

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

May 4, 2021

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Alma McArthur, Shannon Graves, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes from April 27, 2021 with correction of the commissioner seconding the motion should be Commissioner McBride in the TANF Transfer paragraph. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA - Chairman Pelton added Jerry Casebolt to the agenda. Scott Strom had to cancel his appointment today.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review and approve the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated May 4, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the DHS payroll for the period April 10 through April 23.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – The Board reviewed the business meeting agenda for May 4, 2021.

JERRY CASEBOLT RE: TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE – Jerry Casebolt has been working with KCI on the telephone contract for long distance service. CenturyLink will be discontinuing support of the T1's at DHS and the Courthouse. KCI's proposal was received yesterday. There is an installation fee of \$600 and \$820 monthly for DHS and \$420 monthly for the Courthouse. The DHS amount is higher due to the number of direct lines DHS has – they have 60 direct lines.

NewCloud's monthly charges are \$397 for the Courthouse and \$454 for DHS. There is no installation fee for NewCloud. The Board has concerns with NewCloud due to the billing issue last year when the DHS account was hacked. It took numerous calls and e-mails to get NewCloud to relent and remove the amount billed for the hacked calls. There is also an issue with NewCloud having some down service hours. The contract states that there is to be some additional benefits to DHS if there is down time. NewCloud has not answered e-mails or returned telephone messages about this.

CenturyLink can provide the service through SIP trunks. Jerry will check with CenturyLink to get a cost.

Commissioner Bauder thought that there was a contract signed with NewCloud last year. Commissioner Bauder is not in favor of paying KCI installation fees and a higher monthly fee.

FAIRGROUNDS SECURITY/SHERIFF POSSE DISBANDING - Jerry will discuss this after the work session.

FEMA UPDATE - Rob Quint met with the Board to give an update on the properties that are in violation of the FEMA regulations. Thomas Birney has replaced Harry Katz as the lead person working

with the County. Thomas Birney is Harry Katz' official boss. Tom's boss Jeff Hurd, feels like this is the best fit for Logan County. Tom will be brought up to speed by Harry based on what Harry has done to this point. The deadline will be moved to October. Two properties are off by 1/10th of an inch. This is part of the reason that Logan County was at a standstill with Harry.

There are several properties that will remain problems. As long as Logan County is sending letters and making an effort to contact and work with these homeowners, the county should not be put on probation. Rob Quint feels like Tom has been very good to work with.

Commissioner Bauder received a call from a homeowner who is out of compliance with the FEMA regs. He has applied for a building permit. He was told he will not be given a building permit until he comes into compliance. Tom Birney suggested an option to issue the building permit to the homeowner, as long as he keeps moving rapidly towards fixing the problem. Rob Quint would like to have approval from the Board before issuing the building permit.

Alan Samber received a template letter to issue to Logan County homeowners who are in violation of FEMA regulations. He would like a bit more direction on this. He will contact Tom Birney of FEMA.

MISS RODEO LOGAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RENTAL FEES WAIVED – The Board received an e-mail from Mikayla Motzkus requesting fairgrounds fees be waived for the Rodeo Queen fundraiser for May 29th. Ms. Motzkus could not attend the meeting due to school. The Board approved the request.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned 9:29 a.m.