

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
April 2, 2019

Present: Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Lindsey Reeves, Jeff Rice, Marilee Johnson, Patty Bartlett, Dusty Johnson, Kay Rich and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman McBride called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 work session. Chairman McBride seconded and the motion carried.

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 April 2, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Lindsey Reeves met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated April 2, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for the April 2, 2019 meeting.

The agreement with Romeo Entertainment Group, Inc. will be postponed definitely as the agreement was not received from Romeo in time for the meeting today with the changes recommended by the County Attorney.

Due to Commissioner Pelton's absence as well as Commissioner Bauder's abstaining due to her operating a campground, the Board will postpone definitely Resolution 2019-20 amending Section 7.2, I. of the Logan County Zoning Resolution as Concerns Regulations or Camping Areas.

DRAFT RULES ON OPERATION OF ATV'S/UTV'S ON COUNTY ROADS - Chairman McBride distributed copies of a draft of rules on operation of ATV's/UTV's on County Roads. The draft is modeled after the City of Sterling's rules as it is thought it would be best to keep the same rules. Alan Samber will review the state statutes to determine whether it can be adopted by resolution and if it must be adopted by ordinance which would require publication.

COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR LIGHTING - Chance Wright has been communicating with Nate Webb concerning the number of controllers required. The Board approved his original proposal which included six controllers at \$699 each. However, Webb later sent an e-mail revising the number of controllers to seventeen. Jane reviewed the blue prints and found ten controllers. Chance will be meeting with Nate at the end of the week and physically count the controllers on the property and determine the number needed.

SEVERED MINERAL TAX LIENS - County Treasurer Patty Bartlett met with the Board to discuss some several very old tax liens which someone would like to purchase. There are nine parcels of severed minerals involved. The calculated sale price of \$2,533.59 is exorbitant because of the age of the liens. Patty asked if the Board would be willing to waive the interest in order to sell the liens. If the interest was waived it would lower the cost to approximately half that figure.

The County cannot own minerals and cannot apply for deed. There has been nothing done since

2002 on some of the liens and some are older. The tax liens are good for 30 years. When they get to be 30 years old, they are canceled and put on the tax roll and the process and starts over. Cancellation of the interest and sale of the tax liens would require a resolution authorizing the assignment and a certificate of purchase. Patty will contact the buyer to tell him county is willing to waive the interest and ask if he is still interested in purchasing the liens.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m. and reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

CONGRESSMAN KEN BUCK AIDE DUSTY JOHNSON - Dusty Johnson, Congressman Ken Buck's aide met with the Board to give a report of the congressman's activities.

Congressman Buck is a ranking member on the Immigration and Citizenship Subcommittee and is a member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security and Trade. Immigration priorities include border security and/or Trump's wall, ending chain migration, eliminating the diversity visa lottery, ending Sanctuary Cities and allowing ICE to work with local law enforcement.

Congressman Buck testified before the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress and offered a few proposals on how to fix Congress and make it function better by 1) Ending "Pay to Play" - the practice of having members "buy" committee assignments through fundraiser a certain amount for their respective party. Members should be appointed to committees based on their expertise and experience. 2) Enact five-day work weeks, Monday through Friday so members can have more time to build relationships with colleagues, especially those across the aisle, and work more effectively.

Buck voted NO on H.R. 1, For The People Act, because it would force the American taxpayers to finance political campaigns and ensure non-citizens rights to vote and convicted felon's rights to vote even if they committed election-related offences.

Congressman Buck re-introduced H.R 807, the Water Act. This is the third term the bill has been introduced with the same wording. They are hoping that Senator Gardner will also introduce it and that it makes it through the Senate and the House. Last year the bill was introduced and never made it to docket. The bill will help support local economies, address the rising cost of water, and assist farmers and ranchers to ensure funds are reinvested in rural water infrastructure.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL FUNDING - Kay Rich, Curator at the Overland Trail Museum gave the Board a summary of 2019 Heritage Festival. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Summit Springs. Two speakers will be presenting talks centering around the anniversary of the battle. The opening ceremony will feature an unveiling of a life-size bronze sculpture of a bison which is being installed in memory of the late Perry Johnson a long-time museum employee. Two musical acts will perform in Heidi Park, one act is from Sterling. Children's activities, family activities, and food vendors will again be part of the festival.

Logan County has contributed \$1,500 every year. The community event is also funded in part by the City of Sterling, Logan County Historical Society, and the Logan County Lodging Tax Board. KPMX Radio station sponsors the event with live remote interviews. South Platte Valley Regional Transportation Authority provides a shuttle from outlying parking.

The Board agreed to fund the event at the budgeted amount of \$1,500.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.