

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
July 1, 2025

Present: Mike Brownell, Jim Yahn, Jim Santomaso, Alan Samber, Mike Burri, Trae Miller Josilyn Lutze Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Sara Waite, and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Yahn moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2025 Work Session. Commissioner Santomaso seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

REVISIONS TO THE WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner Brownell added discussion on possible landfill regulations. He visited with Commissioner Jon Becker from Morgan County last week. They are joining with Mesa County and several other counties on some possible legal remedies to the proposed rulemaking on the methane emissions. He suggested that Logan County also get in touch with Mesa County to get more information on what is going on there and see if it is something that we can be involved with to help change some things before the rules are passed. Apparently, it cost Morgan County \$7,500 to join the group. There may be additional fees involved. Morgan County felt it would be worth that amount because if those rules are eventually passed, it will cost their county about \$3 million once rules are put in place the way they are proposed. Alan Samber offered to contact the Mesa County Attorney for more information.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – There was no discussion.

FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION PROJECT – Alan Samber mentioned that the Board will need to sign a written contract with the company that is awarded the bid. He will need information concerning the project start date and the date it is supposed to be finished. Mike Burri will get the information to Alan. Martin Marrieta is supposed to finish in Morgan County in July and will be available to start in Logan County in August.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONTRACT FOR BEER GARDEN – Alan Samber will be working on the contract for the Knights of Columbus for the Beer Garden for the Board's next meeting. The contract will be for five years. He said that the Board can approve the Special Events Liquor License in the meeting today.

REPLACEMENT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE PICKUPS – Mike Burri met with the Board concerning a number of Road and Bridge Department pickups that have mechanical issues right now. There are seven - eight late 1980s, early 1990s model pickups with very high mileage and not worth fixing. There are four pickups down right now. They are using mechanics' pickups to shuttle employees out to jobs right now to help keep things going. Burri would like to try to find a couple of good used half-ton pickups if there is money in the budget to do so. He would like to find single-cab pickups. However, almost everything is crew cab now.

The mastic budget is still available because he cannot get a machine to lay the mastic. It is very popular and lasts a long time. He has not even been able to find a machine to rent. There is \$540,000 in that line. The Board consulted with Debbie Unrein about using the money in the budget for the mastic for the used pickups. The Board can approve the expenditure of some of the funds on the pickups. Funds can be shifted inside the Road and Bridge Fund. The Board agreed that Burri could get bids for three or four used pickups. Commissioner Brownell noted that the purchasing policy states that department heads must get permission from the Board for the bid parameters bid up to a certain amount within a time frame.

Burri was asked to put together an RFP for used pickups. It may be difficult because dealers will not always have vehicles with the same specifications. Burri will start looking for pickups and get an RFP started.

NJC CDL PROGRAM – Burri brought the Board up to date on the NJC CDL program. There are two really good instructors and one instructor that is not good. One instructor is telling drivers to hurry up and get going. The drivers are trying to shift gears. They're learning and that instructor is making them more worried than anything. Monday, they had a different instructor, and they said it went great. Burri called Phillip at NJC yesterday and told him what was going on. The bad instructor told the drivers that they are not to slow down on the interstate exits until they get on the exit and then they can start slowing down. Burri said you can't do this as it will cause them to use their brakes too much and wear them out too fast. Phillip agreed to talk to the instructor. The drivers were worried about passing the test, that's how bad the instructor was. Burri told the drivers that if they need to, they can push their tests back a week so they can get more practice. They have to go to the front range to do the test.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.