

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Those present were Commissioners Cody Younkin and Cameron Edwards. Commissioner David Hubert was absent. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Cody Younkin.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

Sheriff Pat Parsons met with the Board to discuss purchasing a new vehicle for his department. Parsons stated he's been looking around and the Chevy's you can't even order yet and the Ford's won't be available until late summer of 2022. He found a carryover 2021 Dodge Durango in Wichita that is available and asked the Board for approval. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to purchase the 2021 Dodge Durango to come out of the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion carried 2-0.

Randy Sangster and Donna Cox met with the Board to discuss the fire loss that occurred with the 2005 Ford Explorer. The County had liability only therefore the vehicle will not be replaced by insurance. Sangster also explained how the agreement is with the County for data collecting. Cox then asked the Board about the County reimbursing them for their lost items in the fire. She stated they both lost their cell phones, purses as well as other items. The Board asked them to come up with a total cost of their loss and they will discuss it at the next meeting.

Denny Mackley met with the Board at their request. Discussion was held regarding his part-time employee hours. The Board told Mackley he needs to keep close track of her hours and she only needs to be working when there is spraying to do or treating prairie dogs. They also advised him that she does not need to go to all the meetings. Mackley stated there is one meeting with certification that she needs to be at.

County Attorney Craig Uhrich met with the Board to inform them that the Community Foundation Director Jayme Pfeifer has resigned from her position. Uhrich explained how we did a three-year contract and have over a year remaining in the contract and wanted direction from the Board on how to proceed. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until the next meeting and have Pfeifer in attendance to discuss the matter.

At 9:30 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to go into executive session for 20 minutes for attorney-client

privilege. Motion carried 2-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Younkin, Uhrich and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 9:50 a.m. with no action taken.

The Board met with Jim Carlson with Stillwater Technical Solutions by Zoom. Discussion was held regarding the letter received by United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service. The letter states that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kansas Ecological Services Field Office (KSFO) was approached by participating Cooperators in the ongoing Black-footed ferret (BFF) recovery program efforts in Kansas in the fall of 2018. The Cooperators inquired about enrolling other properties they owned or operated into the existing Black-Footed Ferret Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement (October 23, 2013). They go on to say they assessed the properties with the landowners to evaluate the potential for the new properties to advance recovery efforts locally and range wide. Their observations indicated that the potential properties do have basic and fundamental biological components, i.e., contribute to BFF recovery efforts in Kansas and across the range. The properties were enrolled into the programmatic safe harbor agreement under the name of the Smoky Hill Safe Harbor Agreement in November 2019. To date, the sites have not been surveyed for ferrets and there have not been ferrets released on the new sites. However, it is the Cooperators desire to receive Black-footed ferrets on the property to support recovery efforts for the species. The KSFO desires to continue discussions with the Logan County Commissioner to further explore opportunities that can serve all interests, therefore request a meeting with the Commissioners in the Fall of 2021.

Doug Minson from Foley Equipment joined the meeting to introduce himself as the new CAT Salesmen.

Peggy Pratt from Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services met with the Board to discuss the programs they offer the community.

At 10:50 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to go into executive session for 30 minutes for attorney-client privilege. Motion carried 2-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Younkin, Uhrich and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 11:20 a.m. with no action taken.

The minutes from the August 16, 2021 meeting was reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated August 31, 2021 as follows: General \$34,624.88; County Health \$3,386.51; Road & Bridge \$16,758.06; Noxious Weed \$26,241.85; Multi County Health \$146.98; Fire \$3,009.66; Prairie Dog \$740.60; EMS \$3,492.06; Drug Forfeiture \$35,179.50 and Payroll Clearing \$3,561.23 for a total of \$127,141.33. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin respectively to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed the 3.25 hours of overtime for Health Department in August.

The Board reviewed the August 31, 2021 Payroll Register as follows: General \$42,286.09; County Health \$11,996.42; Road & Bridge \$19,919.19; Noxious Weed \$3,428.41; Fire \$459.81 and EMS \$13,040.82 for a total of \$91,130.74. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin respectively to approve the Payroll Register as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed a letter from Oakley City Attorney Steven Hirsch regarding a hospital bill for an individual that needed evaluated for admission to the state hospital at Larned. Larned State Hospital did not have a bed available so the hospital in Oakley kept them until they could be transported. The city got billed \$4,607.06 from Logan County Hospital and asked the Board to consider paying the invoice. The Board then read a letter from County Attorney Craig Uhrich regarding the matter. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to pay half the invoice and let the city pay the other half. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed bids received for bulk propane for the 2021-2022 season. The quotes were from Bosselman Energy for \$1.75/gallon and Dinkel Gas Company for \$1.68/gallon and Shaw Motor Co., Inc. for \$1.70/gallon. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to accept the bid from Dinkel Gas for \$1.68/gallon for 8,500 gallons of propane. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board discussed getting a credit card for the new deputy in the Sheriff's Office. It was moved and seconded by Commissioner Edwards and Younkin to issue a new card to Logan County Sheriff's Office for \$2,000.00 and increase the limit for their office to \$10,000.00. Motion carried 2-0.

Fire Chief Russ Moellering called and asked the Board for permission to start the process to replace a truck for Russell Springs Fire. It was the consensus of the Board to start the search and see what is out there.

At 11:50 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to go into executive session for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 2-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Younkin and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 11:55 a.m. with no action taken.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin respectively to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____