

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Those present were Commissioners Cody Younkin, Cameron Edwards and David Hubert. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Cody Younkin.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to approve the agenda with the addition of Craig Uhrich at 8:35 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Undersheriff Dustin Little and County Clerk Crystal Rucker met briefly with the Board asking permission to use the soon to be empty room in the basement for storage for both the Sheriff's Office and election equipment. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the request.

County Attorney Craig Uhrich met with the Board. At 8:35 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to go into executive session for 25 minutes for attorney-client privilege. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert and Younkin, Uhrich and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 9:00 a.m. with no action taken.

EMS Director Bob Kelly and Paramedic Candy Janousek met with the Board and requested executive session. At 9:05 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to go into executive session for five minutes for non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert and Younkin, Kelly, Janousek, Uhrich and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 9:10 a.m. with no action taken.

Emergency Director Pappy Lies met with the Board to discuss purchasing a Code Red Mass Notification Program for the county. The prescription would cost \$2,500.00 annually with unlimited emergency notifications. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to purchase the Code Red program for \$2,500.00 annually. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt and Misty Mildenerger with Mittens met with the Board to discuss putting in a concrete approach off County Road 460 for their new office complex they are building. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mildenerger get a cost estimate and bring back to a future meeting. It was then moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards to approve the approach being built on the property line. Motion carried 3-0.

Landowners Judd & Farrin Watt met with the Board to discuss the criminal charges that have been filed against them for spraying the county right-of-way. Their attorney Jake Brooks also attended as well as Chris Schroeder with his attorney Todd Powell and Brady Tien, John Novestine, Stan Scheetz, Pat Parsons, Dustin Little, Denny Mackley, Paul Lorenzen and Craig Uhrich. Farrin Watt pleaded his case and told the board they would like a chance to prove they can do better and correct the problem. Commissioner Edwards explained how the booms need to stay on the property line and not on the county roads or right-of-ways. Edwards also explained how the county has been dealing with this problem for years and have given the landowners several warnings and it needs to stop. After more discussion, the Board advised the group they will discuss the matter more and get back to them.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board held their Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2023 RNR rate. With no public attending, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to sign **Resolution No. 22-11** exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 55.849 with a proposed mill levy of 56.806. Motion carried 3-0. The Board then held their Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2023 budget. There being no questions, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert respectively to approve and sign the proposed budget for 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney Craig Uhrich joined the meeting again. At 10:50 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to go into executive session for 25 minutes for attorney-client privilege. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert and Younkin, Uhrich, Paul Lorenzen, Denny Mackley and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 11:15 a.m. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Edwards to advise the County Attorney to dismiss without prejudice the criminal charges for the ten landowners that received them for spraying the road right-of-ways. Motion carried 2-1 with Hubert voting against the motion. Commissioner Younkin asked County Attorney Craig Uhrich to be sure and let the landowners and their attorneys know that this will be the final warning and if things don't change, fines and charges will be enforced the next time.

At 11:20 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards to go into executive session for 20 minutes for attorney-client privilege. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert and Younkin, Uhrich and County Clerk

Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 11:40 a.m. with no action taken.

The Board reviewed the 2.5 hours of overtime for the Health Department and 25.25 hours of overtime for the EMS Department in August.

The Board reviewed the August 31, 2022 Payroll Register as follows: General \$43,719.72; County Health \$11,495.94; Road & Bridge \$18,250.42; Noxious Weed \$3,290.19; Fire \$461.10 and EMS \$13,792.85 for a total of \$91,010.22. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert respectively to approve the Payroll Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated August 31, 2022 as follows: General \$44,072.24; County Health \$4,406.39; Road & Bridge \$24,053.71; Noxious Weed \$2,706.55; Multi County Health \$40.00; Fire \$3,346.01; EMS \$3,120.66; Drug Forfeiture \$2,327.50 and Payroll Clearing \$2,168.78 for a total of \$86,241.84. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed a date and time to hold a road viewing for the two petitions received from Sheryl Denny and Jason Gerstberger to open ¼ of a mile of minimal maintenance road on County Road 420 along the W/2 of 16-11-32. The viewing was set for October 17, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The Board discussed attending the next Fair Board meeting on September 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes from the August 22, 2022 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the special meeting on August 24, 2022 were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to approve the Orders for Abatement, Addition or Refund of Taxes for 2021 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed bids received for bulk propane for the 2022-2023 season. The quotes were from Bosselman Energy for \$2.20/gallon; Dinkel Gas Company for \$1.91/gallon and Shaw Motor Co., Inc. for \$2.15/gallon. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to

accept the bid from Dinkel Gas for \$1.91/gallon for 8,500 gallons of propane. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Edwards respectively to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____