

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**June 1, 2021**

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Marilee Johnson, Alma McArthur, Shannon Graves, Jerry Casebolt, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Byron 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 May 25, 2021 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** - Chairman Pelton added discussion of a proposed resolution concerning conservation easements. Shila Adolf asked to be rescheduled to the June 15<sup>th</sup> work session.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review and approve the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated June 1, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also reviewed and approved the DHS payroll for the period May 8, 2021 through May 21, 2021.

**REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board reviewed the June 1, 2021 business meeting agenda. There was no discussion or concerns.

**CONSERVATION EASTEMENT PROPOSED RESOLUTION** – Commissioner Pelton received an e-mail from Alan and Julie Gentz asking that the Board consider a resolution concerning conservation easements and potential loss of tax revenue. County Attorney Alan Samber questioned whether the county has legal authority to impose these legal requirements. Logan County is presently the holder of one conservation easement. The Board will review the resolution and Alan Samber will review and research whether the county has the legal authority to impose the requirements of the resolution.

**FEMA UPDATE** – Rob Quint met with the Board to give an update on the properties that are in violation of FEMA regulations. Thomas Birney at FEMA has replaced Harry Katz as the lead person working with the County. He is working with Harry Katz to learn about the various issues. He will work on the properties that are off 1/10 of an inch first to find a way to solve the issues. The structures are already built but the surveys show that the elevation is off by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an inch from what is required by FEMA regulations.

**POWER OUTAGE** – Jerry Casebolt discussed the Xcel Energy planned power outage, Thursday, June 3, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Xcel has been working with the hospital, prison and other key power users in the area. The outage will allow replacement and repairs in a substation that caused the last 8 hour power outage. Xcel did not reach out to OEM but Jerry found out about it on a community page on Facebook.

The Logan County/City of Sterling dispatch center will be on backup power as well as the 911 system. Jerry informed Christian Watt at Paramount Technology. All Courthouse computers will be shut down and the servers will be shut down and then restarted.

**NEWCLOUD CONTRACTS** – Jerry Casebolt has not had any response from CenturyLink on the request for service after the T1 service is eliminated. He will give them another week, if there is no response, NewCloud and KCI are the only options. The NewCloud contract states that NewCloud will reimburse for outages. They need to address the outages experienced at the Central Services building in 2020.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned 9:20 a.m.