

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
February 20, 2018

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Dave Donaldson, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Marilee Johnson, Mike Erker, Joe Ewertz, Chuck Miller, Rob Quint, John Draxler, Jennifer Crow and Lisa Young.

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 February 20, 2018 meeting.

The meeting recessed at 8:48 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSIONS - The minutes from the last meeting were not complete.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the DHS schedule of bills dated February 20, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Victor Newman met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated February 20, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented. Commissioner Pelton will meet this week with Platinum Technology representatives on the bill that was held last week.

DISCUSSION ON FEMA REGULATIONS - Mike Erker, Joe Ewertz and Chuck Miller met with the Board to discuss FEMA flood plain regulations. Logan County adopted FEMA flood plain regulations in 2016. Morgan County has also adopted the regulations, but FEMA did not have new maps put together at the time the regs were adopted. This is the same situation in Logan County. Many private citizens are not happy the way the maps have come out, some places that have never had flood water on them were added to the flood plain.

Morgan County's maps took longer to prepare because of studies done on Beaver Creek. Logan County's maps are dated May 2017. Rob Quint stated several maps were in the appeal process. Logan County did adopt the FEMA regs prior to the maps being finalized.

Mr. Miller read several paragraphs of the FEMA regs and noted to the Board that he is under the impression that any time there is maintenance done on a county road it would have to apply for a FEMA permit. The same with agriculture if the land lies in the flood plain the landowner would have to have a permit just to farm it. It was generally agreed that this is not the intention of the regs.

Logan County has collected from FEMA on damages from previous flood incidents. It is not known what private citizens or businesses in have collected from FEMA for flood damage. Logan County recently was awarded a grant for tourism dollars to help businesses recoup their losses. The grant was issued through the State of Colorado.

Counties were told they must adopt the FEMA regs or grant funding would be withheld. That is

the leverage used to force counties to adopt the regs.

Byron Pelton is waiting to hear back from Weld County Planning and Zoning to see what how Weld County is dealing with the regs. Coordination has been adopted but has not been used. It was suggested that the counties work together to talk to FEMA.

Chuck Miller, is owner of an auction business in Morgan County and had put infrastructure in place over the last few years for a new building. The new regulations call the zone a “floodway” and require architectural and engineering review to be done on the plans. If the building changes the flow of water, it is not allowed. Miller suggested that there will be an effect on counties’ tax bases. Miller asked what FEMA regs are costing the counties in employees’ time enforcing them. Morgan County Commissioner Jim Zwetzig has been discussing FEMA regs with CCI.

Rob Quint has list of properties to bring into compliance. Most are documented and have good information. He still has four properties he is working on bringing into compliance.

Mr. Miller stated that the Logan County Water Conservancy District (LCWCD) has said that the FEMA maps elevations were wrong. Zone “A” is considered to have no base elevations. The LCWCD is willing to help landowners on the Zone A base elevations.

LOGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD OVERVIEW - John Draxler met with the Board to update the Board on the LCCCB. Logan County makes all appointments to the board as placements are in Logan County. The LCCCB originated in Morgan County and was moved here in 2005 when Advantage Treatment Center was opened. At that time the Logan County Commissioners took over the appointment of board members. The LCCCB pre-screens and does background checks for potential board members and sends them to the Commissioners for approval. Appointment dates and terms were eliminated as there were not enough people that could apply for membership. Board members do not change often, as the required membership positions don’t change that often. Most are members are Ex Officio due to their positions. There are nine members on the board and seven on the screening committee. Members encompass the seven counties in the judicial district. That is why they try to get people from the other counties involved.

The screening committee votes on every offender case that goes into community corrections whether from DOC, the courts, probation, or parole. It takes a majority vote for approval. A judge cannot sentence an offender to community corrections without the LCCCB approval. DOC cannot send parolees to community corrections without LCCCB approval. The State has implemented these local boards to be able to have control over who comes to our communities.

Other counties wanting representation on the board can contact Draxler. Draxler will be meeting with commissioners from other counties this year and will inquire whether they would like representation on the board. However, the offenders are released into community corrections in Logan County, so board members should be from Logan County to make those decisions. Draxler noted that it is good having people from other counties on the board because they can give the board insight into the character on the people that are coming from their counties, whether it is the sheriff, probation or parole officer.

Draxler said that the board screens from 40-50 cases every two weeks to be placed at Advantage. There is a lot of reading involved for the screening committee. This includes pre-sentence

investigation reports, all criminal history, past criminal offences, any psychological evaluations, and any assessment material that either DOC, parole, or probation has done. Draxler invited the commissioners to attend if they would like.

Logan County approved an increase in population at Advantage Treatment Center. They are now at 106 beds at the center. Thirty-six of those beds are temporary intensive residential treatment or IRT which is a 90-day program.

Success rates at Advantage are very good with 69.2% of residents completing the program without getting regressed and going back to DOC. The state average is 42.2%. Draxler sits on the Governor's advisory council for community corrections and the Logan County program is looked at as one of the premier programs in the State.

Draxler reported on the restitution coming back into the community from the residents who are working in the community. As of July 1 until now, approximately \$75,000 has been paid in restitution. Most of the residents get hired at IWS or the oil field well services. The program can be completed in six months. However, not everyone can get through it in six months, some take much longer.

The Board agreed that annual updates from Draxler would be helpful, especially when there are commissioner board changes.

SNOW PLOW TRUCK BID - A snow plow truck bid was received via UPS delivery at 10:10 a.m. this morning. Bids were due at 9:00 a.m. The Board agreed to not accept the late bid.

LOGAN COUNTY AMBULANCE COLLECTION ASSIGNMENTS - Commissioner McBride moved to approve assignment of a Logan County Ambulance debt collections account to Wakefield and Associates, the account numbers ending in 1011, 2058, 9005, 7019, 3001, and 4009 and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.