

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session
February 6, 2024**

Present: Mike Brownell, Joe McBride, Jerry Sonnenberg, Alan Samber, Kristan Lange, Jerry Casebolt, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Danny Guitierrez-Dutton, Rick Cullip, Jeff Rice, and Jennifer Crow.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION – Commissioner McBride moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2024 as written. Commissioner Sonnenberg seconded, and the motion carried, 3-0.

REVISIONS TO WORK SESSION AGENDA – Commissioner Sonnenberg requested discussion of the livestock tie-down areas of at the fairgrounds.

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – The Board met with Kristan Lange to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated February 6, 2024. Chairman Brownell had a question on a bill for vehicle towing and storage. The bill was for a vehicle that was in an accident. It will be reimbursed by the insurance company. All bills were approved as presented.

REVIEW BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – No revisions were made.

FAIRGROUNDS LIVESTOCK TIE DOWNS – Rick Cullip joined the meeting. Commissioner Sonnenberg has been contacted by several people concerning the cattle tie-down area at the fairgrounds. The tie-downs are in a low area that collects water and when it rains it becomes a swamp. Several people would like to come in at their own expense, and take the fence out, bring fill dirt in to raise the area up and re-do that area and put up another continuous fence.

Rick agreed that the area needs work. They have added some gravel and dirt to the area, but it does get saturated. They also brought in roadbase to try and build it up a bit. Rick thinks the tie-downs are all concreted in so they will have to cut them off and tear them out and salvage what they can. Rick suggested making the improvement with a concrete pad coming off the structure. If the tie-downs are being moved and revamped in the long term that might be a good idea. Commissioner Sonnenberg said that they probably weren't thinking about that kind of a budget. If it is improved to that level, it will probably need to be a more detailed discussion on whether we want to spend that kind of money.

The Board is in favor of the work to build up the area with the fill dirt being done with Rick's supervision. Commissioner Sonnenberg will put the people in touch with Rick.

Depending on the long-range plan that CU is putting together, an investment here might be appropriate. The plan from CU might include enlarging the barns and the tie-down area.

LEASE OF SHARES OF STERLING IRRIGATION COMPANY - Alan Samber provided information that the county had advertised for lease four shares of the Sterling Irrigation Company and six shares of the Springdale Ditch Company in 2021. The Board agreed that Jennifer should contact the secretaries of both ditch companies and ask if they could email notices to their shareholders to advertise the shares for lease. Katy Barkly is the secretary for the Springdale Ditch Company. Jennifer will find out who is the secretary for the Sterling Irrigation Company and contact that person to ask them to email the notice to shareholders.

MARK WALLER CONSULTING AND JOE MIKLOSI BRIDGE CONSULTING CONTRACT RENEWAL - The Board discussed the Mark Waller Consulting and Joe Miklosi Bridge Consulting contract renewal. The current contract expired December 31, 2023. They sent a statement in January in the amount of \$1,250.00 and said that the contract rolled over into a month-to-month contract. Alan Samber reviewed the contract, and it was clear that it did not roll over into a month-to-month contract.

The Board does get regular updates from them through Zoom meetings on the services they provide and is in favor of continuing the relationship, even though they were not able to benefit from grants as they had hoped. They like having another voice at the state and federal level to advocate for the county. The consulting group does have a new grant writer on staff, which they hope will benefit the county in the future.

Commissioner Sonnenberg moved to renew the renew contract with Mark Waller Consulting and Jo Miklosi Bridge Consulting. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried 3-0. The contract will be officially approved in a business meeting. Alan Samber will reach out to them and ask them to submit a new contract.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.