

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session**  
**January 8, 2019**

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Lindsey Reeves, Jeff Rice, Dusty Johnson and Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** - Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 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 January 8, 2019. 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 December 8, 2018 through December 21, 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 January 8, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**CONGRESSMAN KEN BUCK STAFF UPDATE** - Dusty Johnson aid to Congressman Ken Buck gave a brief overview of Congressional Office services. Those services include providing assistance with issues with federal agencies such as the VA, IRS, FSA and Social Security. They can assist with processing Military Academy nominations and scheduling tours in Washington D.C. of the Capitol and the White House. They can also assist with helping constituents to obtain a flag that has flown over the Capitol.

Congressman Buck voted “No” on the Continuing Resolution for Border Wall Funding because of the rush of the legislation, having been given only four hours to read the entire bill. It included unpaid disaster relief funding and continued funding for organizations like Planned Parenthood. Congressman Buck sits on the House Subcommittee on Immigration and border Security with border security being one of his top priorities.

Congressman Buck cosponsored legislation to fund and complete the border wall, end chain migration eliminate the diversity visa lottery and provide funds for the border wall and to cut funding to sanctuary jurisdictions. Congressman Buck is willing to come to consensus on DACA if border security is funded.

Buck is fighting to reform the process in Washington for example he is supporting “open rules” so that members can offer and vote on amendments on the House floor. He has been part of the Reformer’s Caucus.

Pro-life issues continue to be a priority for Congressman Buck. He voted “No” on the Farm Bill on December 12<sup>th</sup> due to its stripped out work requirements for SNAP recipients, expanded

subsidies to individuals not directly involved in farming (by extending the definition of family), and tossed out important forestry provisions.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT AND CERTIFICATION OF PAY FORM** - The Board approved the form and it will be forwarded to the State.

**OLD BUSINESS ITEMS** - The Board agreed to keep a running list of topics discussed but not resolved on the Work Session agendas. This will make sure things are not forgotten and help decisions to be made on a timely basis rather than falling through the cracks. A partial list of items for the Old Business Agenda Topic is: Memorial for Bob Bollish; Checking Accounts; The billing from Tyler concerning the software updates for the increase in the tax exemption for business personal property tax. Campgrounds, Silent railroad crossings. Bids on Peetz Tower Generator.

**NORTHEAST COLORADO BOARD OF HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE** - Commissioner Pelton received a letter of resignation as Logan County's citizen representative on the Northeast Colorado Board of Health from Nancy Zwirn. Commissioner Pelton will contact Trish McLain at NECHD to inquire what qualifications are necessary to serve on the Board of Health

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and re-adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

**RV PARKS** - The Board recently denied several applications for Special Use Permits for RV Parks due to water and sewer issues. The Board discussed changing the County regs for RV Parks to accommodate the issue. Commissioner Pelton presented a draft of the new regs on RV Parks for consideration. Melvin Bustos from NECHD has reviewed the draft.

The Board agreed that a maximum length of stay for temporary work force would be 18 months. There is a question as to who will monitor whether the campground is a vacation campground or a labor campground. NECHD would have to determine adequate water supply and water quality.

The Board will ask Planning and Zoning staff to distribute draft changes to the regs to the applicants that attended last week's meeting for review and comment. The regs will need to be sent to the Planning Commission for recommendation and approval and then they will come before the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The Board was reminded that the advertising requirements for Planning Commission meetings have been changed to 14 days.

**COUNTY BANK ACCOUNTS** - The Board discussed bank accounts held by departments that will need to be moved under the jurisdiction of the Logan County Treasurer.

The Sheriff's Admin account will need to be turned over to the County Treasurer. The Board noted it would be helpful to if the Sheriff would provide a monthly report of fees collected and amounts paid out of account. Commissioner Pelton will follow up with Brett Powell. The account consists of fees that the Sheriff's Office collects serving papers on citizens. All Logan County banks were sent a letter asking them to identify bank accounts in the name of Logan County. Three or four accounts are court ordered accounts on behalf of the Department of Human Services. The Sheriff's Posse is working to obtain their own tax ID number in order to remain separate from the mandate to have all accounts turned over to the Treasurer.

The Finance Department would like a report of checks written from the Sheriff's Office Admin

account. Commissioner Pelton will work this out with Brett Powell, to have the Sheriff's report sent to Jennifer each month for the consent agenda.

Wells Fargo has not complied with the county's request to notify the Treasurer's Office of accounts held in Logan County's name. They do not intend to provide the information without a court order or subpoena. Chairman McBride said that he remembers an old investigative works account at Wells Fargo Bank when he worked at the Sheriff's Office.

**YIELD SIGN CR 35 AND 40** - Logan County Road and Bridge Supervisor Jeff Reeves has given the recommendation for a yield sign on CR 40. The Board agreed to go with Reeve's recommendation. It was noted that Mr. Reeves did not feel there is a hazardous condition at that intersection as the tree line is well outside of the line of vision at the corner. It was suggested that a dangerous intersection sign be placed on the road so people are aware of it. There is no difference in the cost of a yield sign vs. a dangerous intersection sign. A resolution is not necessary for the placement of a dangerous intersection sign.

Commissioner Bauder moved to place a dangerous intersection sign on CR 40 west of the intersection of CR 35 and 40 and a dangerous intersection sign on CR 35 heading south at the intersection of CR 40 and 35. Chairman McBride seconded and the motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Bauder will contact Jeff Reeves to inform him of the decision.

**WATER DELIVERY** - Chairman McBride presented information to the Board on water delivery service to the second floor of the Courthouse. Culligan's price on a hot/cold dispenser is \$325. Amazon has a hot/cold/room temperature dispenser for \$200. Culligan will deliver water for \$7.50 per bottle. Chairman McBride feels it is appropriate to have water and coffee available in a community building where meetings are held.

**MEETING ROOM ACOUSTICS** - Chairman McBride discussed the acoustics in the meeting room. Jeff Rice expressed frustration at not being able to hear discussion at meetings. It was suggested that the heating and cooling units be shut down during meeting times. It is especially difficult to hear when the system is running.

**EVENING MEETINGS** - The Board discussed holding one meeting per month in the evenings and questioned whether it would be beneficial. The small town boards hold their meetings in the evenings as well as Sterling City Council. It was agreed that evening meetings would not be well attended and the additional scheduling for staff would not be feasible.

**SOFTWARE MODIFICATION** - The Board agreed to pay the cost of the modification of the software for the personal property tax exemption from the Contingency Fund.

**SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS** - Chairman McBride noted that the Sunset Memorial Gardens ownership process is tied up in Court. He referenced a recent newspaper article that indicated apparently everyone gave up on the project. The journalist did not call and request information for the article.

**CO-WORKING SPACE COURTHOUSE ANNEX** - Commissioner McBride noted that the walkthrough was held yesterday for interested bidders. Approximately \$5,600 has been spent on personnel costs cleaning up the building, preparing areas in the basement for storage and cleaning up the former haunted house spaces. The Board discussed the amount to be requested

from Economic Development for reimbursement for the transition of storage to downstairs storage areas. No taxpayer dollars are being used for the Co-Working space. The building is being donated by the county. Over time the building has been neglected i.e. Haunted House cleanup, etc. Painting the basement costs were \$1,400 in labor. The building clean out and moving files incurred another \$2,100 in labor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.