with the new Logan County Board of Human Services, he would like to keep the communication open with LCDHS.

The next Logan County Board of Human Services meeting will be held on January 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Logan County Central Services building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Long, Director

Approved by:

Byron H. Pelton, Chairman
Logan County Commissioner

Joseph A. McBride, Logan County Commissioner

Jane E. Bauder, Logan County Commissioner