

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

November 2, 2021

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Rhonda Chrisp, Debbie Unrein, Morgan Lulf, Darlene Carpio, Aaron Tilden, Trae Miller, Rob Quint, Chance Wright, Jerry Casebolt, Marilee Johnson, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman 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 October 26, 2021 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner Pelton reported that Jeff Reeves called about the theft of a Chevy Tahoe this a.m. and that a loader is broken down beyond repair. Reeves may need to rearrange budgeted items to be able to replace the loader.

REVIEW AND APPROVE HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated November 2, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented. The Board also approved the Department of Human Services Payroll for the period of October 9, 2021 through October 22, 2021.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – Rhonda Chrisp met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated November 2, 2021. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – The Optum Health Contract will be added to the agenda to replace the contract signed in the October 26, 2021 meeting. This contract will allow more people to take advantage of exercise classes offered. An error was discovered in the contract approved in the October 26, 2021 meeting

UPDATE FROM KEN BUCK'S OFFICE – Darlene Carpio met with the Board with an update from U.S. Representative Ken Buck's Office. Representative Buck recently held a district tour to hear concerns. Rep. Buck wrote a letter to President Biden to share some of the unique needs of the rural area when it comes to housing. We don't just need low-income restricted housing, we need attainable housing. Often teachers and hospital workers aren't able to live in income-restricted housing. Ms. Carpio reported that DOLA has created a Division of Rural Housing.

Childcare continues to be a concern. Buck held a round-table with just stakeholders in that industry. The roundtable was virtual so rural residents could attend.

The EPA Wheat Growers Meeting recently announced another pesticide that has come off of the list of approved pesticides for use on wheat.

Congressman Buck was invited to take a trip to the border near Yuma, Arizona two weeks ago. One of his objectives was to understand how Covid is being addressed with the thousands of people coming across the border in light of the continued concerns about mandates and restrictions. Buck was not just concerned about Covid, and its impacts to our health-care system, but was also concerned with the mental health care and education. What is the cost of aid that is going for these peoples.

The infrastructure and reconciliation packages seem to be a moving target every day. It is not likely that Congressman Buck will support this legislation.

Anti-trust legislation on monopolies like Google and Apple and Facebook are pending.

The Federal Motorcarrier Safety Administration has increased requirements to get a CDL license next February. The biggest concern is classroom time. If you have a CDL you are grandfathered in. This is for new CDL applicants. NJC is working to get classes in Yuma. It will be very expensive if companies have to send potential drivers to the front range for 30 hours to 8 days for a busdriver. They are hoping to delay the requirement as long as possible.

The meeting recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

MILLIG AWARD OF PROPOSAL – Aaron Tilden of Millig met with the Board concerning the approved Intent to Award. The Board will need to finalize the scope of work and the project priorities to include in the IGA agreement.

It was suggested that the focus be on the Justice Center to do one project to see how well it goes with Millig on a probationary period. However, the funds are available now with the ARPA funds and potential grant cycles. Mr. Tilden suggested pairing the HVAC for the Heritage Center with the Justice Center project. The idea is to pair things that aren't that much savings like the Justice Center and Heritage Center together.

The project for the Courthouse and Annex is a potential phase two project. A change order could be signed for the first contract to amend it and add phase two project information to the scope. The Courthouse and Annex projects will make for a good DOLA (Energy Impact Assistance) grant application. The Board discussed various project priorities. Debbie Unrein noted that Chance Wright has budgeted for some of the projects from the sales and use tax. Tilden advised the Board to be shovel ready for the second phase of work, once the decision is received on the grant funding. The Board agreed to pair the LED lighting for all of the projects in phase one because it is a huge savings driver. Approximately \$850K from the sales and use tax fund can be used for the LED lighting. The Board agreed to pursue all of the projects that were listed and possibly utilize a phase one and phase two process according to funds available

Other Funding Options such as the DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance grant funds, renewable and clean energy Initiative, etc. Lighting for the fairgrounds arena was discussed. This has also been budgeted for 2022. Storm windows for the Courthouse were discussed. The State Historical Society has arranged for a 20 year covenant on the building so that nothing can be done to the windows except for maintenance and normal wear and tear. Alan Samber will review the proposed IGA from Millig, which is identical to the IGA that the state would use. More discussion for the project will take place on November 16, 2021.

NEW PATHWAYS ARPA FUNDS – The Board discussed funding for New Pathways. This will be discussed under unfinished business on November 16th. Logan County Human Services Director Dave Long has found that ARPA regulations money can go to private companies. The project could be changing depending on the regulations.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2021 - Joe moved to approve Commissioners proceedings for August and September. Jane seconded and the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.