

June 2, 2020

The Logan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present constituting a quorum of the members thereof:

Joseph A. McBride	Chairman
Jane Bauder	Commissioner
Byron Pelton	Commissioner

Also present:

Alan Samber	Logan County Attorney
Pamela M. Bacon	Logan County Clerk
Rob Quint	Planning and Zoning
Marilee Johnson	Tourist Information Center Director/County Public Information Officer
Jerry Casebolt	Logan County Emergency Manager
Brad Hofmeister	Logan County Assessor Office
Dennis Aulston	Logan County Sherriff Office
Trae Miller	Logan County Economic Development
Debbie Unrein	Logan County Finance
Bonnie Heiple	NextEra
Jennifer Herron	NextEra
Marco MacBeth	NextEra
Chris Kaas	CORE Consultants
Russ Lloyd	NextEra
Nathan Keisel	NextEra
Alan Bauerle	NextEra
Terrin Scheopner	NextEra
Brandon Smith	CORE Consultants
Tricia Hale	NextEra
Derek Hood	NextEra
Todd Settler	NextEra
Kelvin Harless	
Darwin Haynes	
David Sellers	
Richard McDaniel	
Dennis Wilcox	
Cyndi Vandenbark	
Desa Inskeep	
Mark Hutt	
Michelle Harrigan	
Ashley Steward	
Dianne McCracken	
Steven McCracken	
Patrick Steward	
David Kuntz	
Don Larson	
Dorothy Larson	

Nancy Alflen  
Susan Pratt  
Brooke Mollohan Cook  
Steve Frank  
Brad Cook  
Megan Ringlein  
Josh Ringlein  
Haley Harms  
Richard Lousberg  
Alisha Hutt  
Liz Kuntz  
Lori Schott  
Kirby Atkins  
Lauren Gerck  
S. Gay Anderson  
Adam Schlenz  
Gary Schlenz  
Charles Gerck  
Kathleen Brownell  
Jenny Sergi  
Jaimee Mollohan  
Tim Mollohan  
John Mollohan  
Tom Bornhoft JR  
Chas Gerck  
Ashley Unrein  
Rod Blough  
Andy Frank  
Susanne Workman  
Cindy Horner  
Debbie Klindt  
Michael Kiolbasa  
Jeff Rice

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Chairman McBride called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McBride asked if there were any revisions for the agenda. No revisions were noted.

The Board continued with the Consent Agenda items:

- Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting.
- Acknowledgment of the receipt of the Veteran's Service Officer's monthly report and certification of pay form for the month of May, 2020.
- Approval of the assignment of Logan County Ambulance debt collections accounts to Wakefield and Associates, the account numbers ending in 4002, 30002.
- Appointment of Amanda Morgan and Janie Rasmussen (Assistant) to the Logan County Fair Board as Queen's Coordinators to fulfill the remainder of a vacant term to November 2020.
- Ratification of the following actions:

- Approval of the Department of Human Services Bills dated May 26 and June 2 and Payroll dated June 2, 2020.
- Approval of Logan County Bills dated May 26, 2020 and June 2, 2020.

Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Chairman McBride continued with New Business:

Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the award of the Gate Keepers bid for the 2020 Logan County Fair and Rodeo to Anthony Waldon. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Pelton moved to approve a Petition for Abatement of Taxes on behalf of Overland Trail, LLC in the amount of \$12,469.89. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Bauder moved to approve Resolution 2020-20 to amend the IRC Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan to allow midyear changes to the Day Care and the Health FSA benefits election due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Pelton moved to approve Resolution 2020-21 to amend the IRC Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan to allow participants in the Health Flexible Spending Account (FSA) to carryover up to \$550.00 from the prior plan year balance to the new plan year. This carryover amount is in addition to employee's election for the new plan year. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

The Board opened a public hearing for the Consideration of the Approval of an Application for Conditional Use Permit on behalf of Niyol Wind, LLC to construct, operate and maintain a wind energy generating center.

- Jennifer Herron with Next Era/Niyol Wind explained the project and company details.
- Bonnie Heiple legal counsel for Niyol Wind LLC explained the permit components and requirements.
- Jennifer Herron answered all of the questions the Commissioners had except the lightning monitoring and fire.
- Terrin Schepner with Next Era explained technical information about lightning ground rods, grounding and bonding; information on technicians and how they monitor the turbines and explained the fire procedures within the company and also how they help county fire companies respond.
- Tony Gerck spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Ashley Steward spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Steve McCracken spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Cyndi Vandembark spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Patrick Steward spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- David Kuntz spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Dianne McCracken explained her position and support of the Commissioners.
- Mark Hutt spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Lauren Gerck spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Don Larson spoke in favor of the wind application.
- Megan Ringlein spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Elisha Hutt spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Adam Schlenz spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Dorothy Larson spoke in favor of the wind project.

- Richard Lousberg explained his position on the wind project.
- Dennis Wilcox spoke in favor of the wind project.
- Lori Schott offered to be a resource for the support of the wind energy project.
- Brooke Mollohan Cook spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Darwin Haynes spoke in favor of the wind project.
- Liz Kuntz spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Tricia Hale, Director of Renewable Development for Next Era Resources, explained how they installed water tanks in Lincoln County and can do that here also.
- Jaimee Mollohan spoke against the approval of the wind project.
- Susanne Workman spoke against the approval of the wind project.

There being no further comment, Chairman McBride closed the public Hearing. Commissioner Bauder moved to table the consideration of the Approval of an Application for Conditional Use Permit on behalf of Niyol Wind, LLC to construct, operate and maintain a wind energy generating center until June 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

The next business meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Logan County Courthouse.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Logan County Clerk

Approved: June 16, 2020

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

(seal)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe McBride, Chairman

Attest:

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Logan County Clerk & Recorder