

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

August 10, 2021

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Debbie Unrein, Chip Taylor, Dennis Hunt, Bob McCarty, Brett Powell, Dennis Aulston, Sgt. Fischer, Glenna Phelps-Aurich, Matt Chrisp, Rick Cullip, Marilee Johnson, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION –Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes from August 3, 2021 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried with Chairman Pelton abstaining.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – There were no revisions.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated August 10, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the Department of Human Services' payroll for the period July 17 through July 30, 2021.

LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BODYCAMS AND TASERS – Sheriff Brett Powell, Lt. Dennis Aulston, and Sgt. Dustin Fisher met with the Board to discuss replacement of the Sheriff Department's taser equipment. The Department recently receive 40 brand new bodycams for free. However, the department's tasers are nearing the end of their five-year lifespan. The Covid-19 money (ARPA) that the county is receiving will cover equipment replacement and the purchase of the new tasers. Everything included in the package deal would be \$300,000 if purchased separately. The price for the new equipment with trade-in of the end of life tasers is \$105,000. The package includes free replacement of the new double cartridges and replacement of damaged tasers for five years, training cartridges for every Sheriff's employee (jail and patrol). Credit will be given on the current lease.

Currently, every time tasers are used either on the street or jail or in training, they must purchase new cartridges at a cost of \$40 each. Because they are at their end of life soon, the tasers will not be legally supported by the company. Support includes the backing of insurance in the case of litigation involving the tasers. The second payment of ARPA will come in next year will be paid next year. This lease does not run out until May of 2022, however prices may change at that time.

Lt. Aulston will send additional information and links to the Board. The information for the tasers being covered by the ARPA money will be forwarded. The Board agreed to schedule the approval on the agenda next Tuesday.

Sheriff Powell also notified the Board that through the JBBS program, there is \$15,000 for incentives. Half of the funds went to Morgan County and Logan County's share is \$7882.00 to do with what they see fit. They would prefer that it to go towards JBBS. Sheriff Powell said that the money could go towards something in the jail if the board would like. Something for

repairs that would help Chance's budget. Debbie needs to know where to put the money. These funds are incentives from doing the Turnkey mental health programs in the jail. Sheriff Powell noted that Turnkey programs are the Medicaid assisted treatment which follows the inmates when they get out into the real world, and help them with drug treatment if needed.

CTSI - CHIP TAYLOR, DENNIS HUNT – Chip Taylor and Dennis Hunt of CTSI and Debbie Unrein joined the meeting to discuss grant writing. Commissioner McBride explained that he has envisioned a project which is a pathway for bikes, joggers from Sterling to North Sterling Reservoir. A challenge in Logan County is that there is not a lot of public space in this area. North Sterling State Park is a big asset to the community. The pathway would give opportunities for tourism, and would also help locals with exercise. The county needs help to get funding secured to make it happen.

Dennis Hunt explained that he is semi-retired now. He was Project Manager and wrote grants for several projects for the county in the past. He wrote the grants, managed the projects and closed the grants. Commissioner McBride was interested in hiring a grant writer. Mr. Hunt gave his opinion, that the County needs a project manager to take the project from grant writing all the way through to completion.

The new application for state trails grants just came out August 3rd. The required matching funds have been lowered from 30% to 25% of which 10% must be cash. The Board needs to decide what they are looking to do. The project scope will need to be defined. Every time a project is changed, it cost more money to make changes. A county manager can be a project manager. Mr. Hunt told the Board that Logan County has been fortunate over the years, to have good employees such as Debbie Unrein, Jennifer Crow and Peggy Kircher. Most counties don't have that. Mr. Taylor noted that for a county with no county manager, Logan County is a very well-run county. A project of this type needs a project manager that can be local. Dennis can help by coming to the project once-in-awhile or to find someone, what other uses for such a person.

It was suggested that an intern at the college could help write a grant. The first step is to get a planning grant. Mr. Hunt gave the Board contact information for a person at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department who would be very helpful. Mr. Hunt stressed again that the Board needs to do determine what the project will encompass. The project will need matching funds for the grant, and a person selected who will be in charge.

The grant system requires community support for the grant application. Commissioner McBride has called together a small board with community members and it has a wide range of support for the project. He asked if there has ever been a volunteer board act as project manager. It is fine to have a volunteer group involved in the project, but there does need to be a person who is in charge. Mr. Hunt told the Board he has an example of a planning grant application which was submitted by the City of Sterling.

Commissioner Bauder asked how many counties have a county manager. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hunt told the Board that most counties do have a county manager. Mr. Hunt has helped counties

find and hire county managers. He agreed that the county needs somebody to be the hub that everything goes through.

REDI GRANT AWARD – Trae Miller, Executive Director of Logan County Economic Development made an announcement that DOLA has awarded a \$125,000 REDI grant for the Annex expansion. There is a \$42,500 match that will come from Economic Development. DOC will be working in the annex Wednesday, cleaning up the jail area.

LANDFILL POLE BUILDING – Matt Chrisp and Rick Cullip met with the Board concerning the bids for the new building. There were two bids for different types of buildings. One bid was \$302,000 for a steel building and the other was \$182,000 from the same company for a pole building. Matt Chrisp would like to negotiate the bids to see if there is a way to get a better price. The Board discussed waiting to see if prices on lumber go down, however it was agreed to go ahead and build.

There will be no electrical in the building. It will be built with the manufacturer's method of concrete vs. footers all the way around it. The building will have oversize doors. All equipment will be able to be in the building. Chrisp will look into larger 18' – 20' doors.

The Board agreed to include electrical in the building and use Sales and Use Tax funds could be used to supplement the cost. The building will not be completed until 2022.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION SENATE BILL 21-130 – Alan Samber distributed copies of his draft resolution for terminating the Personal Property tax exemption. New legislation will take the place of the county exemption. The county will lose revenue, but the state will backfill it. The resolution will be scheduled on next week's business meeting.

BROADBAND – Commissioner Bauder is working on this.

PURCHASING POLICY – The changes will need to be approved in the next business meeting on August 17. Alan will send the changes to Diana Korbe to incorporate into the policy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.