

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
May 20, 2025

Present: Mike Brownell, Jim Yahn, Jim Santomaso, Alan Samber, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Rick Cullip, Mike Burri, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Santomaso moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Work Sessions as written. Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

REVISIONS TO THE WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner Yahn corrected the meeting start time to 9:00 a.m. and the Business Meeting start time to 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Yahn added discussion about a bridge/culvert north of Sunset Memorial Gardens on the Springdale Ditch on County Road 41.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – The Board will add a third box culvert bid award under Unfinished Business.

CULVERTS ON SPRINGDALE DITCH – Commissioner Yahn reported that when the Springdale Ditch ran some water the other day, they had a big weed jam. There are three bridges crossing CR 41/North Sidney Avenue just past Sunset Memorial Gardens. The way the middle bridge was designed was with a big concrete slab with steel stringers sitting on top of the concrete slab. The ditch has undercut the concrete slab. The concern is that if you get a very big load crossing the bridge, it's going to tip the concrete slab and create a hole in that bridge. Commissioner Yahn crawled underneath it and it went quite a long way. The weeds pile right in the center of the ditch and force the water around and the undercut is increased. Commissioner Yahn suggested that the Board repair the bridge right away.

Alan Samber stated that under the Purchasing Policy the Board can bypass the request for bids process. Mike Burri asked Alan Krier of Concrete Specialties, who has bid the two box culverts for the County to price a box culvert for that bridge. It's a paved road which will have to be cut to set the box culvert. It's just a little lower priced than the other two box culverts he recently bid. This one is \$145,000 because it is a slightly smaller box. It will need to be done first. Commissioner Yahn talked to the Springdale Ditch Company. There is nobody that irrigates past that point, so they can divert the water down Springdale Creek if there is any water that comes down. This bridge could be done even during the irrigation season. The other ones can't be done until after the irrigation season.

Mike Burri commented that the bridge on CR 43 can be done right away but the other one on Vansway Drive has to wait until after harvest. The CR 41 bridge needs to be done ASAP. They will have to keep a close eye on it to make sure that it does not tip further and cause an accident.

Burri said that there is \$500,000 in the Road and Bridge budget for mastic that will not be used this year. Debbie Unrein said that it would be ok to use the funds for bridge repair, but it should be charged to the bridge repair line item.

If the box culvert is ordered today, it will be July before it comes in. Alan Krier said that they could get the culvert installed in 10-15 days from start to finish. Alan Samber will prepare a written contract for each box culvert and installation. He said there is usually a date of substantial completion written in the contract. If it isn't done by that deadline, there's a liquidated damages clause that gives the county the authority to deduct \$100 for every day it is late being finished. He asked if that clause should be written in the contract.

Alan will write three separate contracts for each bridge and have them ready for the June 10th business meeting agenda. Mike Burri will ask Alan Krier if the other bridges will take longer than the first one so that Alan Samber can have that information for the contracts. The Board will add the third box culvert on CR 41 to the bid award during the business meeting today.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL 2025 – Jennifer explained that the Commissioners Proceedings for April had Commissioner Sonnenberg’s name at the top since he was still in office during April. However, Commissioner Santomaso will be signing to approve them today. Commissioner Santomaso moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for the month of April, 2025. Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

CRACK FILL MACHINE BIDS – Jennifer reported that two bids were received in the office for the Crack Fill Machine that the Board will open during the Business Meeting. No bids were received on BidNet.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS - Rick Cullip reported that he has ordered bollards for the parking lot. They are the ornate cast iron bollards that will be placed there. American Builders is going to revise their bid because their bid included concrete bollards. They will resubmit it with cast iron bollards.

All of the work is completed at the Justice Center for the new server and additional cameras installed. It was approved for the double server and the upgraded licensing. He plans to get this submitted through to the Finance Department. He and Mike met with the UTEP representatives. They have some information coming about the fairgrounds. He will report on this in the future.

MARILEE JOHNSON MITCHEK EVENT CENTER REQUEST FEES WAIVED – Marilee Johnson met with the Board to request the use of the Mitchek Event Center in November 2025. Next year is the Sesquicentennial, America’s 250th anniversary and Colorado’s 150th anniversary. The group organizing the local event wants to use the Mitchek Event Center in November for an event connected to this. She asked if the Board would agree to waive the fees. She does not have all the details for the event yet. The Board agreed to waive the fees.

EMERGENCY MANAGER – Commissioner Yahn mentioned that Emergency Manager Josilyn Lutze was accepted into the Colorado Academy for Professional Emergency Managers. It’s two days every other month starting in October and held in Centennial, Colorado. It’s covered by the State’s Emergency Management Grant. She was one of 26 people to be accepted to the academy.

GRAVEL BIKE PATH AND WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY GRANT - Commissioner Yahn also mentioned that Marilee Johnson went with him to the radio station and they did the radio interview last week and discussed the grant she received for the gravel bike path project. He also told the group that Pam Bacon submitted a grant application that can help with the County’s website accessibility.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.