

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
August 20, 2024**

Present: Mike Brownell, Joe McBride, Jerry Sonnenberg, Alan Samber, Rick Cullip, Kristan Lange, Debbie Unrein, Leon Midkiff, Tiffany Storch, Rob Quint, Jeff Rice and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 2024 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

REVISIONS TO THE WORK SESSION AGENDA – None.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – The Board met with Kristan Lange to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated August 20, 2024. All bills were approved as presented.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – There was no discussion.

HOSPICE OF THE PLAINS TREE OF LIGHTS ON GAZEBO – Tiffany Storch, Hospice of the Plains CEO/Administrator and Leon Midkiff, Marketing Director/Volunteer Coordinator met with the Board. They requested permission to utilize the gazebo in December to display lighted Christmas trees. They received a lot of positive feedback from the community last year and even had an engagement happen there. The project helps bring attention to those who may be going through a tough time with grief during the holiday season. The tree of lights is about when you lose someone during the holidays and they're not there with you for the holiday season. The Board agreed that it was a nice addition to the gazebo and there were no problems with the electricity. They were asked to complete a reservation form. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Hospice of the Plains/Tree of Lights use of the gazebo during the Christmas season and waive all fees. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE TREE LIGHTS – Commissioner McBride mentioned that one of the downtown merchants had mentioned that it would be nice if the Courthouse trees lit with the white lights stayed on through Valentine's Day. Downtown still looks pretty good throughout the winter with the trees lighted and draws people in. There are efforts to light all of the trees downtown, possibly the Chamber of Commerce is working on that.

Rick Cullip noted that they deal with damage from squirrels on a daily basis. They have to inspect the wires and repair the wires daily. The Board agreed to try it this year and see how it works out.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 2024 – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the Commissioners Proceedings for the month of July 2024. Commissioner Sonnenberg seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.