

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**February 4, 2020**

Present: Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Byron Pelton, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Kristan Lange, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Wayne Johnson, Alicia Iannone, Jeff Rice, Karah Karg, 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 January 28, 2020 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

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

**REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF 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 February 4, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated February 4, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**DECEMBER COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS** – Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the Logan County Board of Commissioners Proceedings for December. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – No update.

**HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION** – Commissioner Bauder sent e-mails to five different companies asking for a work plan bid which is required for a DOLA grant. There were no responses. The original bidder used a prior project plan which was completed for the City of Carbon Valley to come up with the estimated price on the county's project. The Cities of Carbon Valley, Firestone and Frederick collaborated on the project which includes a Senior Center and Recreation Center. Chairman McBride would like to get the City of Sterling's ideas for what they would like to see included in a megaplex.

It was suggested that the project include a community center room to hold events. Chairman McBride would like to discuss his ideas for the megaplex with Jane.

**2020 CENSUS** – Commissioner Bauder discussed a "Count Down to Census" public service announcement in the newspaper. Commissioner Bauder will contact Sarah Waite to inquire whether this can be done. Census information will be sent out March 12 and will go out in waves. There will be several Census Question Day events at the Library, Heritage Center, Family Resource Center, DHS, etc. where people can come for help with the census forms. Volunteers are needed to place posters in the smaller communities in the county.

The Board discussed allocating \$1,000 towards Logan County's efforts to start the Complete Count Census promotions until the grants start coming in. The City of Sterling sent a representative to the core committee meeting last week. They are working on a banner to be hung out over Main Street near the Hot Spot and other banners on the medians on West Main Street to encourage people to complete the census forms. The City may send a letter or flyer to out with water bills for the next few months. There was a poor response rate in the City of Sterling on the last census. The County will coordinate the efforts with the City and other communities for census promotional materials.

Commissioner McBride did hear back from DOLA on the grant, they want the grant application resubmitted for a third time. Commissioner Bauder will meet with Sterling Journal-Advocate reporter, Jeff Rice to discuss a news article on the importance of completing census forms.

Commissioner Pelton noted that there are two county assemblies coming up. This is a good opportunity to have a representative at each one of them to discuss the census.

**MEDIA LOGIC RADIO SPORTSMEN'S EXPERIENCE** – Wayne Johnson and Alicia Iannone of Media Logic gave a presentation to the Board on the third Sportsmen's Expo scheduled for Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April – 25, 2020 at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Johnson discussed changes to this year's event. Sunday has been eliminated.

There may be a long-range shooting sport individual who will do an event on Sunday at the Shooting Sports Complex. Plans are being finalized for this. The Board advised him to discuss reserving the Shooting Sports Range with Dave Appelhans or Dennis Vierow.

Attendance at the even grew last year. Media Logic partnered with NJC's Mudevil Days with 547 people who signed waivers for that event. However, the blizzard on Tuesday affected the gun show people who did not show up. The organizers have been trying to get a local business - Boondocks to participate in the event. Boondock's business boomed last year due to no gun show people at the event. They have agreed to partner with Media Logic for this year's event.

Interactive events are planned, with games and physical activities for children, including a rock climbing wall. The Lions Club provides concessions meals. Mudevil Days is being moved closer to the Sportsmans Expo for available light at night.

Last year the commissioners allowed the fees to be reduced by fifty percent. This is the third year of a five year commitment. They feel the event is taking a turn and getting more attraction. The Board agreed to reduce the fees for the Fairgrounds by fifty percent again this year. Boondocks is attending a show at the end of the month and will invite vendors to come to the event.

A website and social media account has been created with the use of Lodging Tax Board funds.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting agenda for February 4, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting a at 9:25 a.m.