

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
June 18, 2024

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024 as written. Chairman Sonnenberg seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – Notice of Final Acceptance on bridge project LOG93-60.5-243 will be added under new business. Alan Samber added discussion of a draft County Digital Accessibility policy under new business.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – The Board met with Kristan Lange to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated June 11, 2024. All bills were approved as presented. Chairman Brownell asked if the County gets reimbursement for the JBBS expenditures. Kristan said yes, the County does get reimbursed.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – There was no discussion.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE LOG90-60.5-243 – The Board discussed the Notice of Final Acceptance for Bridge Project LOG90-60.5-243. Commissioner Sonnenberg commented that Road and Bridge Supervisor Jeff Reeves has signed off on the project. They did the mitigation with regard to bolstering washout areas and those types of things. Lobato has done everything on the checklist. Debbie Unrein commented that SEH oversees that Lobato has gotten everything on the list done.

Commissioner Sonnenberg stated that Jeff Reeves sent him the checklist. He thought that there were a couple of things remaining to be completed. It says the east side of pier two and the west side of pier three offset is approximately one inch to one and a half inch off. It is probably not a structural concern, but it is noticeable. Commissioner Sonnenberg does not know if this is complete or not, but the Board has not heard from Jeff Reeves that it is not complete. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Notice of Final Acceptance and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner McBride seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY POLICY – Alan Samber distributed a draft Digital Accessibility policy for the implementation of the digital accessibility requirements. He is suggesting that the Public Information Coordinator should be the Accessibility Coordinator. If there are issues, those should be reported to a team that gets involved. That team might include IT personnel, maybe Diana Korbe, as the Administrative Officer to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and any contractors that have been retained.

He will provide copies of the proposed policy to several people that he believes could be members of a team of those people being responsible for implementation and compliance and will have the final policy ready for adoption on the agenda in two weeks on July 2. The deadline for compliance is July 1, 2024. If we can show that we are making good faith efforts to achieve compliance within the next year we can get an extension to July 1, 2025. We must create a progress report that demonstrates specific efforts towards compliance and update the report on a quarterly basis. We also have to create a clear, easy to find process for requesting redress for inaccessible digital products, including contact options that are not dependent on web access or digital accessibility. Those have to be prominently displayed on all front facing web pages. We need to have protection so that there's no liability exposure.

Chairman Brownell asked Jerry Casebolt to join the meeting to provide an update. Casebolt explained that he had reached out to three different vendors. One of vendors said that they didn't have the bandwidth to do all the different platforms that we have, because some of the county departments use different website platforms for their departments. Jerry shared the information and pricing from one vendor with the Board. The third vendor was contacted again last Friday, because he had not heard back from them yet. Jerry has still not heard back from that vendor. But we do have one solid vendor that can take care of all of our web pages to get them into compliance.

The main county website is hosted through the State of Colorado. The county could go off of the State web platform and have a standalone website, but then it would not have the logancounty.gov distinction. The State of Colorado web hosting platform does not cost the county anything. The county could lose the distinction of the .gov legitimacy and the email. The state web platform is not as user friendly as some are. Jennifer has used it for many years. Jerry has been able to add things to it and Marilee Johnson has done some work with it.

The bigger problem is the Sheriff's website. That one will have to be rebuilt from scratch. It is actually housed on a computer at the Sheriff's office on an old platform that can't be brought into compliance. It will need to be recreated, which is a lot easier and cheaper than doing some of the others because it is a matter of recreating the same content on logancosheriff.com. Chairman Brownell asked about combining the Sheriff's website with the county website on the State of Colorado web platform. Casebolt has not discussed this with Sheriff Powell yet, but the Sheriff would probably lose the logancosheriff.com domain and all of the email addresses with that domain.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS MAY 2024 – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for May 2024. Commissioner Sonnenberg seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDEN – Commissioner McBride mentioned that the walking path at Sunset Memorial Gardens has washed out with all of the rains that we have had. He asked if Dave Applehans and the Road and Bridge Department could coordinate repairs. Commissioner Sonnenberg agreed to text Dave Appelhans and ask him to coordinate the repairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.