

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
April 24, 2018

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Dave Donaldson, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Lindsey Reeves, Michelle Hoff, Rob Quint, Kyle Moulton, Glenna Phelps-Aurich and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 work session as written. Commissioner McBride 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 24, 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 31, 2018 through April 13, 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 24, 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 April 1, 2018 through April 14, 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 24, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE COLLECTION ASSIGNMENTS - Commissioner McBride moved to approve assignment of Logan County Ambulance accounts with account numbers ending in 2011, and 9034 to Wakefield and Associates, and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

JUSTICE CENTER FINANCE CORPORATION - Alan Samber has prepared a resolution to reappoint Bill Furbee to the Justice Center Finance Corporation. The corporation will exist until the certificates are paid off on the Justice Center. The resolution will be placed on the next week's agenda. This will be Furbee's sixth three-year term. The certificates will be paid off in just over a year.

BALLOT QUESTION DISCUSSION - Chairman Pelton introduced a proposed ballot question for the November 2018 election. The ballot question will ask voters to allow the county to extend the one-half percent sales tax after the Justice Center certificates are paid off. It is estimated that the certificates will be paid off in just over one year.

Larimer County placed a similar question on their November 2017 ballot. The sales tax would be

used for utilities, building repairs and maintenance on all county buildings and properties, including the Justice Center. Pelton also suggested that the county could work on the Industrial Park infrastructure if the sales tax was extended. The proposal will allow approximately \$1.5 million in the General Fund to be freed up and shift the burden from landowners to everyone who pays sales tax.

The Gallagher Amendment requires the assessment rate to drop each year on residential properties. Every time the assessment rate drops, the county collects less property tax. The sales tax would replace the loss of residential property tax.

Chairman Pelton asked Alan Samber to draft a sales tax question for the Board's consideration with the sales tax to be specified for use for utilities, building repairs and maintenance on county owned real property.

If the voters pass the ballot question, property owners could potentially receive a tax credit when the Justice Center is paid off and the sales tax is no longer needed for the certificates. However, a tax credit cannot be guaranteed every year, as there are many variables that must be considered.

It was agreed the Board can refer the question to the ballot without public meetings, etc. Commissioner Pelton has received positive feedback when discussing with several business owners. The annual cost of utilities, repairs and maintenance was not included when the original sales tax was approved. The sales tax revenue could only be used to pay off the debt of the Justice Center. However, the Justice Center building required more financial need in terms of heating, air conditioning, repairs and maintenance, etc. The five-year average on Justice Center utilities is \$225,000 per year. Repairs and maintenance have increased from \$21,000 in 2014 to \$400,000 for roof replacement in 2017. Jail repairs were \$241,000 in 2016.

Alan Samber will research the statute to determine who is responsible to write the Blue Book pros and cons on the ballot question.

CLARENCE'S CORNER SOUND SYSTEM - Logan County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Glenna Phelps-Aurich met with the Board. The Downtown Merchants Association is requesting the addition of a sound system to Clarence's Corner to be play music for events and to offer a PA system. The Downtown Merchants Association does not have funds for the request and asks that the Commissioners purchase a system if funds are available. Chairman Pelton agreed to research pricing on sound systems.

COLORADO LIQUOR SALES ROOM - Rob Quint met with the Board concerning the Pioneer Distributing, Inc. application to the State Liquor Enforcement Division for a Colorado Liquor Sales Room. There is nothing that would prohibit the liquor sales room. The zoning is Industrial and is a use by right. The main access is off of Highway 14. There is no traffic through the residential area to the north. The matter will be officially discussed at the May 1 business meeting. There is no requirement to publish notice of a public hearing or post the premises. If the Board does not object to the application, it does not need to do anything, the application will be approved by the state.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.