

Commissioners Regular and Special Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONERS
PROCEEDINGS
OAKLEY, KS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, September 9, 2024. Those present were Commissioners David Hubert, Cameron Edwards and Cody Younkin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Cameron Edwards. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert to approve the agenda with the addition of Denny Mackley at 9:45 a.m. and Jim Carlson at 10:15 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Aimee Zimmerman, Robert Mangold, Joe Meyer, Carrie Weber, Ron Clark, Breanna Brockelman with Logan County Hospital and Angie Kahle, Logan County Health Administrator, all joined the meeting. Dustin Avey, Connor Crist and Eric joined by Zoom. Due to internet issues, the Board moved the meeting to the Hospital Board Room. Discussion was held regarding the cash flow analysis, drawings, property tax increase impact and the sample ballot question for a new hospital. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert to approve the project and the bond amount of \$44,900,000 to pay the cost to construct, furnish and equip a new Logan County Hospital facility. Motion carried 3-0. It was then moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert to sign Resolution #24-08. A Resolution authorizing and providing for the calling of a special question election in Logan County, Kansas, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the county the question of imposing a one percent (1%) countywide retailers' sales tax for the purpose of financing the provision of health care services; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the costs of constructing a new Logan County Hospital facility and improving other health care and related buildings of the county; and providing for the giving of notice of said election. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was moved back to the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse. Health Administrator Angie Kahle met with the Board. Discussion was held regarding adding a garage to the Health Department if the new hospital is built. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have Kahle get some quotes to see what the cost would be to add a

garage. Sheriff Greg Jirak and Undersheriff Dustin Little met with the Board. At 9:45 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Hubert, Edwards, Younkin, Jirak, Little and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to the open meeting at 10:05 a.m. with no action taken.

Noxious Weed Director Denny Mackley met with the Board asking if they still want to do the 20% discount on Rozol this year. It was the consensus of the Board to do the discount. Mackley then asked to trade off the Yamaha Rhino and purchase one that is enclosed due to his allergy problems. Mackley received bids as follows: Colby Ag Center for a 2024 Kubota RTV-X1100CWL-HS side by side for \$21,900.00 including the trade in of the 2013 Yamaha Rhino 700; American Implement for a 2025 John Deere Gator XUV 845M HVAC for \$24,221.23 including the trade in of the 2013 Yamaha Rhino 700. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert to accept the bid from Colby Ag Center for \$21,900.00. Motion carried 3-0. Mackley then stated that with purchasing this new side by side, that it will not fit in his current trailer and requested to purchase a new one. He had a quote from Country Trailer Sales for a 7 x 24 Sharp Cargo GN with 18" extra height for \$13,900.00 including the trade in of the 2009 7 x 24 Sharp Cargo GN. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert to accept the bid from Country Trailer Sales for \$13,900.00. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board phoned Jim Carlson from Stillwater Technical Solutions. At 10:25 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to go into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss confidential data. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Hubert, Edwards, Younkin, Carlson and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to the open meeting at 11:10 a.m. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert to implement a cause of action and approve the filing of the lawsuit against the United States Department of the Interior immediately.

The Board asked County Attorney Craig Uhrich to join the meeting. Discussion was held regarding the minerals

Mitch Parsons purchased at the September 2022 Tax Sale. Parsons said he was told at the tax sale that he was purchasing an undivided half but recently found out it was only a quarter. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to refund half of Mitch Parsons purchase price from the 2022 Tax Sale. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to sign the General Warranty Deed between Logan County, Kansas and the Western Vista Building Complex Inc. for all of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), and Fourteen (14), Block Five (5) in the Engelhardt Revised Addition to the City of Oakley, in Logan County, Kansas. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated August 30, 2024 as follows: General \$37,968.55; County Health \$26,387.70; Road & Bridge \$27,807.65; Noxious Weed \$5,925.79; Multi County Health \$40.00; Fire \$3,358.41; EMS \$7,786.49; Equipment Reserve Fund \$45,500.00; County Attorney Drug Forfeiture \$593.70 and Payroll Clearing \$1,382.48 for a total of \$156,750.77. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the .75 hours of overtime for the Health Department; 82 hours of overtime for the Road Department and 66.5 hours for the EMS Department in September.

The Board reviewed the August 30, 2024 Payroll Register as follows: General \$52,769.73; County Health \$12,947.35; Road & Bridge \$21,362.35; Noxious Weed \$3,637.12; Fire \$461.10 and EMS \$17,817.80 for a total of \$108,995.45. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert respectively to approve the Payroll Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the Dispatch Agreement between the City of Oakley and Logan County. The current three-year agreement will be up at the end of this year. The City asked for a 10% increase every year for the next three years. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to sign the agreement with an 8% increase. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to sign the yearly Sand Agreements with George Taulman, Kevin Plummer and Joe

Radnor as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the August 19, 2024 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert respectively to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

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The Board of Logan County Commissioners held a special meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024. The purpose of the special meeting was to hold the Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing for 2025 Budget. Those attending were Commissioners Cody Younkin, David Hubert and Cameron Edwards. Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

At 8:00 a.m. the Board held their Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2025 RNR rate. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin to sign Resolution No. 24-09 exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 67.092 with a proposed mill levy of 67.136. Motion carried 3-0. The Board then held their Budget Hearing to hear any objections to the proposed 2025 budget. There being no questions, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Hubert and Younkin respectively to approve and sign the proposed budget for 2025. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Hubert respectively to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.



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Do Ya Really Wanna Know

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I'm not going to try to place blame on this younger generation because I know my parents often got confused with the teen speech we used when I was younger. We started the "cool" and "bad" years as well as "sketchy" (which the word did not represent anything to do with drawing at all...unless someone's drawing was kind of sketchy. Sketchy of course used as a term to define something as possibly wrong or on the wrong path. We used terminology that often times steered completely away from the actual definition of the word.

With today's teens they still use the term sketchy (although they have shorted it to sketch), but they have begun to use words that are completely off base like "cap" which equates to someone lying or faking. They use the phrase "bussin" to mean very good or "rizz" which actually is part of the word charisma to signify that some is charming. The word "smacks" is an indication that something is very good or "tea" in reference to fresh gossip (as in spilling the tea). A couple more references is the term "yeet" as in to throw something or "poggers" in reference to being really excited about something.

I understand why migrants find our language difficult to understand as we use terms that mean completely something else or are making up words and assigning our own definitions to them. Our language is difficult in itself with several words that sound the same and mean completely different things (i.e. there, their, they're or here and hear or even similar words like since and sense).

When my niece began writing for me as a freshman in high school I did have to spend some time editing her columns for teen speech or the overuse of words (i.e. literally, like, etc). She didn't like it at first, but eventually caught on and was more careful in regard to the phrases she chose when writing her column. She learned as she went, which led to her decision to major in journalism and is currently writing for her college newspaper...and still writing for us of course.

Some additional phrases are quite clever as in the "pick-me girl" as a girl who constantly seeks attention or sympathy or the "Chad" as the typically cocky male. The word "delulu" is an abbreviated version of delusional as "prolly" is abbreviated for probably. How about "ate that" and left no crumbs for someone who did an excellent job at something?...I kind of like that one actually.

I'll stop there...but my suggestion is to listen to your kids and ask questions if you don't understand what they meant...but don't be surprised if somewhere in their explanation they refer to you as "Bruh."

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