

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
March 5, 2019

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Jane Bauder, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Lindsey Reeves, Jeff Rice, Jerry Casebolt, Marilee Johnson, Matt Chrisp, Jeff Reeves, Wayne Howard , Wade Tyrrell 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 February 26, 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 5, 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 5, 2019. The Board requested more information on a bill for Schaefer's Precision Body and Frame Shop for repairs to a Sheriff's Office 2007 Dodge Charger. The Board asked about Petty Cash use in various offices. Petty Cash was used for a CDL training in the Road and Bridge Department. The Board approved all remaining bills as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for the March 5, 2019.

Jeff Reeves, Logan County Road and Bridge Supervisor and Wayne Howard PE and Client Service Manager of SEH (Short, Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.), the engineering firm chosen to work on Logan County Bridge project LOG93-60.5-243 over the South Platte River. The Board did not have any concerns with the project proposal. Scheduling work could be difficult depending on the water and whether or not the weather will allow one more season to get the work done. Mr. Howard explained his experience as a former engineer for Weld County and having worked on many projects for Weld County.

Mr. Howard has ideas on three or four other possible resources to help support construction funding, CCI being a major source of funding although extremely limited right now. This project has been funded for design at the present time.

The Board asked if the Logan County Water Conservancy District could help fund the project as a flood mitigation request. Shane Miller is requesting projects that will go before a judge for funding. It was suggested that there could be more projects in the county that would qualify for funding from that source.

Once SEH's proposal is approved, Jeff Reeves and SEH will develop the scope of work for the project and eventually a contract will be developed. The scope should be fairly straight forward and involve environmental studies, compliance with CDOT and EPA requirements.

HOUSE BILL 2091-1177 - The Board agreed to announce at the business meeting that the March 19, 2019 Business Meeting will recess and then re-adjoin with a public hearing at 6:30

a.m. for discussion of a resolution concerning House Bill 2019-1177.

The meeting recessed at 9:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

COMMISSIONER STAFF ISSUES - Commissioner Pelton reviewed House Bill 1177 which is a bill concerning the extreme risk protection orders where law enforcement could confiscate guns in cases where someone has declared that they feel threatened by another person.

The bill is being touted as a suicide prevention bill which will make people terrified to ask for help if they need it as those requests will show up on background checks. The concerns are that the petitioner only needs to provide a small amount of evidence to prove that a person is a risk to self or others. If the person owns firearms, law enforcement can come in and seize the weapons and the person must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they are not a threat. The bill turns the tables on being innocent until proven guilty. That is not how judicial system is designed. The first time the person learns that they are reported is when the sheriff deputies will come with a search warrant to take the guns. The bill could possibly get law enforcement personnel injured.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OR PROPOSAL TO MAKE LOGAN COUNTY A SANCTUARY COUNTY TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS - The Board discussed the option to adopt the resolution to make a statement to lawmakers and eventually join a law suit against the state. If enough counties stand up and say they don't approve of the legislation and want to be sanctuary counties would it would get more attention. Several other counties have done or are considering a similar resolution including Fremont, Montezuma, Weld, and Lincoln counties.

The Board discussed the evidence required by the language in the bill to confiscate guns. A standard mental health disorder considers a person's danger to others or to himself or if a person is gravely disabled.

SENATE BILL 2019-107 - Commissioner Pelton discussed Senate Bill 2019-107 concerning the installation of Broadband Internet Structure. Companies want to use the utility infrastructure already in place without working with or giving any compensation to the owner of the utility. He asked if the Board would consider signing an opposition letter to the Senate. The Board agreed to read the letter and the proposed bill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Commissioner Pelton moved to go into executive session to determine positions relative to matters that are subject to negotiations concerning subject to negotiations concerning Logan County Ambulance Service and the hospital and the City of Sterling as allowed by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e). Commissioner Bauder seconded and the motion carried. The meeting recessed and went into executive session at 10:23 a.m.

Participants in the Executive Session were: Commissioners Joe McBride, Byron Pelton and Jane Bauder, County Attorney Alan Samber, Wade Tyrrell of Sterling Regional MedCenter, Debbie Unrein, Logan County Finance Director. 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 11:10 a.m.