

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
April 10, 2018**

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Dave Donaldson, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Lindsey Reeves, Michelle Hoff, Peggy Michaels, Brad Hofmeister, Trae Miller, Lisa Young and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 work session as written. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the DHS schedule of bills dated April 10, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) PAYROLL REVIEW - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the DHS payroll for the period March 17, 2018 through March 30, 2018. The Board reviewed various payroll reports. The payroll was approved as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Lindsey Reeves met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated April, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

LOGAN COUNTY PAYROLL REVIEW - Michelle Hoff met with the Board to review the Logan County payroll for the period March 19, 2018 through April 1, 2018. The Board reviewed various payroll reports. The payroll was approved as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Michelle Hoff met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Resources schedule of bills dated April 10, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE COLLECTION ASSIGNMENTS - Commissioner McBride moved to approve assignment of Logan County Ambulance debt collections accounts to Wakefield and Associates, the account numbers ending in 1104; 1112; 5010; 2044; 2046; 0009; and 3001 and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH, 2018 - The Board reviewed and approved the Commissioners Proceedings for the month of March, 2018.

WHITCOMB APARTMENTS LTD PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES - Commissioner Donaldson asked for the County Attorney's opinion on whether an abatement should be heard by the Board of Commissioners, or whether it must go before the Board of Equalization. The Board of Commissioners can hold a hearing on a Petition for Abatement of Taxes because the Board of Equalization only exists for a specific period of time according to statute.

Whitcomb Apartments, LTD was not represented at the hearing. There are four schedules included in the abatement hearing: 38052520411007, 38052520411008, 38052520412008, and 38052520413020. Whitcomb Apartments, LTD appealed the value in 2015 and the value was reduced by County Assessor as the income of the apartments was shown to be rent-assisted buildings. The value was reduced to the same extent in 2016. The taxpayer is not eligible to appeal again through a Petition for Abatement for 2015. The Assessor has valued the property at a combined total of approximately \$4 million on all four buildings, Whitcomb Apartments, LTD is estimating the combined value at \$2.5 million.

In addition, there was no evidence supplied to the assessor from Whitcomb Apartments for the abatement. Whitcomb Apartments, LTD appealed to the Board of Equalization in 2017 and was a no show for the hearing. It is the taxpayer's burden to prove that the assessed valuation is wrong. There is no basis for the board to adjust the value at this time. The Assessor's recommendation is to deny the abatement.

Commissioner McBride moved to deny the petition for abatement of taxes due to lack of information and the petitioner not being present schedule numbers ending in the last four numbers: 1007, 1008, 2008, 3020 and allow the chairman to sign. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM RFP - The Board discussed the draft telephone system RFP. Commissioner Donaldson felt that the RFP is very generic and is not concise. The RFP was drafted from a previously used telephone system RFP. Commissioner Pelton will revise the draft and send it to Alan Samber for review.

SPEED LIMIT COUNTY ROAD 35 - Commissioner Pelton relayed that a constituent had talked to him about the speed limit on CR 35 south of Hwy 14. The Board changed the speed limit on that section of County Road 35 last year. The constituent complained that someone had passed him on the road where there was a no passing zone. Several citizens have asked for a double yellow line through that section of road for safety reasons. The Board will drive the road and determine if that is appropriate.

TV TRANSLATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT - Alan Samber has the TV Translator Maintenance Contract with RF Systems with Ed Lake's Signature. He has e-mailed Washington County Commissioner Lee Ann Leyborn and asked her to let him know if Washington County has any problems with renewing the contract. The contract will be on the next business meeting agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.