

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

March 3, 2020

Present: Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Byron Pelton, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Kristan Lange, Rhonda Chrisp, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Jeff Rice, Matt Chrisp, Rob Quint, Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 as written. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner McBride added Jerry Casebolt to discuss IT updates. Commissioner Pelton added Wind Turbine Blades in the Landfill.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS – Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated March 3, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS – Kristan Lange and Rhonda Chrisp met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated March 3, 2020. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting agenda for March 3, 2020.

IT UPDATES - Jerry Casebolt updated the Board on several IT issues. Christian Watt of Paramount Technologies has found a hard drive on the Logan App 1 server that has failed. It has not been backing up for four or five days. The 4 TB drive will need to be replaced. He would also like to put in a secondary drive so that if a drive fails, it will roll over to the next drive. One drive was replaced last year sometime. The Board agreed to replace the drive.

Watt is also putting together a proposal as the Logan App 1 server is almost completely full. It has been storing actual data locally on the Logan App 1 rather than storing it on the NAS which is server that all computers talk to for credentials. This is bogging it down. They will migrate all backups onto the NAS where it should be on the 21 TB drive. Currently the server is only using 3 TB this should free up the network.

WIND TURBINE BLADES IN LANDFILL – Matt Chrisp joined the meeting. Commissioner Pelton received a message from Alsey Davidson of NextEra Energy stating that the wind turbine blades that were taken to the landfill are not from new project. Matt Chrisp said that the blades came in on a roll-off and he is not sure what area they came from but he can find out. He can require manifests to identify where the blades come from. There have been three blades accepted at the landfill in the last eight years.

Chrisp relayed to the Board that he requires that the blades to be cut into 10' lengths so landfill equipment can handle them. Grinding the fiberglass blades can be toxic because of the dust created. PPE equipment would have to be worn by employees and the dust would clog filters in the equipment. The dust would be disturbed again when employees clean the equipment filters. He has found that it is better to split them open so that they will lay flat and then bury them.

Chrisp asked if the Board has banned all wind turbine blades from the landfill. The Board has not discussed whether all wind turbine blades will be banned at the landfill. The Board informed Mr. Chrisp that the wind turbine blades from the wind repower projects will not be permitted in the landfill. This was a condition on the approval of the Special Use Permit. However, this information was not given to the landfill personnel.

The Wyoming State Legislature passed legislation that banned the wind turbine blades in Wyoming landfills. Lincoln County and Kit Carson Counties have banned the blades in their landfills. Washington County probably does not accept them as they do not have enough trash to cover them. Chrisp asked the Board to provide a letter when the decision is made whether all blades will be banned so that he can add the information to the Waste Characterization and Acceptance Plan.

Chrisp will let the Commissioners know when the media requests tours of the landfill in the future. It was an oversight for the most recent tour. It was announced in a meeting that the Logan County Landfill will not accept the blades from the wind repower projects. A recent newspaper article caused some confusion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN – No update

HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION – One more engineering firm is needed to provide a work plan. Wade at the City of Sterling is working on getting another company to provide a work plan proposal to Commissioner Bauder. The two proposals that the County has received are between \$43,000 and \$78,000.

2020 CENSUS – There was a conference call last Thursday to update committee members and touch base among the committee as to current activities and plans.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.