

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**April 26, 2022**

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Ashley Smith, Rhonda Chrisp, Debbie Unrein, Chance Wright, Rob Quint, Marilee Johnson, Diana Korbe, and Jeff Rice.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – Commissioner Pelton added two items, collective bargaining and meeting schedule.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Ashley Smith met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated April 26, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS** – Rhonda Chrisp met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated April 26, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**DAVE LONG, LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES** – Dave Long met with the Board to discuss and review Cooperative Ministries TANF contract to see if it could be scheduled quicker at the next business meeting which would be quicker than the next Human Services Board meeting. Dave also received the contract from the State for the revamped budget for Logan County specific for the Continuum of Care Grant. This includes numbers re-done numbers \$82,000 Dave talked to the state and recognized in their budget that they had money left over from the big pool of the \$9.3 million so they backfilled with \$48,000, the reduction of what was asked for. The third item is the third local ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Logan County Services Grant with New Pathways for the reduced amount of \$82,000 which was the amount reduced by the state. The instructions state that the county cannot get started until the signed contract comes back from the state comptroller.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** – The bill was introduced late last night. It only includes counties. It takes away the counties right to say no. Part of the issue is – counties across the state have put together what the fiscal impact would do to counties. The cost added to Logan County could be anywhere from \$2.9 million dollars to \$4.1 million dollars. If that was to occur, the reality would be a reduction in staff. If the county has to hire someone to negotiate with unions, that is an additional cost, and cuts will need to be made elsewhere. Commissioner Pelton stated that employee's salaries have gone up 26% or \$2.1 million in the last five years. Many commissioners across the state feel that it is a solution searching for a problem. Commissioner Pelton will testify against the bill tomorrow. Higher Ed and K-12 were taken out.

**COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS** – It was discussed previously to reduce the number of commissioners meetings to two or three meetings per month to reduce the pressure on staff preparing the agendas. The Board will still be in the office to sign bills on Tuesdays. If there are problems with a certain bill, it can be held out and discussed in a meeting. In May there will be meetings on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays.

**JUSTICE CENTER COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES** – Chance Wright met with the Board concerning the PC's and electronic security systems at the detention center. The P.C's and software are being recommended for replacement. It is recommended that they be replaced every 3-5 years in a standard working environment where devices are routinely shut down and rebooted, such as a business office. The components in this system have been running 24/7 on their fifth year. There are no backups. For the last year the system has been having problems booting up. He has filled out a purchase requisition for a replacement system to be paid for from the Jail budget. It will fall on Chance in the middle of the night if the system fails and they have to go key all the doors and do face to face visits, etc. The cost is roughly \$25,000. The maintenance contract is up this year the price will go up \$1,400. The Board approved the purchase from the Sales and Use Tax.

**AARON TILDEN FAIRGROUNDS LIGHTING TIMELINE** – Chance Wright noted that Aaron was trying to call him while he was meeting with the Board. Chance has not received a definite answer about the timeline yet. Tilden is meeting with the Board next week and should be able to give the Board more information.

**FEMA UPDATE** – Rob Quint met with the Board to share an update on the progress being made with FEMA. Quint has been working with Alan Samber and has been put together information and has included pictures with each project. Some of them will still need elevation certificates for the action plan. Since there is not a local surveyor anymore, the elevation certificates will run around \$1,800 each. Quint asked the Board if it wanted him to talk to contractors to get bids if the properties needed to get bids for corrections. If FEMA wants the action plan with that much detail, that is what will need to be done. Rob is not sure how receptive the contractors will be to giving their time to give bids not knowing if the projects will move forward. They may want to charge for their bids. The plan is a very in-depth process and will take a lot of hours. He has had to find ways to get to the back sides of certain properties without going on to the properties.

Quint has been talking to other counties in the U.S. that have gone through this process with FEMA and have become compliant. Several towns had bridges that had issues that had to be dealt with but nothing like this county is dealing with in terms of residential properties. Representative Ken Buck was consulted a few years ago and told the counties that it is on them to comply with FEMA. It is expected that Senator Hickenlooper is likely to do the same. Quint has sent information to Commissioner McBride about private insurance which is available now, which takes away the federal aspect of the issue.

Commissioner Bauder asked if Ft. Collins and Greeley had been paid in full yet from the flood in 2015, they are owed several million dollars from the Federal Government. Maybe the best thing to do is to go to private insurance and not put all this manpower to getting this program done.

Debbie Unrein said that FEMA did pay for damages to roads and bridges to Logan County from the last flood.

**FAIR BOARD ALCOHOL** – Diana Korbe reported that the Fair Board recently voted to serve alcohol at the Junior Livestock Sale. The Fair Board wants to pay for two tickets for each buyer to have two free beers at the sale. The Board said that the county will not pay for the alcohol. The Fair Board will try to get a sponsor for the beers. Knights of Columbus is willing to serve the beer. It is a county policy to not purchase beer. Faith will let the Fair Board know of the policy.

**TREASURER** – The Board discussed whether the funds had been transferred from the Justice Center Fund. Debbie Unrein will send an e-mail when she receives notice that it has been transferred. Commissioner Pelton forwarded a copy of a letter that Patty Bartlett sent.

**TRAVEL STORIES AP** – Marilee Johnson reported that she has been working on a project with Northeast Colorado Counties. A grant was received to create an App to build an app called Travel Stories. Commissioner McBride is one of the narrators and Anna Scott from Julesburg did part of it. Phase One was just finished which is between Wiggins and Julesburg and the next phase goes from Julesburg to the highway that goes south. Commissioner McBride said the stories were very good and he was surprised to learn some of the history from some of them. Marilee said the stories were about histories of Pioneer Women and Cattlemen and nature and outdoors.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.