

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

July 27, 2021

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Jane Bauder (via Zoom), Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, 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 McBride moved to approve the minutes from July 20, 2021 as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – There were no revisions.

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 27, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the Department of Human Services payroll for the period July 3, 2021 through July 16, 2021.

INTERNET BIDDING – Debbie Unrein answered several questions for the Board on internet bidding. The service is free, however there is a fee if the county wants to send bids to a participating vendor. No one else can see any of the bids except for the Commissioners Office. Going to internet bidding will save a lot of work preparing the bids to go out and in receiving the bids. Debbie reported that a lot of counties use it, including Phillips County. Alan Samber will work on the purchasing policy that will need a couple of tweaks to accommodate the internet bid process.

GRANT WRITING – Commissioner McBride asked to strike the grant writer idea. Dennis Hunt and Chip Taylor of CTSI will be coming to the August 12 meeting and hopefully will help with grant writing for the trail project.

BROADBAND – The Board discussed Broadband. Commissioner McBride recently talked to Greg Etl about the DOLA representative who was to come to gather information. Greg stated that there is other information that needs to be gathered first. Commissioner Bauder is working to determine what internet is available around the county. The rural telephone companies have very good fiber internet to their customers. There are problems where CenturyLink is the only provider, and Spectrum doesn't reach. Chip Powell said that internet obtained through cell service providers gets less priority than their cellphone customers. Commissioner Bauder switched from CenturyLink to Viaero. Viaero's speed is not much better than what she was getting with CenturyLink.

Commissioner Bauder mentioned another person who lives on Hwy 14 close to Sterling RV who cannot get Spectrum. KCI told them the cost was too expensive, and not worth it for them to tap into KCI's fiber. Jeff Rice mentioned when KCI was running cable on Hwy 138, they ran pedestals to every home in Iliff and Crook. Willard and Peetz telephone companies have provided internet to those customers that want it.

Commissioner McBride will let Greg Etl know that Commissioner Bauder is his main point of contact for broadband.

NEWCLOUD CONTRACTS - Jerry Casebolt said that the NewCloud contracts can move forward on next Tuesday's business meeting. He was never able to contact anyone with CenturyLink. It will be basically the same contract as the old one from three years ago. If needed it can wait until the end of the year. There are service contracts for both the Courthouse and DHS. Jerry will give Alan a copy of both contracts to review.

KCI can provide the service but is \$40 per month more for the Courthouse and \$420 more per month for DHS because they have many more lines going out. There are clauses in the agreement that guarantee satisfaction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Commissioner McBride 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 Pelton seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 9:16 a.m. and reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

Commissioner Pelton named participants in the Executive Session: Commissioners Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, and Jane Bauder, County Attorney Alan Samber, 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.

COURTHOUSE LIGHTS – Jennifer Crow reported that Blazen Illuminations has provided an updated service agreement for the Courthouse western façade lighting project at Chance Wright's request. This project was ready for approval last year when Covid delayed it. Jennifer will forward the agreement to Alan Samber for approval and will schedule it for the August 2nd meeting if Alan does not have any changes.

SENATE BILL 21-130 – Alan Samber asked if the county was going to adopt a resolution to exempt business personal property taxes. Senate Bill 21-130 requires action by local governments in order to exempt the taxes. Commissioner Pelton was under the impression that the governor had adopted an exemption of \$50,000 for business personal property taxes. Alan Samber will discuss this with Peggy Michaels.

SHOOTING SPORTS ADVISORY BOARD – The Board discussed disbanding the Shooting Sports Advisory Board. Commissioner Bauder explained that what is happening is that the shooting club is using the advisory board to subsidize their club. Most of the people in the club are advisory board members and it seems like a problem. Dave Appelhans is in the process of developing an MOU with the club to be able to rent the facility. Some of the advisory board members do volunteer on construction. They are getting close to being done with construction. Dave Appelhans will take into account the costs of electricity-lighting, equipment life, etc. for

the amount of money that the club can rent the facility for per year. The facility can be rented out to other clubs or for high school events. It will be presented to the Board as more of a financial reason for the change.

NJC LEASE – Alan Samber said that NJC does intend to renew their lease this year. Mike Anderson will contact the Board to be scheduled for a work session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.