

## Logan County Commissioners Work Session

April 6, 2021

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Alma McArthur, Loretta Davidson, Rob Quint, Shannon Graves, Darlene Carpio, Dave Long, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Byron Pelton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder made several corrections to the March 30, 2021 minutes: HAYSTACK FIRE paragraph, remove the first “*on*” after 50,000-60,000; “The wind was blowing from the west to and *changed to* coming from the north”; change the spelling of Knowells to *Knolls*. Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Work Session as corrected. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** - There were no revisions to the Work Session Agenda.

**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 April 6, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the Department of Human Services payroll for the period March 13, 2021 through March 26, 2021.

**REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board reviewed the April 6, 2021 Business Meeting Agenda. Jennifer Crow stated that the bid opening for the unclaimed indigent burial should be added to the agenda.

Commissioner McBride asked if the resolution on the President’s executive order 30 x 30 Federal Property would be better to send as a letter rather than a resolution. The Board agreed to sign the resolution and send it to the President and legislators. The resolution is modeled after Las Animas County’s resolution.

Chairman Pelton will not be able to attend the inspection of the Logan County Jail. Commissioners McBride and Bauder will inspect the jail.

**FEMA UPDATE** - Rob Quint met with the Board to give an update on the properties that are in violation of the FEMA regulations. Five elevation certificates have been completed. Four of them have been done by Anne Korbe working with Forrest Leaf and the other came directly from Viaero. Studies have been done on these properties. He is waiting for a response from Harry Katz on whether FEMA will accept these five at this time. Katz had asked that all of the files be sent at one time. Quint would like to send these five to FEMA to see whether they will be accepted and can be taken off the list of twelve. Quint does not want to hold on to these completed ones until the remaining ones are dealt with which will be a longer, slower process.

Quint will work with Alan to send letters to those property owners that refused entrance on to their properties. Rob Quint needs to know if the five will be approved to go forward with the rest. Some of the property elevations are too low by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an inch. FEMA will need to look at them and if they will

not approve those that are off by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an inch, they will then be contacted by letter along with the remaining property owners who did not allow entrance to their properties. Rob will call Harry Katz again, if he does not get a response, one of the commissioners will follow up.

**REPRESENTATIVE KEN BUCK UPDATE** – Darlene Carpio, aide to Representative Ken Buck met with the Board to update them on activities that he has been involved in. The House has been on recess last week and this week. Representative Buck was able to spend some time in his district and was in Hugo, Colorado for a rural health care roundtable.

The Friday before the Colorado “Meat-in events”, Representative Buck did an Ag appreciation floor speech supporting ag.

Proposed legislation before the recess on which Congressman Buck voted no both, passed through the House and on to the Senate. These were Gun Legislation Second Amendment rights was very concerning, this legislation combined two different pieces of legislation - HR8 criminalizes many weapons transfers and imposes unnecessary and redundant background checks that already occur on all gun sales and also HR1446 which delays the sale of fire arms to law abiding citizens, there is no deadline and it could delay that sales transfer indefinitely.

Representative Buck also voted no on the Protecting the Right to Organize Act HR 842 which overturns the right to work laws that are already in place in 27 states. It strips independent contractors of their ability to earn a living and takes away worker’s rights and gives more powers to union bosses. Congress cannot allow union-backed politicians seeking to repay campaign favors to dictate labor policy in this country. The act goes well beyond simply offering workers the opportunity to organize. Local control is best.

The Federal Land Grab package combines two different pieces of legislation, the Wilderness Act and the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act. Combined, these bills will create restrictions on over one million acres of land, new wilderness areas in Colorado. Representative Buck’s concern on this is the Federal Government already owns over 35% of Colorado. This public lands package gives more power to bureaucrats in Washington to enforce onerous restrictions and kill energy jobs. Congressman Buck also said that “Congress should focus on legislation that empowers state and local governments to make the right decisions for their communities, especially when it comes to managing our beautiful outdoors.”

Commissioner McBride asked if Congressman Buck has a standpoint on President Biden’s executive order returning 30 percent of land and water back to the Federal Government. Ms Carpio had not heard of this and did not know what Congressman Buck’s stance is on it. There are a lot of questions with farmers and private property owners. Concerns are when land is designated as Federal Grounds, anything to do with grazing, leasing, etc. is in jeopardy and under new restrictions, leases can be pulled, etc. Commissioner Pelton noted that he would like to see where in the Constitution the Federal Government can own land and if they own the land, why don’t they pay taxes to the state

**LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE ACCOUNTS REFERRED TO COLLECTIONS –**

Commissioner Bauder moved to refer Logan County Ambulance accounts with account numbers ending in 1005 in the amount of \$939.90; 6099 in the amount of \$234.45; 9029 in the amount of \$300; 9033 in the amount of \$53; 9034 in the amount of \$265.00; 9036 in the amount of \$245.40; 9037 in the amount of \$285.00; and 9039 in the amount of \$265 to Wakefield and Associates for collection. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**CENTURY LINK ENDING SUPPORT OF PRI TO COURTHOUSE AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES** – Jerry Casebolt informed the Board that CenturyLink is no longer supporting the PRI that comes into the Courthouse and the Department of Human Services. The existing T-1 will need to be moved to fiber. Joe Young of NewCloud Networks sent new proposals for changing and maintenance of the PRI over to fiber for communications for both the Courthouse and DHS. The Board will need to approve a contract before the end of the year. The new contract is a little less expensive than the current contract.

The Board recalled that the Department of Human Services account with NewCloud was hacked last year and the department was billed \$40,000 for those calls. It took a lot of pushback and several months to clear up. Alan Samber was involved and noted that we were on the brink of litigation on this. The Board asked if there were other companies that could do this. Casebolt will work on finding other businesses that can provide this service. Dave Long spoke from the audience and mentioned that KCI could provide an option.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.