

## **Logan County Commissioners Work Session**

**November 1, 2022**

Present: Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Kristan Lange, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Caseboldt, Jeff Reeves, Rick Lockwood, Jerry Sonnenberg, Trae Miller, Rob Quint, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – Commissioner Pelton added Jeff Reeves and Wickham Tractor to talk about two tractors.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS** – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated November 1, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the Department of Human Services payroll for the period October 8, 2022, through October 21, 2022.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS** – Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated November 1, 2022. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**WICKHAM TRACTOR JEFF REEVES** – Jeff Reeves, Logan County Road and Bridge Manager and Rick Lockwood of Wickham Tractor Company met with the Board to discuss two tractors purchased from Wickham Tractor Company with warranty issues. One tractor has 22 hours on it and has never had a mower hooked up to it. The other tractor has 196 hours on it. They usually average 750 - 800 hours a year on the mowing tractors. One of the tractors has been in the shop almost a whole year. They have fixed issues on both of them and are waiting on a shift kit for one of them, so both will be done and ready to go soon.

Jeff's concern moving forward with this model of tractor vs. other models is the reliability and how they are going to hold up in the future. Wickham Tractor has extended the warranty on both tractors for another year. Jeff is concerned that will not help if they do not stay running.

Mr. Lockwood has proposed that these tractors be upgraded to their "C" series tractors. These tractors are "A" series tractors. The C series tractors come with more reliability. If the tractor breaks down, they have a program where they can get parts from the Case Program right off the assembly line to expedite repairs, where the A series tractors do not have that available. The C series tractors are 120 HP vs. 105 HP tractors and have a little bit larger frames.

Wickham Tractor is offering Logan County what they paid for these two tractors, which is \$50,650 to upgrade to two 120 HP C series tractors for more reliability. CASE IH and Wickham Tractor are proposing two new 120 C series tractors with combined costs for an additional \$24,000. This price was offered in August. Mr. Lockwood might be able to get the cost down some by pricing them without loaders on them. These tractors are not built in the United States, they are built

overseas. To make those changes can be difficult. Case IH and Wickham Tractor are taking care of the \$5,600 costs for the extended warranties on the current tractors at their expense.

The Case IH service representative as well as their territory sales person have been actively involved with the situation and their service manager, JR Collins, has worked and has been very involved with this problem. That is how they came up with the dollar amount for the trade difference.

Commissioner Pelton noted that is has been a difficult year to find mower operators. The Board had approved \$16,000 in the budget next year for the trade for the new tractors. One of the tractors he has available is on the lot is a 2021 rental tractor with 125-130 hours on it with a loader on it. It will still have full warranty on it, two thousand hours/two years. The other is a 2022 brand new tractor. Mr. Lockwood will see if he can get the loaders removed and see if he can get to that price.

**REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – The Board reviewed the Business meeting agenda for November 1, 2022. Commissioner McBride will abstain from discussion and the vote on the resolution on adoption of criteria for roadside memorials within a county road right of way. The Board will need to open public hearings on the conditional use and special use permits.

**COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS** – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for September 2022. Commissioner Bauder seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

**LEB SOCK PROPERTY CLEANUP** – Commissioner Bauder asked for an update on the Lebsock property cleanup. Commissioner Pelton will check with Matt Chrisp to see if he has e-mailed Mr. Lebsock for an update recently.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M. p.m.