

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session  
January 21, 2025**

Present: Mike Brownell, Jerry Sonnenberg, Jim Yahn, Mattie Haney, Marty Gaines, Dave Conley, Josilyn Lutze, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Rick Cullip, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Work Session as written. Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

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

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – No discussion.

**NJC FOUNDATION** - Mattie Hanie, Executive Director of the NJC Foundation met with the Board. They are getting ready to reapply for a Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative Grant (COSI) for Logan County students. She came to request a letter of support for the COSI allocation. NJC has applied for the allocation every year for the past nine years. It is a shared grant between Logan, Phillips and Sedgwick Counties. Ms. Hanie gave the Board a handout showing a total of \$28,965 in student scholarships available this year. The students must meet a financial requirement of Pell Grant eligibility to be awarded a scholarship. Students can be non-traditional or freshman students from Logan County. Last year they awarded \$39,730 to Logan County students, with an average scholarship of \$1,370 per student. Phillips and Sedgwick Counties did not produce as many applicants, so they were able to give more Logan County students grants. They anticipate having approximately \$28,000 in grants available for the 2025-2026 school year.

There is no full-time student requirement. The NJC Foundation reviews all the applicants, then NJC Financial Aid tells them the students' financial eligibility and whether they're able to be awarded the grant, and then they try to make the best decision from that based on need. If the student is a part-time student, they're probably not going to get the full \$1,300 scholarship. The grant allocation was \$39,730 to Logan County last year. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to have Jennifer draft a letter of support for the NJC Foundation for the COSI grant. Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER, 2024** – Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for November, 2024. Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

**LISA YOUNG PADRONI PROPERTY CLEANUP** – Lisa Young met with the Board concerning her property in Padroni. Young met with the Board last year and was told to come back today to report progress on cleaning up the property. She showed the Board progress photos from her phone. She was asked to contact Rob Quint in the Planning and Zoning Office to give him the progress report so that he can assess the progress. Ms. Young gave the Board her phone number (970-520-0036). Young would like a letter from Mr. Quint giving his approval of the progress or telling her what else needs to be done for her records. Ms. Young said that she can text photos to Mr. Quint if he wants them.

The meeting recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

**LION'S CLUB RE: HERITAGE CENTER** – Dan Torres met with the Board regarding the Heritage Center building. Mr. Torres said that the Lions Club is looking for a meeting place since it has lost the Elks Club as a

meeting place. NJC has allowed them to meet at their cafeteria. Torres said that the Lions Club would be interested in renting or buying the building if and when the County builds a new building for the Heritage Center. He suggested that possibly other organizations could join together with the Lion's Club to make it financially feasible for each organization to buy or rent the building. The Lion's Club has a Student of the Month Program where they honor students and their parents. The Heritage Center's industrial kitchen would be beneficial for that program and others. Mr. Torres wanted the Board to know that the Lions Club would like to be first in line to show interest in the Heritage Center building, either to rent it or purchase it.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.