

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session  
February 13, 2024**

Present: Mike Brownell, Joe McBride, Jerry Sonnenberg, Alan Samber, Kristan Lange, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Rick Cullip, Alician Iannone, Lindsay Bruntz, John Weisgerber, 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 February 13, 2024 as written. Commissioner McBride seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

**REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA** – Jennifer Crow added the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance grant application prepared by Brad Hoffmeister. Chairman Brownell added discussion on the Sterling Irrigation District and Springdale Irrigation District Shares.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS** – The Board met with Kristan Lange to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated February 13, 2024. All bills were approved as presented.

**MEDIA LOGIC RADIO SPORTSMAN EXPERIENCE** – Alicia Iannone and Lindsay Bruntz met with the Board concerning the Media Logic Radio Sportsman Experience. Media Logic has been working with the NJC Young Farmers and decided to move the event to June 14 and 15, partnering with the NJC Young Farmer’s Truck and Tractor Pull for the entertainment. They have decided that it’s best for both events to combine them. They hope to have better weather in June than in April as they have had some snow in late April.

The group is also asking for the Board to waive 50% of the rental fees on the facilities as they have done in the past. Commissioner Sonnenberg noted that the Commissioners are in the process of reviewing the fees for use of the fairgrounds. Commissioner McBride is okay with the same thing that has been done as in the past, especially for the events that give local citizens something to do in this area. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved, and Commissioner McBride seconded to approve the same fee structure as last year. Ms. Iannone and Ms. Bruntz also noted that the expo and the gun show will remain free of charge to the public. The Young Farmer’s Tractor Pull will be selling tickets in the grandstand stadium.

**IMPACT ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE** - Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance grant application in the amount of \$14,773.13, and allow the Chairman to sign it. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried, 3-0.

**DONATIONS OF CONCERT TICKETS TO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS AFTER PROM CELEBRATIONS** – Jennifer Crow explained that the Board has donated two tickets to each high school in the county for their after-prom celebration or other student achievement award. The Board has received two requests so far this year, one from Fleming Wildcat Boosters Post Prom Committee and one from Merino High School After Prom Committee. Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to donate two Night Show tickets to each Logan County area high school again this year for their After Prom celebrations. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried, 3-0.

**COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 2024** - Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to approve the Commissioners’ Proceedings for the month of January, 2024. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried, 3-0.

**LEASE OF SHARES OF STERLING IRRIGATION COMPANY** – Sterling Irrigation Company - notices were handed out at their annual meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Springdale Irrigation Ditch notices could possibly be sent with ditch assessment statements in April or May to shareholders or by the county, or just sent to their board to let them share as they see fit, and then also run an ad in the newspaper. Springdale Ditch Company does not have an email list for their members.

Commissioner Brownell noted that he received a phone call after the Sterling Irrigation Company annual meeting about the county’s Sterling Irrigation District shares asking why the county owns the shares. Commissioner Brownell asked if the shares are something the county should hold on to, or should the county offer to sell them and if there is any advantage to owning them?

Commissioner McBride commented that the Springdale Ditch shares should be available if someday someone wanted to run a better cemetery there. He did not know where the Number One shares came from. If the Springdale shares had potential for attracting industrial business, a change in use for the water would have to go to water court, that could become expensive, and could easily cost \$100,000 in attorney fees.

According to Craig Brownell, the ditch company has relied on the water from the shares that the county has not used or leased out. The ditch company takes up the full allotment and has possibly relied on it for a number of years without leasing it.

Alan Samber noted that the county has owned the shares for as long as he has been county attorney. Jennifer Crow mentioned that looking through the fairgrounds file, she felt that the shares might have been acquired through purchase of the land from RE-1 Valley School District. The fairgrounds well is in an augmentation plan under the Logan Well users. Craig told Mike that shares are worth approximately \$5,000 a share. Commissioner Brownell will continue to research the matter.

The Board agreed to send notice of lease of the shares of the Sterling Irrigation District to the shareholders with the ditch assessment statements and to also to put the notice on the county's website.

**COLORADO FLATLANDERS CAR CLUB PRAIRIE EXPRESS BUS STOP** - John Weisgerber of the Colorado Flatlanders Car Club told the Board that last year after the Lodging Tax Board meeting, the Commissioners had questions, but no one showed up to answer their questions.

Weisgerber discussed that they would like to have the Prairie Express Bus make a special stop during the event at the Overland Trail Museum so that people attending the car show could also get into town to shop at the antique stores and other stores and gift shops.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.