

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session**  
**April 15, 2025**

Present: Mike Brownell, Jim Yahn, Jerry Sonnenberg, Alan Samber, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Dave Durfee, Mike Burri, Rick Cullip, Rob Quint, Peggy Stoltenberg, Tim Stahley, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

Chairman Brownell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** – The minutes of the April 8, 2025 Work Session were not finished.

**REVISIONS TO THE WORK SESSION AGENDA** – There were no revisions.

**REVISIONS TO THE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA** – County Attorney Alan Samber suggested that the Board table the item concerning the agreement for the Production Services International Stage License and Sound for the night show. He and Marilee Johnson have some questions regarding the intent of their contract and they want to get confirmation so they fully understand it. It is a significantly higher priced contract than they had to pay for those things in the past.

Jennifer emailed the Board earlier this morning about two items, one a liquor license renewal application for the Reata in Crook, Colorado. The owner did not get the renewal application from the state in the mail. She brought in a renewal form that she printed online on Monday. State fees were paid online, and county fees have also been paid. The license does not expire until May, but it does need to be applied for at the county level in a timely manner. It can be added to the Consent Agenda.

The second item is an amendment to a resolution that was requested to be added by the Planning and Zoning Department to correct some errors in the legal description. This was a 2012 resolution. The acres in the legal description were changed from 5.05 acres to 5.02 acres.

**DAVE DURFEE – MARIJUNA SALES IN COUNTY AND CAMPGROUND APPLICATION** – Dave Durfee met with the Board. He stated that he put in an application for a campground through the Planning and Zoning Department about two weeks ago to change his zoning at his property address to a campground. He wanted to make sure that the campground application goes through. On a side comment about the process of that application, he asked about the legality of cannabis in the county. He was told he had to come talk to the Commissioners about that question. If the Board were “affirmative on the cannabis question,” that might change his long-term plan. He has a greenhouse facility that he would be ready to lease to a dispensary. He has an interest in it. It’s not primary to his application.

Alan Samber stated that he has not seen anything on Durfee’s campground application. Durfee is waiting to hear from the Planning and Zoning Department. Rob Quint was in the audience. Quint stated that the Planning and Zoning Department has not received Durfee’s application. They have only received a narrative as to what he would like to do as far as a campground. Durfee has been in the office twice and has discussed his concerns about the county’s moratorium about marijuana. Durfee was told he would need to meet with the Commissioners about the County’s marijuana rules.

Durfee would lease his greenhouse to a dispensary if the Board would consider reversing the decision on marijuana. Alan Samber stated that Logan County has opted out of everything marijuana, dispensaries, retail, cultivation, and manufacturing. Logan County opted out of that years ago. That is not something that you can approve of on an ad hoc basis.

Commissioner Yahn said that he would not be in favor of marijuana cultivation in Logan County. Commissioner Sonnenberg stated that he has no desire to change those rules either. The City of Sterling is allowing retail now. Rob Quint will make sure that Mr. Durfee receives an application for the campground.

**PEGGY STOLTENBURG CSU REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER CINCO DE MAYO** - Peggy Stoltenberg and Tim Stahley of the CSU Regional Engagement Center met with the Board. The third annual Cinco de Mayo celebration is being planned for the Courthouse Square for Saturday, May 3, 2025. Stahley requested that fees associated with the use of the Gazebo and the Courthouse square be waived. The event has seen significant growth in the three years since it was initiated.

Directly as a result of this event, we have seen significant business growth. If you go to NJC and get coffee there, that is coffee that is roasted here in Sterling, and I think he also has a location in Fort Morgan, but was able to gain exposure from this event, and has been able to scale his business. There are numerous other examples of things like that happening.

The event will use the Gazebo for performers, with a slate of artists, anything from meso American dance groups with traditional headdress to young local talent. There will be bounce houses on the parking lot, so they don't kill the grass, and food trucks on the street. Each food truck is in charge of a different dish.

Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to waive the fees for CSU Regional Engagement Center for the Courthouse Lawn and facilities for Cinco de Mayo on May 3, 2025, Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH 2025** - Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Commissioners' Proceedings for March 2025. Commissioner Yahn seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.