

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
February 5, 2019**

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Lindsey Reeves, Jeff Rice, and Amber St. Clair-Kapteyn.

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

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for the February 5, 2019. The Business Meeting Agenda was approved with the following revisions to the Consent Agenda:

Addition: Approval of the Veterans Service Officers monthly report and certification of pay.

Removal: Remove Snow Plow Proposal from agenda as it will be re-bid with the chassis

FAIRBOARD UPDATE: During discussion Chairman McBride requested Marilee Johnson notify the Fair Board that per a discussion with County Attorney Allan Samber we will no longer take personal checks for Fair activities.

The meeting recessed at 9:24 a.m. and reconvened 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Chairman Byron Pelton moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 work session. Commissioner Jane Bauder seconded; motion carried.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the DHS schedule of bills dated February 5, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Lindsey Reeves met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated February 5, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

CITY OF STERLING SPECIAL ELECTION - Don Saling, City of Sterling Manager and Pam Bacon, County Clerk & Recorder presented a special election request for Sterling to discuss the cost. Pam discussed the timeline of 100 days as the first critical day to be done for a June special election to be held. As county clerk they normally do not run special elections but since Pam is elected she feels compelled to assist. The City coordinates with the County Clerk's office to coordinate with elections and there will be one held in November. November election notice would be July 26, certification would be Sept 6, and IGA's would need to be signed by August 7. No special election can be held within 90 days prior to a regular election. The cost to the city typically runs \$8,700 to \$11,000 for November coordinated election. The election is charged by percent of cost for that entity based on how many voters are registered in the entity's district and how many issues voters will be voting on that ballot. When more entities coordinate an election the costs decrease and larger entities absorb more of the cost. To conduct a special election everything is an additional cost to the billed to entity. Statutory required elections are not charged everything. Current contracts need to be reviewed, salaries, attorney fees and IGA's

are up to entity. Pam files security plans, surveys, etc. ahead of time. IGA's are done 70 days approval prior to election. The 100 day out mark is for the Secretary of State Office to approve plans, etc. Military ballots have to go out 45 days prior to the election. The County is currently budgeted for the November election. A special budget would have to be done for 2019 to cover the special elections. Another supplemental budget would have to be done for the money the City would pay the County for 2019. The cost variance is in staffing and salaries because it is not normally tracked and would have to be tracked for the special election. Special election costs are estimated at \$48,671 with the unknown variable of staffing costs.

The earliest they could schedule would be May 7, waiving the 100 day notice because it was already given. All plans will need to be submitted by tomorrow but the State may give some additional time to complete. June/July would not be the preference for holding the election. Title 31 applies and states a municipality may agree to hold under 1, otherwise 31 title laws apply. Don stated in order to float bonds the next application cut off is June 15 for funds to be available October/November this year. If the county considers holding the election Don will present to City Council to see what they want to do. The City will need to decide to pay the estimated cost now to hold the special election or to postpone the election until November. The City Council meets February 12. Chairman McBride and Commissioner Pelton are okay with the election if it works for Pam and it is paid for by the City. Elections push back county work and scanning envelopes into the system post-election would be a cost that would be absorbed by the department.

Interest in voters may increase with the Special Election based on financial impact and the outcome of the vote. If passed the sewer rate could potentially decrease. The fee is based on the current waste water treatment plant. If the project comes back to new debt obligation the rate would adjust. Pam's IGA requirements would be to run under Title 1, and all voters must reside within the City of Sterling. Don will work with the City Council and Pam. Pam noted she would be willing to attend the City Council meeting and Don stated it wasn't necessary. The special election would be officially finalized May 16.

10:24 Commissioner Bauder left for an emergency

SENATOR CORY GARDNER UPDATE - Darlene Carpio updated the board on proposed legislation.

Rural Work Force - the rural work force proposed to revisit the requirements of doing residency in the rural area to draw talent to the rural area in hopes that they stay.

Death Tax Repeal Act – The proposed tax may potentially effect family farms, etc.

Teachers Leaders Act – The proposed is a potential partnership with colleges and high needs schools to develop and support locally by peer coaching to development local skills.

529 Expansion and Modernization Act – The proposed is to assist students to increase the trade industry with apprenticeships given to local communities helps to keep trades local.

USDA Awarded Grant - 1.6 million grant was awarded to CU Boulder to support Research of

soil crops.

Nomination of Interior Manager for Natural Resources – Darlene announced that David Bernhardt of Colorado was nominated to Department of Interior to manage our natural resources.

Colorado Capital Conference – Darlene asked if the Board has interest in attending the Colorado Capital Conference in Washington DC on June 5 - 7. This is a good opportunity to get involved in the law making/policy making process.

Darlene attended a municipality meeting years ago and is interested in attending again. Byron stated there will be a meeting February 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Court House. Topics will be a local flood issues presentation, waste water treatment and CDPHE, a dog nuisance policy. Darlene stated she would like to schedule a tour of local communities with CDPHE. Byron is working with Commissioner Ryan for CDPHE in Eagle County to schedule a meeting to engage in a tour. Darlene met with economic developer a couple months ago, Youth Link will be meeting tomorrow. Jeff Rice suggested Darlene attend the Lower South Platte Mitigation Study Master Plan being held this coming Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. The Logan County Water Conservation District will meet at 11:00 a.m. The CSU Engagement Center starts at 1:00 p.m. Jeff Rice will be attending all three events. Chairman McBride added that what is important is the have the packet completed by local municipalities prior. The Board discussed that Union Pacific should be involved.

Commissioner Pelton asked Darlene about the presentation held by Dave Long in Akron regarding the Opioid problems. The Northeast half of the State is the worst part of the state due local highway trafficking. Commissioner Pelton discussed that Meth in our top issues and asked if the State has any funds available to help fight this. Mental Health fund needs have increased and we are working to get more funds to counties. The thought is to get it to the schools. Assistance is needed to address coordinated drug task forces as funding stopped a few years ago. It helped when there were funds for DEA in the area. Approximately 61 children were removed from their homes in Logan County due to meth related issues. We have spent 1.3 million and we are currently over spent by one million dollars in Child Welfare. Commissioner Pelton is working to get more money to assist with this. Darlene will research grants, etc. and offered that Senator Gardner is always to send letters of support for Federal Funding requests. Darlene stated policy concerns will be shared. Chairman McBride noted that task forces where not 100% funded but main funding was from federal funds. For a smaller agency working in narcotics there are not enough resources to continue where the task force used to work in the smaller communities.

COMMISSIONERS/STAFF ISSUES

Ambulance Service Proposals - Wade Tyrrell, with Sterling Regional Medical Center updated the Board on the status on local ambulance transport. Proposals were sought by six independent transport companies and entities outside the county. An overview of the hospital and historical transfers were discussed. Requested proposals included co-branding; collaborate services to serve our community; licensing for 24/7 service; basic and advanced life support; a fluid work force, scheduling etc.; medications and equipment; mechanical maintenance of vehicles; the

Banner name to be included. Provisions offered were parking, space for employees, discounts, etc. Contract provisions and the payer mix were provided and liability coverages were required.

A non-disclosure agreement was completed by three entities and of the three, two requested to continue with a proposal. Of the two, one entity dropped out, one entity responded on time and the other requested a two-week extension due to urgent issues with the owner. AMR is considering expanding to cover Brush and Sterling. The AMR proposal will be submitted after February 15 when the original responders have reported. The IGA bid due June 30 received is for \$480,000 per year to provide transportation services from one hospital to another. Urgent transportation will not be done by the City and the proposed company will be available for calls for urgent transports. The City of Sterling's budget will need to be adjusted to compensate the urgent transportation addition. Chairman McBride requests Wade Tyrrell return to the Board meeting on March 5, 2019. Wade stated he will present the option of Banner going into a cost share for space. Staffing locally shouldn't be an issue with local trained staff available. Included in the agreement is to be available for transports from smaller communities to the hospital. The agreement includes that if the selected vendor is out of town on a transport they are able to call on one of the local transportation entities to assist with calls.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lease Agreement - Alan will reach back out to Trae Miller to work through the Lease Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Logan Well Users Meeting – There is a Logan Well Users meeting Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. The Board can appoint a proxy to attend if it desires to do that. Since there is little impact on Logan County there will be no Board attendance.

Sterling Livestock Auction, February 25 – There will be a Road & Bridge van in the auction, Road & Bridge will get VIN numbers and send them over by Friday. There will be 7 to 8 vehicles available for sale.

The Sheriff requested that funds from the sale of the old range trailer be used in the firearm fund. A request was also presented to sell four high mileage Dodge Chargers with all equipment to Rio Grand County. The \$8,000 would go toward new vehicles and it would save the expense of stripping all equipment. Alan will research and get back to the Board. The Board is in agreement with the sale if approved by Alan.

Carport - No updates

Landfill – Commissioner Pelton proposed consideration of a request from Landfill Supervisor Matt Chrisp for a landfill fee schedule change. The request by Matt Chrisp is that industrial waste for \$42 per ton be changed to \$36.17 per ton. Research done shows there is a possible \$80,000 more to collect if rate is changed. The Mill Levy in the past 11 years has been increasing. Logan County is a medium sized landfill and Matt Chrisp's proposed changes to rates comparable to local landfills. Morgan County is currently \$35 per ton, Yuma County is

currently \$28 per ton and Logan County is \$21 per ton. Commissioner Pelton will ask Matt Crisp to prepare the rate increase in a format for review for the Board to review on February 12.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.