

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
December 17, 2019**

Present: Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Byron Pelton, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Kristan Lange, Jerry Casebolt, Marilee Johnson, Cyndi Vandembark, Lavon Ritter, Rob Quint, Matt Chrisp, Rick Cullip, Debbie Unrein, Chris Watt, Joe Yavorski, and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman McBride called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - The minutes of the previous meeting were not ready.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA - The Board will hold a Work Session on Tuesday, December 24. Some county offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and all county offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated December 17, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PAYROLL - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services payroll for the period November 23 through December 6, 2019. The Board approved the payroll as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated December 17, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda.

ONSITE/AND/OR REMOTE TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LOGAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES- Commissioner Bauder discussed the proposals for Onsite/and/or Remote Technical Support for Information Technology and Computer Support Services for Logan County Government Offices. After review, it is believed that the county will save money in the long run to change companies to Paramount Technologies out of Brush, Colorado. The monthly cost will be \$7,400 including setups, ads, changes and other services that are costing extra now. Platinum Technology's proposal is \$7,300 per month before extras. In 2018 the county spent \$150,094 with Platinum Technology. Some of this amount included hardware and servers. The new contract will save approximately \$40,000 per year. The top three proposals were Platinum Technology, Paramount Technologies and Rocky Mountain out of Ft. Collins at \$8,200 a month. Paramount Technologies is 30 minutes away. Commissioner Bauder and Jerry Casebolt met with the top three companies and had conversations to make sure due diligence would be done, Paramount stood out.

HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION - Commissioner Bauder is working with Barker, Rinker, Seacat Architecture out of Denver to do preliminary design work on the Heritage Center

expansion. This company designed the Brighton, Colorado senior center. The preliminary work plan uses focus groups and feasibility tests to determine what type of facility is needed. It is possible that the county and city could combine the rec center and the heritage center instead of building two separate buildings.

Discussions have been held with Wade Gandee and Don Saling. Everyone is on board with working together and designing a joint building. They will invite BRS to do feasibility tests to use resources wisely.

The process develops what the public wants and what can be sustained. The company also designed a facility in Carbon Valley and has that plan to work from. The approximate cost is \$82,000. The county can apply for DOLA grants and the city can apply for GOCO grants and spend very little out of pocket. Other grant funds may be available from AARP.

This company has many awards in design of facilities. The Board questioned whether an RFP would be necessary to comply with county policy. Commissioner Bauder will discuss with Debbie Unrein.

2020 CENSUS - The core committee training meeting went well. There were more people who attended the meeting than anticipated. Another meeting will be scheduled to kick off the Complete Count in January.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Alan Samber researched statutes to determine whether the tax incentives were allowed to be used for the economic development plan. It appears that the statutes do not prohibit anything in the Year One Zero Taxes. Alan will look for other authority, possibly in the enterprise zone statutes. The Economic Development Plan will be tabled until Jane returns.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - Cyndi Vandenburg of the Concerned Citizens for Safe Logan County spoke to the Board. Ms Vandenburg asked for an 18 month moratorium on new wind turbines while zoning is researched and considered. Ms. Vandenburg shared concerns about the larger turbines for the Fleming area. She suggested 2.5 mile setbacks from towns and 1.5 mile setbacks from homes for turbines over 400 feet and a one mile setback from turbines over 300 feet.

The Board discussed that a moratorium will need a commissioner to support and bring the matter forward. Chairman McBride stated he is not in favor of a moratorium. Commissioner Bauder stated that she is also not in favor of a moratorium. No application has been submitted to the county at this time.

Ms. Vandenburg also discussed decommissioning costs and other health issues. Next Era has scheduled a community meeting for Thursday, December 19th in Sterling.

The State of Colorado has opened up state leases to wind towers. Landowners receive pay for use of their land, many of the landowners are out of the area and there is nothing returned to the community for those that are out of the area.

The meeting recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

SILENT RAILROAD CROSSING - No update.

WASTE TO ENERGY PROJECT - Joe Yavorski of CREC Energy met with the Board and gave an update on the waste to energy project he is working on. Matt Chrisp and Rick Cullip also joined the meeting.

Mr. Yavorski reported that MEANS November budget power supply committee made recommendation to the board to advance a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) which is now in final negotiations. The MEANS January 22 board meeting will have a vote on the PPA. This means that he will be able to submit an air permit the end of December to the Colorado Department of Public Health.

The project will obtain waste from Morgan, Washington, and hopefully Yuma and Logan Counties. He is meeting with Yuma County tomorrow night. He will also accept tires from the Denver area. The 20 megawatt facility will take 18 months to build.

A transfer building and facility will be built at the Logan County Landfill. All trash that comes in will be diverted to the transfer facility. A hydraulic press will compact it into large bales and it will be trucked to the Morgan County facility. They will send a truck back with the inerts i.e. rock, concrete, glass, etc.

The Morgan County landfill has two years before they will need to build a new cell. Yavorski can't risk not coming online in two years. The facility will ingest two, two-ton bales a day. The inerts may be able to be used as landfill cover. All organics will be removed from the waste. Contaminated soil is not accepted at the facility and must be disposed of at the landfill. They will not concrete, asbestos, and all electronics will be collected to recycle.

The goal is not to lose jobs with the county workers. It is not known how many county workers it will take to run the transfer facility. Matt Chrisp noted that an impact report was done a couple of years ago to the best of his ability with the details available at the time.

Yavorski would like a signed agreement in March or April. Matt Chrisp will update the report he did by February 1.

CREC Energy's CDPHE air permit is minor permit. The facility burns everything but 3 PPM. All waste is handled within 24 hours so they are not a solid waste permit. Trash is processed locally and on the truck within 8 hours. Twenty-eight metric tons per hour are processed. The State of Colorado wants to see this done.

Yavorski agreed to write a step by step plan, including the amount of land needed and the building size and equipment needed in the transfer station. Yavorski will build the transfer station.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.