

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**January 5, 2021**

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Valerie Richards, Debbie Unrein, Alan Samber, Marilee Johnson, Diana Korbe, and 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 December 22, 2020 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – Commissioner Pelton added discussion of Shooting Sports Range Memberships. Commissioner McBride added a support letter to AARP regarding a Livable Community designation.

**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 January 5, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approve as presented.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board will ratify an additional CARES grant payment that was issued on December 22, 2020 to Spurz Grill.

**FIVE STAR PROGRAM**- Debbie Unrein submitted the application but has not heard whether it has been approved.

**SENATE BILL 1**- Debbie Unrein submitted the application. Restaurants and bars are now allowed to be open again as of January 4, 2021. However, the establishments were closed as of December 31, 2020 which is the date that was included in the Senate Bill. The Board agreed that the county will move forward with the application and will be prepared to start advertising this next week as there is a short turnaround period for applications.

**VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER FOR MORGAN COUNTY** – Debbie Unrein discussed a call she received from Morgan County asking how much they owe for temporary use of the services of the Logan County Veteran’s Service Officer while their position is vacant. Morgan County was under the impression that an IGA is needed. The Board agreed an IGA is not necessary if the service for Morgan County has not been causing John Haynie to work additional hours.

**AARP LIVABLE COMMUNITY** – Commissioner McBride submitted a letter of support for the Board’s signature concerning designating Logan County as an AARP Livable Community which states that Logan County is age friendly. If the county is awarded an AARP Livable Community designation, there will be grant opportunities made available. The Board agreed to the letter.

**SHOOTING SPORTS RANGE** – Commissioner Pelton received an email from Brian Kailey at the Extension Office inquiring whether extension agents could be considered for use of the

Logan County Shooting Sports range as Logan County employees are now receiving a benefit for family membership to the shooting range. The agents are state employees work closely with the county. This would be just three agents, Brian Kailey, JD Sexton and the new employee. This would be just for the shooting range, they are not requesting the city recreation center privileges. The Board agreed to approve the request.

**CITY/COUNTY IGA RE: REC CENTER & SHOOTING RANGE** - Diana Korbe joined the meeting to discuss the IGA between the City of Sterling and Logan County. Under the IGA, employees of the city and county receive privileges at both the City of Sterling Recreation Center and the Logan County Shooting Sports Range. There were 109 county employees signing up for the City Recreation Center and 116 City of Sterling employees signing up for the shooting range.

The City Manager, Don Saling called to inquire about county enrollments because Department of Human Services employees who were enrolling provided State of Colorado emails. DHS employees are county employees but have state e-mail addresses. Mr. Saling thought that the County was enrolling court employees.

The Board agreed that employees can only sign up members living in the same household. The IGA says employees have to be living in the same household for membership privileges. This includes legally married couples.

It was brought to Logan County Human Resource Department's attention an employee who used to work for the City now works for the county, but is not legally married to their significant other. Diana told the Board that employees can claim Common Law married to receive county benefits. City rules are specific to legal marriages. The County allows domestic partnerships and does not ask about marriage. There are multiple people with different names

It was suggested to leave the same rules as applies to domestic violence situations – ask if the person is in a relationship with the other person, if the answer is yes, then it counts.

There is one situation where a county employee's adult children and their grandchildren are all living under the same household. It will not impact the shooting range but it will impact the city rec. center. The Board agreed that the benefit should not cover the grandchildren. Adult children in home should not be a part of the benefit. The IGA wording is "family members who reside with them at their same street address. The Board then agreed that adult children and grandchildren could be extended the benefit. The Board then noted that employees should be notified if the program is abused, then the program will go away.

IGA may need to be changed to allow dependents that can be claimed on the employee's taxes. The IGA term is three years and can be amended if it is felt that it is being abused.

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