

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
May 6, 2025

Present: Mike Brownell, Jim Yahn, Jim Santomaso, Alan Samber, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Rick Cullip, Krier, Lavon Ritter, Rob Quint, and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Yahn moved to approve the minutes of the April 22 and April 29, 2025 Work Sessions as written. Commissioner Santomaso seconded, and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO THE WORK SESSION AGENDA -- Commissioner Brownell added Chief Ritter to discuss ambulance issues.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – Jennifer asked the Board to make an announcement concerning the Courthouse outdoor lighting being green for Mental Health Month during the month of May with the exception of the week of May 11-17, which is Police Week, when the lights will be blue.

LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE – Chief Ritter discussed hiring three people for the Ambulance which the Board approved for July. Applications are open and testing is ongoing. Since previous conversations, several employees have had medical issues. One has a bacterial eye infection and will be out for 6-8 weeks, one employee has a nerve injury to a hand and another employee has another type of nerve injury. Chief Ritter would like to move hiring up to May to avoid employee burnout on the remaining employees covering shifts.

Two paramedics have applied, both have passed their physicals and are ready to plug into the system. Debbie Unrein said that the revenues have not started to come in as expected so far this year. The Board may have to supplement revenues from the General Fund but that this should not be a problem as the Board budgeted \$250,000 that can be transferred to the Ambulance Fund if necessary. Insurance payments are usually 2-3 months behind.

The Board agreed that the hiring could be done early. Commissioner Yahn will discuss this with interim City Manager Don Saling and City Finance Manager Deb Forbes to work out the details.

SPRINGDALE DITCH BRIDGE – Commissioner Yahn explained that he went out to look at several bridges with Mike Burri, Road and Bridge Operations Manager on the Springdale Ditch yesterday north of Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. There are three bridges in the area. The center bridge was not built well to begin with. there is a section of the pad that has begun to tilt. There is concern that if a heavy load passes over it, the bridge will fail altogether. Commissioner Yahn talked to the Springdale Ditch President and the Ditch Rider. There is only one person that needs water past that location. It will probably take a week to repair the bridge. The Road and Bridge Department has \$500,000 in the budget for bridge repairs. The Board will look at the budget and if there is enough money after the bids are opened for the box culverts today, they will make a decision on the repair of this bridge.

Mike Burri was contacted by the Air Force on the missile roads. There are four cattle guards on the missile roads that need to be upgraded. The Air Force will purchase two of them and Logan County will need to purchase two of them. Logan County Road and Bridge will install all four of the cattle guards. All four cattle guards will need to be installed fairly soon as the Air Force will be doing work in the area. Burri will

bring back more information to the Board when he receives it.

AMBULANCE BILLING AND DEBT RECOVERY SERVICE – County Attorney Alan Samber discussed an award letter to the company that the Board selected last Tuesday and also letters to the other companies that were not selected. Alan said that he would write a letter to Wakefield for the 60-day notice of termination of the current contract. Commissioner Yahn has the information on the award and the companies that were not selected.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.