

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
March 19, 2019**

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

Chairman McBride called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner Pelton moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 work session. Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Services schedule of bills dated March 19, 2019. 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 March 19, 2019. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for the March 19, 2019.

Discussed rules for public hearing.

LU'S BUFFALO STOP ON/OFF PREMISES FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE - The Board approved the FMB ON/OFF reconversion request form submitted by Lu's Buffalo Stop. Luann Fundus has chosen to reconvert to the Rural FMB On/Off License. The Board approved the request for reconversion.

The work session recessed 9:18 a.m. and reconvened at 9:57 a.m.

SMOKE-FREE EVENT MOTIVATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH EVENT - Sherry Yahn of Centennial Mental Health discussed the Motivate for Mental Health event to be held on the Courthouse Square on Monday, May 13, 2019. This is the third year for the event. The aim is to increase public awareness for mental health. The event will include food trucks, games and activities for the kids.

Catherine Engelken of the Northeast Colorado Health Department discussed the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act of 2006 which extend the smoking ban an additional 15' from buildings. The Health Department requested that the Board extend the non-smoking area on the Courthouse Square to the sidewalks that border the Courthouse Square. The Board agreed that the event can be advertised as a non-smoking event. Law Enforcement will be attending the event and signs will be placed at the sidewalk noting that smoking is not permitted.

UPS UNIT FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT - Emergency Manager Jerry Casebolt discussed communications equipment in two buildings on Reirdon Hill. One of the buildings contains TV translator equipment. The second building contains repeaters

for the Logan County Road and Bridge Department and VHF repeater equipment for Fire and EMS paging. There is also a GR500 Motorola repeater that is possibly Sheriff's equipment.

The UPS (backup power supply) recently went out in the building. Jerry Casebolt is working to determine who will need to pay for a new UPS system. According to Kent Sager and Tom Kiel of Better Electric, the county does maintain the tower. Casebolt suggested that there needs to be something in writing that states who is responsible to maintain the equipment in the building.

For example if lightning blows up the Fire repeater paging system, who is responsible to replace that equipment? Jerry plans to check with the Fire Chief or Rural Fire Department to find out what their expectations.

MARCH 13, 14, 2019 BLIZZARD DEBRIEFING - Jerry Casebolt reviewed the storm last week and noted problems that are being worked on and what things worked well for him during the storm. Jerry noted that the Regional Action meeting will be held and he will report on any action taken there.

The main issue was that the Courthouse lost power at 1:36 p.m. This took down the e-mail server housed in-house. He was unable to communicate with outside agencies. He had to go to the Health Department where they were operating on backup generators. At 6 p.m. he came back to the Courthouse for a regional conference call and still did not have e-mail back up even though the power was back on. He made several attempts to reach Les Archuletta, and finally Jane Bauder was able to contact Les. The e-mail server was reset.

It is a problem that there is no backup power generation at the Courthouse. If the Courthouse loses power it will happen again. There is great concern at the State Emergency management level over the continuity of government plan for Logan County.

Jerry reported on the Rescue Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery Club activated by the State of Colorado. Four teams were located in Ft. Morgan and Brush, and a group in Sterling. Chief Ritter of the Sterling Fire Department did not use the 4x4 rescue club instead electing to have the fire department do all search and rescue. Since they were not utilized that night, the group went to Ft. Morgan and assisted with several recoveries. It was a great asset that was not utilized as it should have been.

The Emergency Manager Department received lots of positive feedback about the information being pushed out to the public. The Emergency Manager Facebook page gained 300-400 friend requests on Facebook and on Twitter. Denver channel 9-news re-tweeted one of their tweets, giving credibility to the office and to the area.

The Commissioners commended Jerry for his efforts to keep the Board informed by text when the e-mail server went down. He always made sure to give them information before it was made public.

Jerry has a good relationship with the State Patrol and was able to keep in touch with CSP dispatch. He kept in touch via text and received live updates on roads being closed.

Thursday there were several recoveries and road reports relayed to the public as well as efforts to persuade people from being on the roads.

Jerry is working on a credentialing project for all county employees to get ID badges for them. County employees were stopped by the SO when roads were closed when they were trying to get out to the Road and Bridge Department. Jerry gave kudos to the SO for stopping people going by road blocks.

Les Archuleta is working on getting the county e-mail servers over to the cloud server by the end of the week. Backup power is needed at the Courthouse. Other options for the Emergency Manager were to go to Northeast Colorado Health Department or go to the Emergency Operations Center but he elected to stay at the Courthouse because of his computers and extra screens which allowed him to watch weather and monitor other sites.

The State asked yesterday for a list of expenses obtained during the storm.

CODE RED - During the recent blizzard, there was not a convenient way to communicate with Department Heads and Elected Officials to let them know that the County was shutting down operations. Through the Code Red System, a group can be set up for county department heads. Cell phone numbers are needed. They will need approval from the E911 board.

Also the new panic alarm system has more capabilities and will be able to do something similar.

The Board discussed the possibility of using Presbyterian Church as a tornado shelter. The Church Session meets tonight to vote on the matter.

UPDATED LOGAN COUNTY LOGO - Marilee presented a new Logan County logo that she has been working on. The rustic color palette was selected and the letterhead approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Commissioner Bauder moved to go into executive session to determine positions relative to matters that are subject to negotiations concerning subject to negotiations concerning the Logan County/City of Sterling primary IGA and negotiation replacement agreements as allowed by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e). Commissioner Pelton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting recessed and went into executive session at 10:48 a.m.

The meeting reconvened 11:29 a.m.

Participants in the Executive Session were: Commissioners Joe McBride, Byron Pelton and Jane Bauder, and County Attorney, Alan Samber. Persons who participated in the executive session were

asked if any substantial discussion of matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or if any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law. No concerns were stated.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.