

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

June 21, 2022

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Ashley Smith, Matt Chrisp, Kimberly Ertle-Clarke, Travis Ayers, Mike Weingardt, Lisa Lefever, Guy McEndaffer, Faith Blankenship, Rhonda Chrisp, Dave Long, Debbie Unrein, Trae Miller, and Jennifer Crow.

Vice-Chairperson Bauder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes from June 7, 2022 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – None.

REVIEW AND APPROVE HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS – Ashley Smith met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated June 21, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – Rhonda Chrisp met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated June 21, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – No changes or concerns were noted.

TRAVIS AYERS ADVOCATES FOR RECOVERY COLORADO RALLY FOR RECOVERY SEPTEMBER 24 – Travis Ayers of Advocates for Recovery Colorado met with the Board to describe the event being planned on September 24 in the community. Advocates for Recovery Colorado is a Recovery Community Organization, a non-profit organization led and governed by representatives of local communities of recovery. The event will promote and support recovery efforts through Home, Health, Purpose and Community. The program operates with peer recovery coaches and encourages bringing the community together for healing through community events.

Recovery social events have been going on for a number of years. The biggest thing needed for those in recovery is allies. They need support and backing. The community event will start off with a walk from Walmart and go through the town and end at the Courthouse where a dunk tank will be placed in the parking lot. Staff from Police, Sheriff and Probation will be asked to participate in the dunk tank. Food will be provided. The Family Resource Center wants to partner with them adding their resources available for youth, drug use prevention, etc. The event will end about 4:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery, and New Pathways, and other recovery centers will also be invited to participate. The Board has already approved the reservation form for the group's use of the Courthouse Square and Gazebo as well as the placement of the dunk tank in the parking lot. The dunk tank will be filled with potable well water. Commissioners McBride volunteered Pelton to be in the dunk tank.

MIKE WEINGARDT PAVING SOUTH 11TH AVENUE COUNTY OWNED PORTION – Mike Weingardt is spearheading a drive to request that the City of Sterling pave South 11th Avenue. The

County will have about 90 feet to be paved along county property adjacent to the Central Services Building. The city requires 51% of all adjacent property owners agree to the paving and to chip in to get the job done. The county's cost for that 90 feet is approximately \$19,645.19. Brett Locke of the City of Sterling has done the work to put this together. Prices could go up because the prices are based on costs this year. The Board agreed that it will approve to pave that location. Alan Samber noted that it will probably require an IGA with the City of Sterling. Mr. Weingardt will talk to Trae Miller to inquire about Urban Renewal Authority funds for paving projects.

MERINO TOWN CLEANUP – Matt Chrisp, Logan County Landfill Supervisor joined the meeting. The Town Board of Merino held a meeting recently and has requested that the landfill fees be waived for a town cleanup. The spring cleanup was held in April. There has been a lot of change on the Merino Board and new members may not realize that there was a cleanup held this year already. The Board agreed that they would be OK with town cleanups twice a year with the fees waived with the exception of the \$1.17 state user fee and fees for special items such as appliances and tires. The towns of Iliff, Peetz, Fleming, Merino, and Crook, each do an annual cleanup. The Board agreed that each town could do a cleanup twice per year if they desired to do so.

KIMBERLY ERTLE-CLARK RE – UPDATE ON THE MOVEMENT OF GENERATION OF RESPECT – the event has been moved to September 2, 2023 to allow for more time to plan. Ms. Ertle-Clark asked about panhandling in Logan County. The Board told her that municipalities have different rules than the county does and to check with the City of Sterling. Ms. Ertle-Clarke does not feel that it should be happening in Logan County. Mr. Ertle-Clark also asked about removal signs placed on light poles in the city advertising garage sales and items for sale as well as the amount of trash in the lots and lawns across the road from Walmart. She was also referred to the City of Sterling for these topics as well.

LISA LEFEVER NJC – Lisa Lefever of the NJC Foundation met with the Board concerning fencing removed from the Logan County Fairgrounds to make way for the wrought-iron fence being installed on the west side of the property. NJC is fencing in the new soccer fields as funding is available. She inquired about the used chain link fencing material. Ms. Lefever was told that the posts are being reused but the chainlink fencing can be donated to NJC. Alan Samber will prepare a bill of sale for the chainlink fencing for the board member's signatures. The soccer field is north of Long-Berg Hall on Pioneer Road and Highway 138 and is being built through grants from the State Board of Community Colleges and multiple gifts. Alan will need the approximate number of linear feet available now and future lengths to be donated.

Ms. Lefever also gave the Board updates on new facilities coming soon. The community support was huge for the \$11.5 million Applied Technology Campus. They are hoping to break ground in the fall semester and hope to occupy that campus in the fall of 2023. NJC, the City of Sterling, Sterling Regional MedCenter and the Northeast Colorado Health Department are all partnering to develop the rest of the land as a park so that there are not empty fields with weeds.

GUY MCENDAFFER LOGAN COUNTY FAIR MANAGER FAIR UPDATE – Ticket taker and usher duties will be done by Caliche High School (After)Prom and Basketball. The bid is over budget

by \$1,000. Faith will send out something to the Fair Board this week for a vote so that they can get back to the Board for approval for the next Commissioners meeting.

The Fair Board will need to look at this next fall when budgeting. There will be no alternative other than to put the job out for hire. Community involvement seems to get lost in the process. Every other aspect is good. Ticket sellers have received enough applications. The prison is going to provide the ice. Everything else is on target.

McEndaffer Farms sponsored Educational banners. Commissioner McBride asked for a list of what kind of donors are needed. They are looking for a location underneath the grandstands to hang the educational banners.

Wickham Tractor will supply a tractor and two ATV's if they have them. If the state extends the chicken show decision deadline, the county's chicken show will be cancelled. At this late date, Mr. McEndaffer believes that the county needs to cancel anyway.

CHS WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND USE TAX – Commissioner McBride discussed a proposed waiver of building permit fees on the first \$250,000 of commercial and residential construction, and all agricultural building permit fees, for the next two years. The Board was approached by Bob Schaefer of CHS with a request to waive the building permit fees and use taxes on replacement of their grain facility which was damaged by a wind storm several years ago. The Board and County Attorney have been researching the issue. The County has not waived building permit fees previously and is unable to waive use taxes because authority to do that is not found in the sales and use tax ballot proposal. The Board is being labeled “anti-business” and “anti-AG” because of the issue.

The proposed incentive is to waive all building permit fees for commercial and residential construction projects for the first \$250,000 in construction cost for the next two years because of what is going on with the economy. Projects over \$250,000 will pay the building permit fees above the \$250,000 threshold. Building permit fees for any AG project will be completely waived for the next two years. This proposal will be added to Unfinished Business at the next Work Session so that the Board can discuss further when Rob Quint returns.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY 2022 – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Logan County Commissioners Proceedings for May of 2022. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

NORTHEAST PLAZA PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS – Alan Samber reported that the company purchasing and remodeling the Northeast Plaza Apartments has asked that the county amend the resolution adopted last year for the private activity bond allocation cap and extend it to the 2022 and 2023 private activity bond allocation caps.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.