

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
September 4, 2018**

Present: Byron Pelton, Dave Donaldson, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Valerie Richards, Lindsey Reeves, Kristan Lange, Marilee Johnson, Rob Quint, Ed Lake, Greg Etl, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Pelton called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - The Board reviewed the Business Meeting Agenda for the September 4, 2018 meeting.

Rob Quint reported that the applicant has requested that the Platte Valley Industrial Park Subdivision Final Plat be withdrawn. The applicant has not been able to complete some of the requirements and therefor will need to start over.

The meeting recessed at 8:49 a.m. and re-convened at 9:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION - Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 work session as written. Commissioner Donaldson seconded and the motion carried.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Valerie Richards met with the Board to review the DHS schedule of bills dated September 4, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS - Lindsey Reeves and Kristan Lange met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated September 4, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

TV TRANSLATOR UPDATE - Ed Lake of RF Systems, LLC met with the Board concerning the TV Translator. Lake reported that they are working on the re-pack of channels required by T-Mobile's intended use of the channels. The filter he will need is on order, things should be on track to get things switched over.

The Board discussed lease costs for land for the towers and equipment. The landowner in Peetz is paid \$300 per year. The State Land Board is charging the county quite a lot more - approximately \$2,200. The issue was discussed with State Land Board recently. The State said that the lease is worth \$28,000 per year as there is no distinction made by the state between government purposes and private enterprise.

If suitable property with good quality reception and transmission capabilities was purchased, Lake estimated the tower and equipment move would cost \$400,000. The FCC will allow minor changes in the TV translator license if the move is within thirty miles. Engineering feasibility studies would be required. Lake reported that Region One Translator Association is working on acquiring signal from Dish Network. If satellite input is acquired, it would increase the reliability of signal. The signal would not have to be picked up from the Washington County translator. There will be a cost for the satellite signal. Dish Network is providing signal to county governments at a lower cost but the cost is not known at this time. More people moving

towards using the TV translator signal rather than paying for cable because they are using Netflix over the internet.

Lake suggested it might be possible to provide internet in the future. Subscriptions could be sold to the service. However, the county may not want to compete with private industry. The county could allow a private business to operate the service. The county could also lease space on the tower to a private company. Cell phone companies might be interested in leasing space on the towers.

Mr. Lake discussed membership in the National Translator Association (NTA) which was started by Byron St. Clair who engineered the Logan County TV Translator System. It's possible that the NTA could be asked to negotiate with the state.

DOLA REDI GRANT - Greg Etl, Regional Manager for the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs and Trae Miller, Executive Director for Logan County Economic Development discussed the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) grant for the Courthouse Annex Co-working space. The grant application was submitted for \$218,000 but was changed to total maximum \$91,617. Due to parts of the grant are the internet provider three year deal (Kentec in-kind) and the LCED oversight of the project (three years in-kind) for the one year grant. These things were removed from the budget. The \$20,000 OEDIT grant was left in the budget and \$2,500 per year in marketing from pledged from the newspaper and radio stations. The county is waiting for the contract from the state. The county can advertise for bids, however contracts cannot be awarded until the contract with state is signed.

There are no plans to change the exterior of the building. Exterior lighting for the building will be addressed in another DOLA grant next year. Participants will have 24 hour access to the building. LCED will cover the

Etl also discussed the Colorado Energy Office Energy Performance Contracting Program (EPC). Working with an energy services company (ESCO), energy audits are performed and building upgrades can be applied for HVAC, windows, lights, insulation, etc. The program can be utilized for any government building. Xcel is a partner and can do their own performance contracts.

ROAD GRANTS - Etl discussed grants for road overlay and maintenance projects. Etl was told that Jeff Reeves is drafting a road management plan. When a road is paved, the plan should include chip seal on that road the following year. For overlay projects, roads have to be engineered. The surface needs to be good surface for the road, drainage needs are considered and striping.

CLARENCE'S CORNER ANNIVERSARY - Logan County recognized the 10th anniversary of the restored Clarence's Corner on Friday, August 31 with a popcorn give-away. Marilee Johnson reported that the Logan County Facebook page post collected 109 likes and 115 shares. The celebration generated a lot of excitement, people liked the nostalgia and thanked the county. Several volunteers took popcorn to the neighboring businesses. Johnson would like to do this every year.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUDGET - Brittny Lewton was not able to attend the meeting.

RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT DISCUSSION - Rob Quint joined the meeting. Commissioner Pelton asked if the permit process could be streamlined by allowing the applicants who have already obtained easements from landowners to skip the step of obtaining signatures on the county right of way permit.

Applicants frequently have already obtained landowner easements for Conditional Use Permits. The Board agreed that the right of way permit process could be simplified by adding a statement on the right of way permit application that landowner signatures are not required if they have already been obtained for the Conditional Use Permit.

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS - The Board discussed changing the requirement for advertising for various permits from 30 days to 14 days prior to a public hearing. State statutes require 14 days before the zoning resolution is changed. All of the neighboring counties use the 14 day advertising procedure. Rob Quint will work on getting this changed in the resolution.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.