

Logan County Commissioners Work Session

November 3, 2020

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Shannon Graves, Debbie Unrein, Jeff Reeves, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2020. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS AND PAYROLL – Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated November 3, 2020 and Department of Human Services payroll for the period of October 10, 2020 through October 23, 2020. The Board approved as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – The Board discussed the Dinklage Feedlot Special Use Permit renewal for a feedlot. The new permit will run for 99 years as long as they comply with state regulations. This will avoid the applicants having to reapply every five years and prevent the permits from lapsing.

ROAD AND BRIDGE FURTHER BUDGET DISCUSSION – Jeff Reeves met with the Board to discuss budget items that he did not have time to discuss at the budget meeting. Mr. Reeves discussed the Road and Bridge culvert budget. He is trying to move away from purchasing culverts to keep in inventory, and to purchase them as needed. It is wasteful to have a number of culverts on the inventory and to have them sitting there for three or four years. Sometimes a smaller culvert is used because a larger culvert was not on the inventory. Now the department has been going up to Big R and getting what is needed and saving money by not keeping a large inventory. If a different sized culvert is needed for a project, they will often send a truck to Big R and pick up the culvert and purchase culverts for two or three projects at once. The line item is increased to \$45,000. Anything over a four-foot culvert is considered a bridge and will come out of the bridge repair line item. There is one six-foot culvert failing now, estimated cost to replace it is \$12,000. The department has taken out more culverts than they have put in this year. He will still do a purchase order requisition when necessary.

Reeves updated the Board on the gravel pit application and the costs to be incurred next year. There is some money budgeted for next year. He talked to the consultant, Steve O'Brian, everything is going to the state today, however costs next year will be under \$10,000 which will be the consulting fees. The application will be sent in to the state today and should turn around pretty quickly as it is a simple application. DOW and Historical have both signed off on it. There was nothing for environmental and there are no structures nearby. Landowners have been contacted and the land will be posted today.

Reeves discussed a couple of requests for promotions on the Bridge Crew. Bob Piper retired and Bart Zimmerman would like to go to a grader operator when a position opens up. This will create two position openings for the Bridge Crew. Dan Lazzaretti and Leon Rose will be promoted to supervisors.

Bart Zimmerman understands he will drop from a grade 19 to grade 13 but it is necessary for him to take the decrease in pay due to health concerns. One Bridge Crew Foreman position is open now and when Bart Zimmerman is able to go into a grader position that may open that will create the other position. The Board will approve salary data sheets once the employees are placed in their new positions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.