

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

July 13, 2021

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Matt Chrisp, Rick Cullip, Trae Miller, Marilee Johnson, 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 July 6, 2021 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner Pelton added Matt Chrisp and Trae Miller for executive session. Commissioner Pelton added discussion of a proposed ballot measure. Commissioner Bauder added an update on gala tickets, fiber optic internet and an MOU for the gun range.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS AND PAYROLL– Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated July 13, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the Department of Human Services payroll for the period June 19, 2021 through July 2, 2021.

FIBER OPTIC INTERNET – Commissioner Bauder spoke with Greg Etl about having independent consultant provide an evaluation of what fiber is available to use in the county and if broadband is needed, for example, Peetz and Haxtun telephone companies have fiber available to all of their customers. The difference between what is available and what it is actually running was discussed. There were no costs discussed for the consultant, DOLA pays for the study and will do the research as to what is available.

GALA TICKETS – Commissioner Bauder has left a message with the ethics committee asking for an opinion regarding whether Gala tickets can be given away to county employees. Commissioner Bauder asked for a decision from the committee in writing. It was suggested that the County advertise a contest to give the tickets away to the public. The County could partner with the J-A advertising the concert and also promoting the Gala. Commissioner Bauder will meet with the Gala committee and let them know what the county is doing. Marilee Johnson will be asked to work on contest.

MOU GUN RANGE – Commissioner Bauder reported that the sheds under construction at the Shooting Range almost blew down on Friday. Dave Appelhans and several other people were trying to save the frames while Sean Miller, president of the league drove by and did not stop to help. There needs to be more division between the LCSSC Board and the league. The Board discussed that the league's clay targets should not be paid for by the taxpayers.

There are bylaws written for the Shooting Sports Range Advisory Board but it is not known whether have ever been adopted. Chairman Pelton asked that this be put on the work session agenda under Unfinished Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Commissioner Bauder moved to go into executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations concerning lease and sale of county real property as allowed by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) and (4)(e). Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:23 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Pelton named participants in the Executive Session: Commissioners Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, and Jane Bauder, County Attorney Alan Samber, Matt Chrisp, Rick Cullip, and Trae Miller. For the record any persons who participated in the executive session were asked if any substantial discussion of matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or if any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law. No concerns were stated.

PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURE - Commission Pelton talked to Alan Samber concerning a term limits ballot measure for all elected officials in Logan County. Commissioner Pelton has talked to people who would like to see term limits put in place due to the pay increase for elected officials. Term limits could make it possible to recruit qualified candidates for the positions. The ballot issue would put term limits on all elected officials. There would be three terms or twelve years.

Commissioner Pelton discussed this with Pam Bacon. If no candidate is found for a position, the commissioners would have to appoint someone to the position. The coroner's position is not on the resolution as it is difficult to find someone with the necessary qualifications especially in rural areas.

Amendment 17 in 1994 imposed a limit of two terms on all local public officials. Since then, 54 counties have adopted ballot measures to deviate from the constitutional amendment voted on in 1994. Some counties have no term limits for all elected officials. Some have extended the officials to three terms. Some, have exempted the sheriff and coroner on all term limits. Every county does something different. Most counties did not like the amendment which imposed two terms on all elected officials across the board.

The Board will discuss further next week. The ballot measure is for Terms commencing after the next election. Each one of the elected officials will have 12 more years if they are re-elected to office. The Board will notify the clerk that there is a possible ballot measure. Commissioner Pelton will visit with each elected official and explain the proposed ballot measure.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.