

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**July 21, 2020**

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Rhonda Chrisp, Jerry Casebolt, Jeff Rice, Gary Shino, Todd Settler, Glenna Aurich, Mandy Ritter and Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2020 as written. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – There were no revisions.

**HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated July 21, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Rhonda Chrisp met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated July 21, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**TALKING TRAILS** – Glenna Aurich, Logan County Chamber Director, discussed the Talking Trails program and requested permission to place a sign in front of the Logan County Courthouse as it is one of the stops on the trail. Glenna met with Chance last week and discussed placement of the sign. He has already installed a square post for the placement of the sign in front of the building. The Board agreed that the sign could be placed. Glenna also inquired about placing a sign at the Visitors Center. The Board told her that she will need to contact CDOT for that permission.

**2020 CENSUS** – There were no updates.

**IGA CITY OF STERLING EMPLOYEES LCSSC MEMBERSHIPS/LOGAN COUNTY EMPLOYEES REC. CENTER MEMBERSHIPS** - Alan Samber has not heard from City Manager Don Saling whether the City Council is willing to approve the IGA.

**TURQUETTE SEVERED MINERALS – LETTER FROM PATTY BARTLETT** – Alan Samber has prepared a resolution for the August 4, 2020 Business Meeting.

**REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for July 21, 2020. The Board will table definitely the unfinished business which is the award of the asphalt overlay project until August 4.

**LETTER TO LOGAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** – The Board agreed to sign a letter to the Logan County Planning Commission to initiate the process of reviewing the current Logan County Master Plan and to include discussion/consideration of any current zoning regulations that the board feels are in need of review.

**OUR TOWN GRANT** – Mandy Ritter, Logan County Arts League (LOCAL) Program Manager met with the Board to discuss an Our Town Grant Partnership. LOCAL will be submitting an application for a grant through the National Endowment for the Arts’ creative placemaking grants program.

LOCAL is proposing to hire professional muralists to spruce up the town with five murals along Chestnut Street entering the city. Two of the proposed murals would be on large structures such as grain elevators with the rest on smaller buildings. The muralists contacted are Some Girls and a Mural who have done many murals in the southeaster portion of the state and Armando Silva of Greeley. The artists will meet with members of the community for inspiration and receive public input on the cultures, history, agriculture, landscape and wildlife.

The grant application request will be in the amount of \$35,000 and will require a full match. LOCAL will request \$15,000 from the City of Sterling’s Art Fund, and \$10,000 from CAB (Citizen’s Advisory Board – funding from City Lodging Tax). LOCAL will request \$10,000 from the Logan County Lodging Tax Board, however the grant application is due August 6, and the next Lodging Tax Board meeting is August 10. The Commissioners noted that the Logan County Lodging Tax Board typically does not fund infrastructure projects. Ms. Ritter asked for a letter of support from the Commissioners and also asked for county funding in the event the Lodging Tax Board funding is not approved.

The Board supports the idea and will sign a support letter. The Board will discuss a donation during budget planning for next year. The project will be implemented in 2021 with funds needed in April 2021.

Ms. Ritter noted that the murals may be able to tie into the city’s trail system in the future.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.