

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**February 2, 2021**

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Valerie Richards, Alan Samber, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Rob Quint, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Work Session as written. Chairman Pelton seconded and the motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner McBride abstaining as he was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Bauder moved to amend the previous motion to reflect a correction in that Jeff Rice was in attendance at the meeting rather than George Rice. Chairman Pelton seconded and the motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner McBride abstaining.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Valerie Richards met with the Board to review and approve the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated February 2, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – The Board was asked to consider a Wakefield and Associates Tax Time Settlement Campaign. The Board will discuss the Bookmobile.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board discussed the appointment and re-appointment of members to various advisory Boards. The appointment to the Board of Adjustment is the second appointment in recent weeks. Patrick Steward was appointed several weeks ago. The appointment of Dusty McCormick will give the Board of Adjustment more citizen representation rather than the Commissioners having to sit in when there is not a quorum. The appointments of the E911 Authority Board should be for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2023 rather than January 31, 2024 as noted on the agenda. Tom Bedford and Russell Adels will be appointed to the Lodging Tax Board. Both are business owners and were recommended over another applicant.

### **WAKEFIELD AND ASSOCIATES TAX TIME SETTLEMENT CAMPAIGN -**

Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Wakefield and Associates Tax Time Settlement Campaign and allow the chair to sign. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**USE OF FAIRGROUNDS FOR GRAND JURY SELECTION** - Commissioner Pelton reported that Travis Sides would like permission to use the Exhibit Center on the Logan County Fairgrounds for a possible grand jury selection. This will be for a large pool of potential jurors and the fairgrounds is needed to keep social distancing requirements. The Board agreed that the Exhibit Center can be used for the grand jury selection as long as it does not interfere with NJC classes.

**DISSOLUTION OF NORTHEAST COLORADO BOOKMOBILE** – Alan Samber received an e-mail from the Yuma County Attorney regarding the Yuma County Commissioners’ proposal for dissolution of the Northeast Colorado Bookmobile.

It appears that they want to move forward by end of 2021. Yuma County Board of County Commissioners will sign a resolution to this effect on February 16. The Logan County Commissioners would like to see statistics on how many books are moved in and out of the bookmobile to determine whether it is used by residents and determine the use vs. the cost.

Commissioner Pelton will call Sandy VanDusen who is on the Bookmobile Board. Commissioner McBride noted that Ms. VanDusen did not think the Bookmobile was useful any more at a meeting last year. However, Elna Hamilton who is the Crook Librarian wanted to keep the Bookmobile. Alan Samber will e-mail the Yuma County attorney and let them know that Logan County would still like to investigate more whether the Bookmobile is still a viable program.

Commissioner Bauder moved to accept and approve the Commissioners Proceedings for December of 2020. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**DIAL FRAMEWORK CHANGE** - Chairman Pelton noted that he and Commissioner McBride were on a telephone conference call regarding the Dial Framework Changing meeting last Saturday. The change will lessen the restrictions on county businesses and activities if the infection rates and positivity rates do not increase. If the infection rates and positivity rates increase, there is a faster turnaround, seven days vs fourteen days to go up on the dial and put more restrictions on the community. If the dial change takes effect today, Logan County would be in yellow on the dial. Logan County now has a 4.8% positivity rate.

Chairman Pelton requested that the 20,000 population count be changed to 30,000 so that the whole northeast corner can all be under the same lower population all six counties in northeast Colorado Health Department jurisdiction could be in the same population base instead of four counties under 20,000 and two counties over 20,000. The severity rate for the area is good as Logan County has seven COVID beds. He did not want the northeast corner to be penalized because we can send patients to Greeley. The severity needs to look at all of Greeley, and Larimer County. All the rest of the hospitals have been close to red, but the northeast corner has not and has also taken patients in from Wyoming and Nebraska.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.