

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
July 2, 2024

Present: Mike Brownell, Joe McBride, Jerry Sonnenberg, Kristan Lange, Jerry Casebolt, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Rick Cullip, Jim Yahn, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2024 as written. Chairman Sonnenberg seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – The Board met with Kristan Lange to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated July 2, 2024. All bills were approved as presented.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TELEPHONE SYSTEM – Commissioner Sonnenberg asked for discussion about the Department of Human Services telephone system. Commissioner McBride said that the purchase orders were approved. He said that he had Debbie hold his signature for DHS. Jerry Casebolt said that the signed purchase orders had been forwarded back to him and he has put the order in, to include the DHS phone system. Commissioner Sonnenberg thought that the Board was holding off on the DHS system because it was going to cost them an extra \$6,000. After a conversation last Tuesday that he had with Dave, he wants to move forward with it.

Casebolt said that the telephone systems at the Sheriff's Office will be installed on Tuesday, July 16th and at the Courthouse on Wednesday, July 17th. They will be waiting to install DHS for a little bit.

PEETZ TOWER GENERATOR – Casebolt also discussed the Peetz tower generator. Better Electric gave him a quote for a used generator a couple of months ago. It is oversized for what we need it for out there, but it was such a good price. He went before the E911 Board to discuss it with them, and they approved the purchase and will pay for it, because it is for communications. The generator is in right now, they are waiting on a part for the transfer switch and then it will be completely hooked up. It should be operational by the end of next week due to the holiday this week.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – There were no additions or changes.

CONVERSION OF MINUTES AND AGENDAS FOR ACCESSIBILITY ON WEBSITE – Jennifer Crow asked the Board if it was okay to keep maybe two years' worth of minutes and agenda packets on the website due to the new accessibility laws. The new CommonLook software that will make the documents accessible is still going to take a very long time depending on the document. If people call and ask for individual minutes or agendas, we can convert the individual ones for them.

Jerry Casebolt believes that we can store the minutes and agenda packets in an archive folder and will not have to convert them all. The archives will not fall under the same guidelines because they are older files. We can get the most current two years up to speed, then moving forward, we will post accessible documents. Jerry has not talked to anyone else who is using CommonLook software. SIPA, the platform that hosts the county website, is the group that gave the grants for the software.

COUNTY WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY – Casebolt reported since the last time he talked to the Board, he has emailed the third company three more times and still has not gotten a response from them. He does have one company that can do all of the web pages and convert all of the six or seven platforms for all of the county pages to make them accessible and recreate the Sheriff’s page. There are companies that can do one or two of them, but he feels that it is better for one company to do all of them and get them all up to speed at one time, than to find one company to work one and another company to do other pages, etc.

Commissioner Sonnenberg went back to the legislation, HB21-1110. He does not believe that all of the archived records have to be made accessible. The unintended consequences of the legislation are actually limiting access. Smaller counties are choosing not to post information where they are not required to.

Commissioner Brownell heard at the CCI conference that we can put some kind of disclaimer on our website. Jennifer posts the minutes of the Commissioners’ meetings on the County website. The County clerk has scanned historic records of the county and those are available on the Clerk’s website. Pam Bacon received a grant to scan the older minute books.

The first deadline was July 1, 2024. We have already taken steps to start complying. We’ve added some verbiage on our front facing web page that talks about accessibility. We’re going to put our updates there as we progress and move along. An extension was granted to July 1, 2025.

Jennifer will get clarification from Alan Samber whether we can just have two years’ worth of minutes and agendas on the website.

EMERGENCY MANAGER NEW MEXICO FIRES – Commissioner McBride asked Jerry Casebolt if he was not accepted to go to the state fire. Casebolt said that New Mexico put out the EMAC request. They already had a handshake agreement with Arizona to do it along with Florida and Virginia along with one more and Colorado. They went with Arizona. There is a big uproar right now.

FAIRGROUNDS FEES – Rick Cullip met with the Board. Rick noted that he did not get the disclaimer added at the bottom of the sheet that gives the Board the right to reject any offers. Commissioner Sonnenberg stated that basically the stadium and the arenas increased 50%. This will include the dirt work necessary under normal circumstances, whether it needs to be packed, or it needs to be worked for a roping, etc. There may be times when it takes extra work, then maybe we should charge more. That would be if they need the arena worked during an event. Anything with access to the restrooms is a little more, because that is a larger cleaning project. Under the grandstands, the stadium, all three arenas, the Exhibit Center, the Mitchek Community

Center, they will all be the same price. If a person wanted to rent the arena, the Mitchek Community Center and the kitchen, they would be looking at \$850 for the entire complex or the entire facility. The non-resident rate is simply double that amount.

The Board discussed whether to charge for three days or two days or how that will be handled. Rick said what has been done in the past was if it's a wedding, they know they need to pack the ground and they know that they need to set up on Friday and then the event is Saturday, we've made them book for a two-day event. As a courtesy, we've allowed them to clean up on Sunday so we could get back in there on Monday morning.

Commissioner Sonnenberg increased the camper parking rates a little higher. He did not want to compete with Tom Kyle and Jane Bauder for overnight parking. Cullip stated that it is not used enough to be considered competition, as the people that stay overnight are traveling through and have livestock that they are traveling with. They pay for a camper fee and a stall fee. Commissioner Sonnenberg said that he would yield to Rick on that. The Board agreed to run this by Alan and put it on the next agenda.

TERRY DOWIS TRAILER IN PARKING LOT FOR JULY JAMZ – Terry Dowis called and asked if it was okay to leave his trailer in the Courthouse parking lot with the stanchions they use for July Jamz. He does have a lock on the trailer. The Board agreed that Dowis can leave the trailer in the lot for the month of July.

CDOT ENGINEERING GRANT – Chairman Brownell received an email notifying him that CDOT has awarded a \$5 million grant for engineering to northeast Colorado on bridge work. Washington County is the lead fiscal agent. He has talked to Jeff Reeves to let him know that he will be able to start prioritizing some bridge work and doing some long-range planning.

COURTHOUSE BASEMENT REPAIRS – Commissioner Sonnenberg asked Rick Cullip when repairs would start on the Courthouse basement and if the insurance had approved repairs. Cullip apologized for dragging his feet. He is trying to get those bids and trying to get people to come look at it. Cullip said that everyone that he has contacted, Maker, Schlenz, etc., has told him that they are too busy to do the work. He said his team is busy prepping for the fair, but they are going to mobilize into the basement and do the work themselves.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.