

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
October 1, 2019**

Present: Joe McBride, Byron Pelton, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Kristan Lange, Jeff Rice, Jerry Casebolt, Rob Quint, Jim McNay, Don Saling and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 work session as written. Commissioner Pelton seconded, and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA - The Board will discuss County Held Tax Liens and the Wind Energy Project.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated October 1, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated October 1, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting agenda for October 1, 2019.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS - Commissioner McBride tried to contact Richard Lawlor to let him know what is happening with the transfer of the property. He left a voice message and has not received a return call. He also went out to view the property with Dave Appelhans to determine what will be needed for grounds care. In addition, he met with Veteran's Service Officer John Haynie concerning the Veteran's area at the cemetery. Mr. Haynie will be checking on flags for the area and potential funding for the Veteran's area. Alan Samber met with the surveyor Friday and gave her the quiet title decree and a couple of other deeds. Alan will meet with her next week to locate the pins and get a visual as to where the property boundaries are. It appears that one of the neighbors has built a large machine shed that encroaches on the property. Mr. Samber will contact Kenny Fritzler to inquire on the number of shares of the Springdale Ditch Company are involved.

SILENT RAILROAD CROSSING - No update.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN - No update. He has reached out to the State Economic Development office for wording for the plan.

2020 CENSUS. - Commissioner Bauder is working with Jennifer on a letter to send out to request volunteers to form a Complete Count Committee. Commissioner Bauder also discussed the issue with Mr. Brown at the City of Sterling. It was suggested to have a Spanish speaking person on the committee.

COUNTY HELD TAX LIENS - The Board discussed a letter from County Treasurer Patty Bartlett inquiring whether the Board would like to apply for Treasurer's Deeds on the liens. The

Board questioned whether all of the liens are correct and when the last time action was taken on county held tax liens. There is not enough information to determine which option is better. The Board would like to know if the Treasurer has data on the liens and what has been collected over the years.

Many of the liens are on mobile homes that are dilapidated or that may have disappeared. The county has canceled these liens in the past. The Board will need to hear from someone in the Assessor's Office as to the circumstances around all of the liens. These are county held certificates, the properties went to tax sale and nobody bid on them so they were struck off to the county. The County does not want to get stuck with junk mobile homes that it would be costly to dispose of. Commissioner Bauder will talk to the Treasurer for more information.

IT RFP - Commissioner Bauder and Jerry Casebolt have been working on the IT RFP. It was sent to an IT company for review. They were told that it was much too vague and it needed to be more specific and the format was wrong. They have obtained several examples of RFPs and used them to re-write the County's RFP. More of the details of the existing infrastructure were added to the RFP which is more of what most IT companies want to see in an RFP. Alan Samber asked whether the pre-proposal walkthrough would still be necessary. The walkthrough will still be necessary as the RFP does not give the entire working of the system. A new site diagram was received from Les Archuleta but will not be included in the RFP.

WIND ENERGY PROJECT - Commissioner Pelton reported that Road and Bridge Manager Jeff Reeves does not see any issue with the roads. The intersections in the roads were already widened where necessary for the last phase. A representative from Next Era Energy will be here October 15. She will bring several development agreements that they have used elsewhere in the state to try to get things rolling so that they can provide what the county will need. The previous development agreements that were in place have expired since the project was completed.

TIMBERLINE CONSTRUCTION, LLC CASH ESCROW RELEASE REQUEST - Rob Quint provided a letter to the Board concerning release of the Timberline Construction, LLC Cash Escrow. Quint stated that he physically went out to the subdivision on September 29 and again yesterday to verify that all of the required utilities were in place. Currently there are two transformers, one for Cole Briggs and one for Jeremiah Curtis. Additional transformers will be needed but are the responsibility of the owners of the lots. Quint has had difficulty getting verification in writing from Jarred Davis on the water lines. The water lines are there. Cole Briggs has water. When homeowners are ready for water, they meet with the town of Merino to arrange for the water lines to connect to the taps which are already in place. All of the required infrastructure is in place.

Quint is comfortable with refunding the escrow and the county can step out. The county subdivision regulations require the County Attorney to provide written instructions to the Treasurer to release the escrow. Rob Quint will amend his letter to include a legal description for the subdivision and record the letter in case there is ever a question in the future.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS - Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for August 2019. Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.