

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, June 5, 2023. Those present were Commissioners David Hubert, Cameron Edwards and Cody Younkin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman David Hubert.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the agenda with the addition of Tom Johnson at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS Director Bob Kelly and Paramedic Candy Aschenbrenner met with the Board to discuss replacing Chromebooks in the Ambulances. Kelly stated they purchased them in 2017 and there are no more updates available, therefore, they need to be replaced. He received a quote from G&H Computer Services for \$1,476.66 to replace all three Chromebooks. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the purchase from G&H Computer Services. Motion carried 3-0. Kelly then went over the Imagine IT quote to update the computers in the office. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to accept the quote of \$7,046.07 to replace the office computers. Motion carried 3-0. Aschenbrenner told the Board she will be starting a new EMT class this month and has nine participants so far. She also discussed what she learned at a compliance meeting she recently attended.

Tom Johnson met with the Board and announced he was recording the discussion. Johnson expressed his concerns with the Board regarding his previous employment with APHIS.

Jim Carlson with Stillwater Technical Solutions called the Board to discuss US Fish and Wildlife Services response to the current communication the Board sent regarding having a meeting with non-participating, neighboring landholders in the vicinity of the Smoky Hills Black-footed Ferret Safe Harbor site. The Service stated they will defer such communication and will contact landowners adjacent to the Butte Creek Ranches reintroduction site this spring and summer to gauge interest in receiving assistance from them for prairie dog control. They also stated that for landowners requesting assistance, control efforts using a combinations of zinc phosphide application, live trapping, and lethal trapping will begin in late fall/early winter.

Dana Rice, Shyanne Griggs and Carl Urich from the Logan County Senior Living Center met with the Board to give an update on operations. The group went over their financial report with the Board and stated they

currently have 29 residents. Discussion was also held regarding staffing, inflation cost, Medicare rates and new private pay rates. The group asked the Board for an appropriation to help with operations. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to give the Senior Living Center \$100,000.00 out of the Hospital Maintenance Fund. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated May 31, 2023 as follows: General \$15,935.79; County Health \$1,785.73; Road & Bridge \$7,046.96; Noxious Weed \$4,466.67; Fire \$435.00; Prairie Dog \$763.00; EMS \$832.50; Drug Forfeiture \$4,615.35; Special Highway \$3,875.00; County Attorney Drug Forfeiture \$7,148.82; Clerk Tech \$4,308.94; Prosecutors Training and Assistance \$459.45 and Payroll Clearing \$3,939.97 for a total of \$55,613.18. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the 1 hour of overtime for the Road Department, 2.5 hours for the Weed Department and 77 hours for the EMS Department in May.

The Board reviewed the May 31, 2023 Payroll Register as follows: General \$49,929.93; County Health \$11,925.82; Road & Bridge \$17,839.81; Noxious Weed \$4,188.64; Fire \$461.10 and EMS \$16,235.75 for a total of \$100,581.05. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin respectively to approve the Payroll Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the Orders for Abatement, Addition or Refund of Taxes for 2022 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to sign the Notice and Waiver to help support Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the May 23, 2023 special meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:50 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Edwards to go into executive session for 15 minutes to interview a candidate for a non-elected position. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Hubert, Edwards, Younkin, candidate and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 11:05 a.m. with no action taken.

The Board asked County Treasurer Jennie Schoenberger to join the meeting to explain her budget request for 2024.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert respectively to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____