

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**December 22, 2020**

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Valerie Richards, Travis McKay, Don Sailing, Trae Miller, Alan Gentz, Glenna Aurich, Debbie Unrein, Alan Samber, Jerry Casebolt, Marilee Johnson, Diana Korbe, Jeff Rice, Karah Quint.

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 15, 2020 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – None.

**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 22, 2020. The Board approved as presented.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – None.

**FIVE STAR PROGRAM-** Jerry Casebolt, Glenna Aurich and Don Sailing met with the Board to discuss the 5 Star Program. The 5 Star Program is a program that encourages businesses to implement a set of enhanced guidelines so their business can reopen safely. There are certain steps a county needs to take to begin the program. A committee must be set up that will be in charge of the program. This committee must include the Local Public Health Agency but they can not be responsible for the administration or coordination of the committee. The committee must submit an application to CDPHE to get approval to start the program. The committee must determine how they will ensure the businesses part of the program will comply and how to enforce compliance. Don Sailing is concerned with the enforcement piece of the program and what will happen if local authorities such as the Sheriff and City Police do not enforce the set of program requirements. Jerry Casebolt informed the group that it is the duty of the program committee to enforce the program requirements and if a business is not complying with the program then they will get a single warning from the committee and after that the business will lose their certification from the program. Once the certification is revoked, the business will need to comply with the state guidelines again. The committee is responsible for selecting someone to do a live third party inspection. This may not be the local Health Department.

Commissioner McBride said a good starting place would be to develop the committee and have a meeting to discuss the program and see what can happen from there. Don Sailing said the City of Sterling is willing to do what they can but he is still concerned about the enforcement piece of the program.

**SENATE BILL 1-** Don Sailing, Jerry Casebolt, Glenna Aurich and Debbie Unrein met with the Board to discuss the Senate Bill1. This is further funding for the businesses. This includes restaurants, bars, caterers, gyms, movie theaters, and rec centers. There are three levels of funding and eligibility (\$3,500, \$5,000, or \$7,000). The County must first apply but it needs to

be submitted by January 8<sup>th</sup>. Applicants have 21 days to apply once the county is approved. The county must advertise for the full 21 days for people to apply. Approved applicants will be paid out by February 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a very short time frame so it is very important that the applicants are submitting all of the required documentation because there won't be enough time to reach out and collect missing information. Required information or documentation would include: Evidence the business is headquartered in Logan County, Verification of their income tax account number or tax exempt number, NAICS code indicating an eligible industry, affirmation that they will be in business for the next 6 months, evidence of 20% reduction in revenue, valid business license, affirmation that they have not received other funds from special legislations, affirmation of compliance with public and local health orders. If the business takes the funds but then does not comply with public health orders then they would have to return the funds to the state.

Commissioner McBride called the meeting to recess at 9:38 am.

Commissioner McBride called the meeting back to order at 9:50 am.

**FIVE STAR PROGRAM-** Discussion about the 5 Star Program was continued. Glenna Aurich wanted to talk more about the enforcement piece of the program. The Chamber of Commerce would be a part of the committee and would be helping to find people that could do the inspections. If a business is approved for the program and complies with all of the requirements, they would be able to move from the current state-mandated level red to a level yellow and would be able to have 25% capacity. Any complaints about the businesses who are in the program will need to be taken up by the committee and they will not accept anonymous complaints. The first meeting of the committee will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Those joining will be Don Sailing, Jerry Casebolt, Chamber of Commerce, City of Sterling Mayor, Northeast Colorado Health Department, Logan County Commissioners, City Police, Sterling Hospital, Logan County Sheriff. Other committee members may be decided on during this initial meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 2020** – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for November 2020. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE FEES-** The Liquor Enforcement Division is waiving the fees for new and renewal liquor licenses for one year. The Commissioners would like to get a clear answer from the state if local fees need to be collected or if these can be waived as well. A waive of the local fees would need a resolution that coincides with the timeline the state has.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.