

## Logan County Commissioners Work Session

January 4, 2022

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Ashley Smith, Rhonda Chrisp, Chris Connor, Marilee Johnson, Debbie Unrein, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes from December 21, 2021 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – Commissioner Bauder added discussion on County Road 33.5, Jennifer Crow added the Wakefield, Tax Time Settlement Campaign and an assignment of a Logan County Ambulance account to Wakefield.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Ashley Smith met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated January 4, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS** – Rhonda Chrisp met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated January 4, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board reviewed the Business Meeting agenda for January 4, 2022. Resolution 2022-4 will be postponed definitely until January 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

### **PAWNEE RIDGE HOA - EXTENSION OF DEWATERING PERMIT FOR PAWNEE RIDGE**

**SUBDIVISION** – Rob Quint and Chris Connor, representing the Pawnee Ridge HOA, met with the Board to discuss the approval of the Conditional Use Permit for dewatering Pawnee Ridge Subdivision. The permit will be handled exactly the same way as it has been the last five years. The initial period was for five years to determine if everything would work properly and it is working well.

The water retention ponds were pushing the water level up and into the basements of about 1/3 of the homes in the subdivision. The water is pumped from the dewatering wells and pushed into Gentz's pond and then out to the seep ditch and the river. The state put a meter on it to see how much water was being sent to the river. Some homes will still have sump pumps kick on once in-awhile, but the project has been tremendously successful. The pumps operate year around. There are two pumps on two different properties to dewater.

**COUNTY ROAD 33.5** – A homeowner near CR 33.5 near Merino is concerned that Xcel and KCI are using the right of way on their property where there is no dedicated road right of way granted. The county must have a right of way to allow a utility company use of the right of way. Apparently, there was a Right of Way granted by the county not too long ago. Rob Quint was asked to investigate and report back to the board.

**BRIDGE BIDS AND TRUCK BIDS** – Jeff Reeves met with the Board concerning the bids for the River Bridge. There is a \$1 million difference between the engineer's budget and the low bid. Concrete costs are 60-70% higher than last year. Reeves recommended discussing with the Finance Department and a conference call with CDOT. There is an option to re-bid the bridge at a later date after the engineering company cleans up the concrete discrepancy. Three bids were received, none of them in line with what was expected. The Federal Infrastructure Bill was grants for bridges and infrastructure. There is more federal relief coming, but it

will be geared to smaller and maintenance type projects. The county has already spent at least \$500,000 in design fees.

The truck bids were discussed. All vendors were not included when the RFP was sent out. There was some miscommunication that happened on both parts. The Board asked why Bidnet was not used for the truck bids. Mr. Reeves explained that it will be used for larger items, like the fuel facility. There are only two vendors that would be considered for the motorgraders. Those dealerships tend to have territories assigned to local dealers.

**WAKEFIELD TAX TIME SETTLEMENT CAMPAIGN** - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Wakefield Tax Time Settlement Campaign authorization. Commissioner Bauer seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE COLLECTION ASSIGNMENTS** - Commissioner McBride moved to approve assignment of a Logan County Ambulance debt collections account to Wakefield and Associates, the account number ending in 3025 and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**TIENA PRICE TRUST PROPERTY CLEANUP** - Larry Price met with the board. He is under court order to clean up the property in question. The Board asked him how long will it take him to clean up the property. Mr. Price stated it would take about 18 months. The court order was issued six years ago. Mr. Price stated that there are no homeless people living on the property. There is a security guard living on the property.

Mr. Price was told that there have been kids seen playing on the piles of wood. Price has walked the property at night and has not seen any signs of kids there or squatters there. The Trustee has a court order evicting him from the property but nothing has happened with that.

The Board is OK with half the cleanup being accomplished by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board wants assurance that the wood will not be relocated to a different property. Alan Samber will contact the trust and make sure the trust is not violated by Mr. Price being on the property to clean it up.

Rob Quint will inspect the property on August 1<sup>st</sup> to see what cleanup has taken place. Mr. Price has purchased the old Cedar Creek property. He does not have a Conditional Use Permit on the property in order to operate a recycling operation from there. The Board wants to make sure that Mr. Price does not take the wood to another location where it will be a nuisance. As long as it is sold to an industrial consumer, the Board will allow him to August 1. It will be unlikely that a permit will be issued if there are junk piles and violations in another location.

**EXHIBIT CENTER PROJECT/DONATION** – Chance Wright sent a sketch of what he would like to see done with the Exhibit Center. Commissioner Bauder is working with Rob Hamil on the project.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:51a.m.