

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

March 9, 2021

Present: Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Shannon Graves, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Tom Kiel, Karah Quint, Diana Korbe, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Vice-Chairman Bauder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Work Session as written. Vice-Chairman Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review and approve the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated March 9, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved Department of Human Services payroll for the period February 13 through February 26, 2021.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner McBride noted that Tom Kiel will be added to the agenda under Commissioner Issues.

LOGAN COUNTY FAIR TICKET SALES – Karah Quint, Jerry Casebolt and Marilee Johnson met with the Board concerning 2021 Logan County Fair Tickets sales. The group has been working on seating charts taking into account the capacity restrictions for the fairgrounds stadium. They have worked on several scenarios with the “next best case scenario diminished capacity” Jerry Casebolt believes that the Health Department will approve the seating chart that they have prepared. The Fair Board will look at this Thursday. The best case scenario would be operating with no restrictions. Casebolt believes that seating restrictions may not be necessary due to the number of vaccinations by that time would be most of the state. They still wanted to have something planned in case there are still restrictions in place.

In planning, they looked at the seating chart for each event and the numbers of tickets that are sold and what needs to be sold in order to break even on each event. The capacity restrictions allow 2,012 seats in the grandstands using social distancing requirements. This does not reflect the standing room and party zone tickets sold for the night show. The Board discussed that the Fair Board may be able to attract some additional sponsors for each event. There are several new sponsors for the Tractor Pull.

At the last Fair Board meeting it was decided to proceed with a carnival. The Fair Board will plan as normal as they can right now and hope for the best.

Karah, Quint discussed the tentative date for tickets to go on sale at the end of April. She first needs to reissue the tickets that were sold last year and rolled over to this year. The general admission, standing area capacity has not been determined yet. The Fair Board will discuss this Thursday night and then they will take the plan to the Health Department. They will bring this back to the Commissioners next week after the Fair Board meeting. Covid-19 regulations are changing all the time. The plan can be modified as things change.

ZONING CHANGE ON STATE LAND – Tom Kiel met with the Board to request a change in zoning on a large property that is now zoned Ag with Industrial Use. Kiel would like to change the zoning to Industrial with Ag use. Trae Miller gets a lot of interest in the property but interest is lost once they find out the zoning is Ag. Trae has talked to the State Land Board and they are in favor of changing the zoning to Industrial,

The State Land Board is in favor of changing the zoning to industrial and could initiate a zoning change for the 1,344 acres. If the state needs to initiate the process, there may be some hurdles there. If they can get the zoning changed, then he and Trae Miller can work on determining how close the sewer and water are and get that project shovel ready for any potential buyers.

The industrial park was rezoned to Industrial for Project Green. It makes sense that the surrounding area would be zoned Industrial. The Board agreed that the change in zoning should be pursued. Tom Kiel will get with Trae Miller to ask him to reach out to the State. Alan Samber noted that the process is simpler if the land owner initiates the change in zoning.

HERITAGE CENTER REOPENING – Cynthia Mills met with the Board to discuss the plan she worked on for reopening the Heritage Center to the public. The calendar of activities is not completely full yet. There is a plan to sanitize and distance for each of the activities. According to the Health Department they can't have people playing cards yet. So other activities have been planned to fill in.

The CDC has said that if all of the persons in a group have been vaccinated, they could play cards with their masks off. Cynthia does not know for sure what percentages of the older adults have been vaccinating. The reopening plan was developed according to the Health Department standards at the time. The standards change almost daily. There are inconsistencies in areas and among counties. Cynthia will contact the health department to confirm regulations. Morgan County Senior Center is allowing card playing. It is hoped conditions continue to improve.

Cynthia needs to finish the signage and get the traffic flow plan in place. Congregate meals are not going to take place until late spring or the first of June. They will move forward without them right now.

A lot of people are anticipated for exercising. According to the distancing plan, the classroom can hold 20 people. Before Covid, Yoga was easily averaging 30 people. She asked for permission to purchase the Signup Genius software to help with crowd control. The online ap, costs \$44.99 per month. The Board approved the purchase of the ap.

Arlyn is constructing a plexiglass partition for Silver Sneakers and the signup area for the volunteers that come in and take care of meals. Traffic flow patterns will need to be redone when keys for the doors behind the pool table area can be located or the doors re-keyed. Cynthia requested one more temp taker to use at that entrance. The building will be fogged at the end of each day. Jerry Casebolt has vinyl arrows to stick on the floor for six foot distancing.

Jerry Casebolt will add Cynthia Mills to the e-mail group that is notified on new rules as they come out. She will communicate with volunteers and staff that are in the high risk groups to see if they are comfortable coming back if they have been vaccinated.

Cynthia also discussed the Aging Mastery Program that the CSU Engagement Center is partnering with the County Extension agents to teach. The personal program for aging well consists of five weeks of short programs in two sessions a week. Seniors commit to attending all of the sessions. RSVP's are required to attend the program. A flyer will be put up on the bulletin board to advertise it.

VFW DISCHARGE FIREARMS – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Veterans of Foreign Wars American Legion discharge of firearms at the opening ceremonies of Mudevil Days at the Logan County Fairgrounds. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

AFTER PROM EVENT AT FAIRGROUNDS – The Board agreed to allow the After Prom event to schedule at the fairgrounds and to allow the event to go to 3 a.m. The Board suggested they have security at the event for liability's sake. The Sheriff's Posse could be contacted.

SPECIAL ADVERTISING SECTION ADS - Marilee Johnson asked the Board to look at a sample advertisement to go into a special advertising section in the Journal-Advocate. The ad cost is \$85. The Board approved the sample ad which will be placed in the J-A and in the Salute to Agriculture special section in the Journal-Advocate.

The Board commended Marilee Johnson for being selected to be highlighted in a recent newspaper article.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.