

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session**  
**June 25, 2019**

Present: Jane Bauder, Byron Pelton, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Kristan Lange, Jeff Rice, Marilee Johnson, Jerry Casebolt, Jamie Brown, Liz Hickman, Dave Long and Jennifer Crow.

Vice-Chairman Bauder 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 June 18, 2019 work session as written. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** - Commissioner Bauder announced additions to the agenda, Jerry Casebolt will discuss generator repairs and give an update on river flow.

**REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS** - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Resources schedule of bills dated June 25, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS** - Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated June 25, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**PEETZ GENERATOR** - Jerry Casebolt has been working on a solution to repair the Peetz generator for the state digital truck radio tower. ACDC Electric, a Koehler generator dealer out of Greeley does not think that the generator is beyond repair. The generator was purchased in 2008 and has had problems with transferring power. Jerry has been told by the company servicing the generator that parts are no longer available. The manufacturers of Koehler generators do not change out all parts when their models are upgraded so parts should be available according to ACDC. Of three boards in this model generator, two have known failure issues. He can get replacements for all three boards for the generator for approximately \$800 vs. purchase of a new generator at \$14,000-\$16,000. Labor is \$125/hr, drive time is \$95/hr. Total cost of repairs should be around \$1,500-\$2,000. There was concern if the generator is repaired by ACDC, whether the local company will continue to do maintenance on the generator.

The Board agreed to have ACDC order the parts and repair the generator. Jerry and Byron will accompany ACDC out to the generator when the repairs are scheduled.

**SOUTH PLATTE RIVER WATER LEVELS** - The City of Sterling recently closed the trails near the river due to water going over one of the lower berms. Don Saling received a call from city worker flooding by where they build their berms. Water is over the lower berm and the river is getting fairly high in spots but it is a long way from flood stages. The Atwood station is at 6.5 feet, flood state is 11.5 feet. The Greeley stations are going down, the peak has hit already.

**STORM SHELTERS** - Jerry Casebolt discussed the storm shelters for the City of Sterling. The shelter use agreements will need to be updated as they are over ten years old. There are concerns about who is to monitor the facilities once they are unlocked. People have wandered throughout the buildings rather than staying in the basements in safe areas and have brought pets with them, which recently resulted in a dog fight. The agreements will add the Logan County Office of

Emergency Management will be added to the agreement, that way either the City of Sterling or the Logan County OEM can make changes to the shelter contracts.

The Presbyterian Church will be removed from the list of shelters as there is no way to close off the sanctuary and other areas of the building.

The City will now have someone supervise the shelters until a representative from the facility can take over. There will be no pets permitted in shelters. Once the agreement is finalized it will be publicized in the media with the rules announced as well.

**BUILDING PERMIT REFUND, VIAERO WIRELESS** - Rob Quint discussed the County's policy to allow building permit refunds within a one-year period. Viaero Wireless applied for several building permits for towers, however one of those towers will not be built. They have requested a refund. The policy allows a refund within a year of up to 80% of the permit price, no use tax and no office fee.

There were no inspections required, administrative costs were one hour. The Board agreed to refund \$369.56 which is 80% of \$461.95.

**CENTENNIAL MENTAL HEALTH** - Liz Hickman, Executive Director for Centennial Mental Health met with the Board with an update on Centennial Mental Health. Ms. Hickman highlighted programs and provided statistics on Centennial and noted pending issues that the Board might be interested in.

Centennial is experiencing growth through the new jail-based services grant which is being administered through Logan County. This grant brings nearly one million dollars to the region. Eight new positions are being funded through program in the Logan and Morgan County Jails.

In the last three years the number of individuals served by Centennial was 5,000-6,000 people. Prevention services to individuals touched 5,725 people in 2017-2018 fiscal year. The biggest number is now serving youth.

Ms. Hickman discussed the Continuum of Care through Centennial Mental Health through promotion, prevention, early intervention, outpatient treatment, intensive services and recovery and support. Early intervention in the schools is something that Centennial is very excited about.

Ms. Hickman briefed the Board on funding cuts that are coming from the state. Funding for crisis services is being cut by 40% effective July 1. Centennial is working hard to obtain funding from other sources.

Jamie Brown updated the Board on staffing. Centennial is working to hire staff that is interested in staying long-term the community. Centennial has a clinician embedded in the Salud Facility and the Banner Health facility on Main Street.

Re-1 Valley School has an employee on staff who contracts with Centennial. Merino School District also has a counselor on staff.

**NECALG/HERITAGE CENTER MOU** - NECALG has approved the MOU and has given permission for it to be signed at its last meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - There is nothing new on the atv/utv and the silent railroad crossings issues.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.