

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
August 13, 2019**

Present: Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Kristan Lange, Marilee Johnson, Callie Jones, Jerry Casebolt, Rick Cullip, Monica Perez, Elizabeth Cypers Greg Brophy 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 August 6, 2019 work session as written. Chairman McBride seconded and the motion carried.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA - Greg Brophy scheduled to meet with the Board at 9:45 a.m. Brae Wilson has canceled. The Board will discuss donation of the old crow's nest at the fairgrounds to Crook for their fairgrounds. The Board will discuss the Victim's Advocate position at the Logan County Sheriff's Office.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated August 13, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY DHS PAYROLL - The Board reviewed the Department of Human Services payroll for the period July 20, 2019 through August 2, 2019. The payroll was approved as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated August 13, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

CROWS NEST - The Board was asked whether the old crow's nest could be donated to the Town of Crook for their fairgrounds. The Board agreed to donate the crow's nest to the Town of Crook. Alan will prepare a donation statement for the Board's signature.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Research is still being done.

SILENT RR CROSSING - A meeting is scheduled for September 9 with Don Saling, and the representative from the railroad. Joe McBride will attend.

COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN COUNTRY CLUB HILLS SUBDIVISION - Research is still being done.

HOUSING FOR WORKERS - Research is still being done.

VICTIM'S ADVOCATE POSITION - The Board discussed an e-mail from Sheriff Brett Powell. Victim's Advocate, Sally Torres is going to retire at the end of the year. Powell would like to hire someone as of September 1 to begin training for the position. Powell believes that the budget will allow this. The Board agreed that it is a good idea to hire soon to have someone

to train with Sally. Joe will send an e-mail to let Brett know the request is approved.

2020 CENSUS PLANNING - 2020 Census Partnership Specialists Monica Perez and Elizabeth Cypers met with the Board to discuss ways to help accurately count residents in the 2020 census. Ms. Perez explained what the census is and told the Board that this will be the first on-line census. Every person who has a physical address will receive a postcard in the mail with instructions to go on-line and answer a ten question census survey. Those persons who do not have a physical address will get a paper copy of the census delivered to their Post Office box. It is important to get an accurate census count as federal funds that the county receives are based on the census count. In the last census it is estimated that 28.5 percent of Logan County residents were not counted.

Complete Count Committees can be formed for the county and region to help educate citizens on the importance of the census. The Census Bureau can assist the committees with literature and other resources available. The Board agreed that a regional committee would be helpful but also is interested in a county committee.

Approximately 28.5% of Logan County residents did not respond to the 2010 census. With the persons living here now, the response rate is estimated to be only 55%.

There are also grants available for advertising funds to help Complete County Committees get the word out. Communities often allocate their own funds for advertising and there are some state grant programs that allocate money. The contact for that is the State Complete Count Committee. The deadline for some of the grant funds is coming up soon. Perez will forward the contact information to the Board.

The response from areas near Iliff, Crook and Proctor area response rate was not as good as the response rate in the City of Sterling. The response rate in the county as a whole was not as good as the City of Sterling according to a map provided to the Board.

It was suggested that Perez and Cypers give a presentation at the CCI Eastern District meeting coming up on September 13. Commissioner Byron Pelton is President of the CCI Eastern District and is the contact to get added to the agenda for that meeting.

LANDFILL MONITOR WELL DRILLING PURCHASE REQUISITION - Rick Cullip, Landfill Assistant Supervisor met with the Board concerning the three monitoring wells at the landfill used for monitoring purposes for the state. Two of the wells do not produce enough water for them to do the tests and one well produces no water at all. The State requires water to purge a certain volume of water before the test is performed. The wells are shallow depth wells. It is proposed to extend these wells 10-15 feet deeper to hopefully have better water flow and allow the sampling to do the tests. There are funds available in the 2019 budget although funds were not specifically budgeted for this purpose.

American Environmental Consulting has obtained bids to re-drill the wells. The bids were not solicited from local firms but from firms that are knowledgeable about the technical drilling requirements for the monitoring wells. The Board agreed to approve the purchase requisition.

Cullip also notified the Board that the Logan County Landfill will not be able to accept soil from two oilfield cleanup areas. CDPHE is requiring more testing on the soils for radioactive

materials. One of the sites does not want to do the testing required and the second has test results with radioactive material too high for the landfill to use. The soil will have to go to Clean Harbors as they designed to take that type of material.

WIND TURBINE MANUFACTURING TAX EXEMPTION - Greg Brophy met with the Board concerning a proposed ordinance granting a temporary exemption from the business personal property tax for mobile equipment used to manufacture wind turbines and components on site. Mr. Brophy explained that the proposed ordinance is similar to House Bill 2019-1165 introduced by Representative Rod Pelton and Senator Kerry Donovan. The bill did not pass the House this year. Mr. Brophy stated that the diameter of the next generation of wind turbines will be significantly larger than can be hauled on roads and highways and will need to be manufactured on-site. The newest technology turbines will need to be on towers larger than 22 feet in diameter. Several companies are getting started manufacturing the 21-22 foot diameter towers that will be taller and hold a 5 MW nacelle on top.

The region of state that has the most business friendly and profitable environment for these companies will most likely get the first equipment to build the wind towers. It is believed that the amount of equipment to do this will be limited so they won't be built everywhere. Companies are hoping to roll out this equipment by 2021. They would like to get most of the eastern district counties to pass this ordinance for a temporary reprieve from collection of business personal property tax on the wind turbine manufacturing and then publicize that to let companies know that eastern Colorado is going to be business friendly. State law gives counties the ability to do this for the purposes of economic development.

The goal is to get all of the eastern Colorado counties on board to adopt the ordinance and thereby generate enough publicity to encourage companies to choose Colorado rather than other states for their projects. This will bring many jobs to the area as well. Companies like to hire locally if they can.

The Board noted that it is a great idea and it goes along well with the expansion of NJC's wind technology program. The Board will review the recent house bill and discuss the proposal again next week.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS - Commissioner Bauder moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings, publication of bills for July 2019 with June 2019 salaries. Chairman McBride seconded and the motion carried.

IGA USE TAX COLLECTION - Alan Samber is working on an addition of an Appendix I for the IGA for Use Tax Collection. The is proposed to fix the problem without redoing the whole IGA. The Board agreed to move forward with the fix on the IGA. Alan will e-mail the proposal to the City Attorney and City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.