

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
August 21, 2018

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Dave Donaldson, Alan Samber, Rob Quint, Valerie Richards, Lindsey Reeves, Marilee Johnson, Michael Gillaspie, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for the August 14, 2018 meeting.

The Consent Agenda for the last business meeting did not have the Clerk and Recorder's report as the agenda stated but had the Landfill Supervisor's report in the packet. This week they are both on the Consent Agenda.

The Board will table the agreement with the State of Colorado definitely to September 4 to clarify whether the grant is for engineering only or whether construction costs are included. The Board will ask Jeff Reeves to attend the Work Session next week to provide more information.

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 9:32 a.m.

ONEOK PIPELINE UPDATE - Michael Gillespie gave an update on progress being made on behalf of ONEOK. Work has started with the bore of the North Sterling Canal. There will be one more pass and then they will potentially start pulling pipe through. ONEOK is making sure that the canal work is done before water is flowing in the canal. With the road permits approved at the business meeting today, ONEOK will be seen in the county more this week. As soon as all easements are acquired they will start construction. ONEOK has 98% of easements acquired for the project. There are five outstanding easements, all in Logan County. There is one landowner change in southern Logan County. The road permits for that change will be ready by late October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 Work Session as printed. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the DHS schedule of bills dated August 21, 2018. 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 August 21, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS & FUNDING PARTNERSHIPS - Sallie Clark, State Director of USDA Rural Development (USDA-RD) and Amy Mund, Public Information Officer for USDA-RD, met with the Board to review USDA-RD programs with the Board and to listen to the needs of the county. USDA-RD has over 45 programs, ranging from Affordable Housing both single-family and multi-family, the second component is Business and Economic Development and the third is Community Infrastructure.

USDA-RD offers loans and grants for a number of things. The focus right now is water and waste water projects with another program being promoted right now, the Opioid Initiative. They will have another round of grants to combat the opioid epidemic from an infrastructure standpoint. Facilities, including tele-medicine components can be financed in an infrastructure piece to help combat the crisis. They are here to listen to communities needs and learn what the county is working, on especially things going on with economic development, They like to work with DOLA to make projects even better.

Commissioner Donaldson expressed appreciation on behalf of the small communities in the county which have had help from USDA-RD with their wastewater projects.

The Board described that the county just completed a study of the South Platte River study with four other counties through a DOLA grant. The counties are now on to the project stage. It is not likely that the four counties will be working together on flood mitigating projects. Logan County has not gotten to the stage of identifying priorities for Logan County projects.

Commissioner McBride mentioned the joint efforts with Economic Development and focus on more housing, and daycare facilities, noting a severe shortage of daycare workers which impacts the rest of the workforce. Daycare centers have been funded by USDA-RD. It depends on the local's population. Julie Scruby, is the USDA-RD Loan Specialist in the Wray, Colorado office handles the community facilities loans as well as infrastructure programs.

USDA-RD has done energy efficient lighting for Courthouses. Just recently, Bent County did a project for outside lighting for their Courthouse. They have also done fairgrounds improvements projects. Logan County is currently working on upgrades for food doors in the jail to make a more secure environment for staff. Energy efficiency for the Justice Center was mentioned. Video cameras, telephone systems and security systems are also projects that can be funded. Other types of home ownership and improvement loans were discussed.

Ms. Clark asked the Board how they can determine the needs of rural communities and how should the program information be communicated to those community. The Board suggested that they attend the joint meeting of the Logan County towns and Commissioners Thursday evening at 7 p.m. at the meeting room in the Courthouse. These are quarterly meetings to help the communities know what other communities are dealing with and to network.

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

TELEPHONE SYSTEM - Commissioner Pelton reported that he has reviewed the proposals. Les Archuleta has submitted his review as well in work session next Tuesday work session.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER PROJECTS - The Board discussed the need for a strategic plan to implement the recommendations of the study. The four counties that participated in the study are not interested in cooperating to implement projects. Logan County will have to continue on with its own tasks. It is important to capitalize on the study and to not forget to complete the recommendations.

TV TRANSLATOR TOWER STATE LAND BOARD LAND LEASE - Commissioner Donaldson reported that he is dissatisfied with the answers he received from members of the

State Land Board to his questions on the amount Logan County is paying for the lease of land for the TV Translator Tower. He reported that the Board members told him that the consultant's recommendation is that the county pay \$29,000 per year. Commissioner Donaldson is recommending that the county look at purchasing other land for the tower site. The county is currently paying the State Land Board four times the value of the land. The state does not make a distinction between commercial use and governmental use for the price of the land lease. The Board agreed to ask Ed Lake to come in to the September 4th Work Session to discuss the options for the location of the tower. The Board would like to know the cost to move the tower.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.