

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

September 15, 2020

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Jerry Casebolt, Marilee Johnson, Jeff Rice, Rob Quint, Karah Quint, and Jennifer Crow

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Minutes of the September 8 work session were not ready.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated September 15, 2020. The Board approved as presented.

LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE COLLECTION ASSIGNMENTS - Commissioner Pelton moved to approve assignment of Logan County Ambulance debt collections accounts with account numbers ending in 69099, 67001, and 69029, 69033, 69034, 69036, 69037, 69039 to Wakefield and Associates, and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

AUDIENCE VIEW CONTRACT - Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the contract with Audience View and to allow the chairman to sign. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 2020 - Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for August 2020. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA/ YOST SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION – One addition to the agenda was discussed by Rob Quint. The Subdivision Exemption for Casey Yost will be added to the agenda and tabled because it was advertised to be approved September 15. Yosts could not get the title work and mylar plat finished in time to add it to the agenda.

LOGAN COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM - Jerry Casebolt briefed the Board concerning approval of the first round of Small Business Grant Applications. The county received 85 applications. Of that number, 40 applicants submitted enough information to move forward with the grant approval. Two applicants were denied due to having received over the amount to be eligible through other CARES act money. The remaining 43 applicants were asked to submit additional information by September 18th. When the additional information is reviewed, approval of those grants can be scheduled for the next business meeting September 29th. After those applications are approved they will know if there will be enough money available for another round of grants.

The next round will need to wait until the amount of funding remaining can be determined. Approximately \$110,000 - \$115,000 in PPE supplies has been purchased by the county for county and other communities' use.

The State Controller recently stated that the small business grants don't fall under the same scrutiny that county reimbursement grants have fallen under. The applicants could not be reimbursed for lost wages or payroll on this grant. Instead, utilities, mortgage or rent, telephone and internet were the types of things that could be reimbursed.

If the applicants are all approved in this round, the total amount of the grants awarded will be \$620,000. The amount that the City of Sterling has requests reimbursement for will also be taken into consideration. Once that number is available, they will know how much is available for a second round of grants.

COMMUNITY COVID-19 CASES - As of this date, there are 101 total active cases in the county, most of them are ATC (Advantage Treatment Center). Hospice of the Plains has been shut down for fourteen days starting September 14. They are trying to get staff from other area hospice organizations to cover their patients. Devonshire has had a couple of cases. It does not sound like it spread throughout the facility. Casebolt does not know how many positive cases are Devonshire residents and how many are staff. The Credit Union had several cases and Trinidad Benham has one plant closed due to many of their employees being ATC clients. The affected businesses have been provided appropriate PPE. The total does not include numbers for today or Sunday and Monday test numbers, approximately 38-39 test results are pending.

The county is still purchasing PPE for local businesses which has been especially helpful with the outbreaks at Advantage Treatment Center (ATC), Hospice of the Plains and Devonshire. Casebolt said gloves are hard to obtain at a reasonable price. Additional PPE resources are being researched.

It was suggested that local businesses be contacted to submit a bid for sourcing PPE if they can supply it at a more reasonable price than can be obtained on-line.

Trish McClain at Northeast Colorado Health Department said there is a possibility that CDPHE could come out to do some testing if necessary.

Casebolt was asked how the outbreaks will affect the county's variance. Casebolt stated that he believes the variance trigger point is the number of hospitalizations. As long as the hospital is not stressed, the variance should still be ok. Information from the hospital director is being gathered to be able to show what the numbers of hospitalized cases are if such a letter is received. It is not known how many people are sick and how many are A-symptomatic.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.