

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**September 29, 2020**

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Trae Miller Jim Horner, Cindy Horner, Jerry Casebolt, Marilee Johnson, Jeff Rice, Rob Quint, Mark Hillier, Debbie Unrein, Ty Lebsock, Lee Holtorff and Jennifer Crow

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2020 as written. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried.

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

**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 September 29, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board will table the approval of the second round of small business grants. Resolution 2020-35 and 2020-36 will be postponed until October 6, 2020.

**MARK HILLIER – INSURANCE QUOTES** – Mark Hillier is with the company Benefit Health Adviser. They do partner locally with Gordon Insurance. They work with the independent carriers such as Anthem, United, Cigna, and Aetna. Hillier got quotes from all but Aetna. Cigna is very similar to what is currently being used as far as benefits. Cigna did not quote pharmacy deductibles, they have flat co-pays. The current program uses the greater of a flat copay or a percentage. They did quote an HSA plan as well. Overall, Hillier believed Cigna to be a better plan for employees from a benefit perspective. The Cigna plan comes in at \$2.4 million. Anthem quotes at \$2.5 million and is similar from a benefit perspective. Starmart comes in at \$2.8 million and uses the Cigna network. United Health Care is similar in benefits and comes in at \$2.35 million. Hillier presented several claims and expanded discussion on Cigna plan as it is the best proposal they feel for Logan County. The handout presented by Hillier has complete details from his presentation. Mark Hillier met with Administrative Officer, Diana Korbe, to further discuss Insurance plans.

Chairman McBride called a recess at 9:28 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

**PLASTIC DISPOSAL** – Ty Lebsock met with the Board on behalf of L7 LLC and Dave Lebsock in response to the letter from the Logan County Attorney's office. Lebsock read the letter that was received and explained that the black plastic was the result of an agricultural adventure in 2019 have been temporarily placed on the property until a disposal solution can be

found. It is not the intent for the plastic to remain there long term. The intent is not to bury the plastic. It was placed in a natural ravine formed decades ago and windblown areas have been covered by wood pallets to keep the plastic down. L7 is currently looking for an environmentally safe and financially affordable way to dispose of the plastic. They originally started by burning small piles of the plastic but Chief Ritter let them know that the Colorado Clean Air Act said that burning the plastic is not an option. They have tried taking loads of the plastic out to the landfill and found out that this is not an economically feasible solution for the amount of plastic that needs to be disposed of. The current plan is to store the waste on the property and haul off as time and financial resources allows to. Lebsack would like any assistance provided by the Commissioner's office. Whether that be support in a one-time exemption to burn the plastic or a more affordable option to haul the plastic to the landfill. The Commissioners decided the date of January 1, 2023 that the plastic must be properly disposed. L7 can work with Matt Chrisp, Landfill Supervisor, to discuss options for dumping at the Logan County Landfill.

**SMALL BUSINESS GRANT APPLICATION** – Lee Holtorff met with the Board to discuss the Small Business Grant. Lee Holtorff is the owner and founder of Dashabout Taxi and Dashabout Shuttle. She has been providing taxi service in NE Colorado for 25 years with a shuttle to and from Sterling and Denver and the Front Range. The Dashabout taxi and shuttle was providing numerous citizens with safe and reliable transportation. When COVID hit, ridership plummeted and employees were choosing to move on. Dashabout was losing a tremendous amount of money and needed to seek help. Although, the guidelines for the Small Business Grant Cares Act Money said that businesses had to be residents of Logan County to apply. Holtorff is asking for an exception to these rules being that her headquarters are 5 miles from the Logan County line. Commissioner McBride informed Holtorff that there will be no exceptions for the eligibility for this specific grant. However, there may be other grants through NECALG or Energize Colorado GAP Fund that give grants up to \$15,000.

**JUSTICE CENTER PAYOFF** – Debbie Unrein met with the Board to inform them that the Justice Center is eligible for payoff. There are two years remaining to pay but can pay off the rest this year. The Commissioners agreed to go through with the pay off. Although it can't be done until December.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.