**Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**February 11, 2020**

Present: Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Byron Pelton, Shannon Graves, Kristan Lange, Marilee Johnson, Matt Chrisp, Joe Yavorski,Trae Miller, Darrel Mertens, Karah Karg, Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2020 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA –** Removal of Commissioners Proceedings.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE 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 February 4, 2020. 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 January 18, 2020 through January 31, 2020. 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 February 4, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**2020 CENSUS –** Commissioner Bauder reported there will be a Census Help Day on April 1st. There will also be one on April 15th at the Heritage Center from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Trying to have another at the Department of Human Services building but still trying to make that work. Commissioner Bauder is still waiting to hear back from the City. Bob Brown is supposed to get back with Commissioner Bauder today about putting a banner across Main Street and Flags on the light poles.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN –** No update.

**HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION –** Commissioner Bauder received one more Expansion Plan proposal but three are needed to apply for the grant.

**WIND ENERGY FARM –** Darrel Mertens, the owner of Aero Applicators, met with the Commissioners to voice his concern about the new wind farm project in Peetz, CO. Darrel spoke about the importance of our community being an agricultural community and how the wind farm will take away from that. The wind turbines have made his job extremely difficult as he has to try and maneuver around the turbines while spraying farmer’s crops. Darrel believes the turbines and wind farms should be placed closer to the Front Range since that is where the energy is being transported to.

**PRESIDENT/CEO CREATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS –** Joe Yavorski of Creative Energy Systems and Matt Chrisp, Logan County Landfill Supervisor, met with the Commissioners about the efficiency of a transfer station at the Logan County Landfill. Joe Yavorski will station a dumping building and several pieces of equipment at the Landfill that will help the Logan County Landfill be suitable for a process that converts garbage to small pellets that can be used for other sources of energy. Creative Energy Systems is able to grind the garbage and convert it to energy. Concrete, rock and dirt will be returned to the County for disposal. Commissioner McBride would like to see hard numbers and figures as far as cost and efficiency of the project.

Matt believes that if the project does not work out, the Landfill will be able to return to their former operations without any troubles.

It is projected that the construction for the project will begin in October of 2020 and the first load will be taken out in March or April of 2022.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** None

**ADJOURNMENT –** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.