

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, April 26, 2021. Those present were Commissioners Cody Younkin, David Hubert and Cameron Edwards. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Cody Younkin in the basement meeting room. Commissioner Younkin announced the meeting was being recorded.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Logan County Hospital Board members Levi Younkin, Curt Thompson, Rich Loftus and Ron Clark along with Mel Snow, Aimee Zimmerman and ReChelle Horinek from the Hospital met with the Board again to discuss their new hospital project. A slew of hospital employees and a few members from the public also attended. Rich Loftus started out by saying they were here to discuss the project they talked about two weeks ago and wanted to know if the Commissioners had any more questions. Commissioner Edwards asked who would own the land they plan to build on. Mel Snow stated the County will own it. He said everything they have is under the County. The hospital will purchase the land but deed it over to the County. Commissioner Hubert asked if the feasibility study will look at different options as far as larger or smaller scale projects or is it just the one 28.7 million dollar project. The group stated it will be for just the project they are proposing. Hubert said according to his knowledge, the Commissioners have not seen an actual project for the hospital, no floor plan, what you are building or what's even going in there. Aimee Zimmerman stated they do not have a final plan because they are not that far into it. She said they have a rough drawing that they could share. Rich Loftus stated they do not know if they qualify for financing yet so they don't want to pay for an architect until they know. He said they are asking the bank if they can borrow the money based on the study that will be done. Hubert stated it's no secret and he feels like he's coming across as anti-hospital and he's not but what concerns him is this looks great now, but 15 years down the road, this Board and for sure him are not going to be sitting in these chairs and will be turning this over to other management and boards and from what he gathers is that there will be a 1.3 million dollar payment that's got to be made every year. He went on to say that what concerns him and it bothers him greatly that he signs his name as one of only three people that determines that and it still goes back to public support, education and making sure people are on board. He added if this is going to be a county community supported hospital, he thinks we've got to have the support of our 2,800 some residents of the county. He said that is important to him and he wanted to say that publicly because he's coming off anti hospital and

he's not. ReChelle Horinek stated she feels that is what the feasibility study will do for us. It will alleviate some of that concern that going into the future, we will or will not be able to make it work. It will take projections from nationwide and statewide averages that are specific to healthcare and changes in reimbursement that has happened up to this point and what can happen going forward. Hubert said one more last thing that bothers him is apparently they are going to predict what Medicare reimbursement does for the next 30 years because he doesn't think anyone in this room knows the answer to that. It must look good right now, but two or three years ago, you guys came to our meeting telling us it wasn't so fun to deal with so that bothers him too. Ron Clark said let me throw in another worry, an Ethanol train load could come through Oakley and blow the place up and the hospital out there is still standing. Clark asked if we are going to sit around and worry about that and not progress because of something like that but also it's a 2.25 percent loan and those kids are going to say how the heck did they get that. Mel Snow then stated that a portion of the 1.3 million dollar payment will be a portion of that paid for by reimbursement by Medicare and another portion paid for by floor space by Medicare. It's all factored in on how the hospital will make the payment. After a short discussion, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to approve the accountability study to be done for the hospital project. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board briefly recessed and returned back upstairs.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert respectively to approve the Orders for Addition, Abatement or Refund of Taxes for the 2020 Tax Roll. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to accept the resignation of John Moorhous effective April 19, 2021 from the Logan County Hospital Board. Motion carried 3-0.

Tony Bennett with Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center met with the Board and explained the services they provide to this area including mental health services, prevention, medical services as well as the mobile therapy units. Bennett requested 2022 budget consideration. The Board allocated \$5,000.00 in 2021 and agreed to consider his request for 2022.

The minutes from the April 12, 2021 meeting was reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Noxious Weed Director Denny Mackley met with the Board asking permission to purchase a JD Zero Turn Riding Mower. Mackley stated he has been using the Road Department mower and it's a hassle going to get it each time so presented bids as follows: American Implement for a Z530M ZTrak Mower for \$4,862.94; JD Z545R Z Trak Mower for \$5,865.99; Oakley Ag for a 2021 Cub Cadet ZTX4-54 Mower for \$4,844.00 and a 2020 Kubota Z251KH-54 Mower for \$5,200.00. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards to accept the bid from American Implement for the JD Z530M ZTrak Mower for \$4,862.94 to come out of the Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Fund. Motion carried 2-0.

Custodian Trish Langley met with the Board to give an update for her department.

Commissioner Edwards discussed the dumping of grain bags into the pit at the Landfill. The Board asked that Landfill Operator Craig Edwards attend the next meeting to discuss the matter.

County Clerk Crystal Rucker shared with the Board that Gerri Webber had called and is still waiting to meet with the Board until she receives her letter from the County Attorney.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards respectively to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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