

Logan County Commissioners Work Session
October 15, 2024

Present: Mike Brownell, Joe McBride, Alan Samber, Kristan Lange, Debbie Unrein, Marilee Johnson, Lisa Young, Leon Midkiff, 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 October 8, 2024 as written. Chairman Brownell seconded, and the motion carried, 2-0.

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

REVIEW AND APPROVE SCHEDULE OF COUNTY BILLS – The Board met with Kristan Lange to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated October 15, 2024. All bills were approved as presented.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - Jennifer Crow reported that only one of the three applicant background checks for the Atwood Petroleum, Inc. application has been received from the CBI. The CBI's background checks have been slow due to a backlog in their system processing. Alan Samber said that the Transfer of Ownership application could be approved conditionally upon receiving satisfactory reports from the CBI. Then the application can be sent to the State. All other application materials have been received.

PADRONI PROPERTY – Lisa Young met with the Board to discuss her property in Padroni, Colorado. Ms. Young received a letter from the Planning and Zoning Department concerning a complaint from a neighbor about her property. She does not have any funds or resources to clean up her property as she lives on disability. Ms. Young moved in with her mother in 2017 to care for her. While she was caring for her mother, her Padroni house was ransacked, and part of it was burned down. The neighbor's property shares the water well rights. The only option she has is to sell the property. The taxes have been paid on the property. There is an \$11,000 lien on her property.

Commissioner McBride said that in the past the Board has worked with property owners to give them more time, as long as they have some type of plan. The Board suggested that she could contact someone who would pick up the scrap metal for the value of the metal. There are also several junk vehicles on the property. The Board told her that if the outside of the property was cleaned up, it would help the neighbor's property sell and she could contact a realtor and list the property to sell it.

Ms. Young asked for additional time to get the problem taken care of. Commissioner McBride suggested that she come back on January 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with an update.

HOSPICE OF THE PLAINS – Leon Midkiff, Director of Marketing for the Hospice of the Plains met with the Board. The Elk's Lodge will be shutting down and closing their chapter in Sterling soon. The Hospice of the Plains has submitted an application to reserve the Mitchek Event Center for February 1, 2025 for their benefit fundraiser. They will need Friday, January 31 for setup as well. They will not be doing the pig roast, but it will be a similar event. Donna Frankenfeld will be catering for the event.

Mr. Midkiff asked if the Board would agree to waive the fees for the rental of the Mitchek Event Center, the kitchen, the tables and chairs. Their volunteers will set up the tables and chairs.

Commissioner McBride moved to waive all fees for the Hospice of the Plains fundraiser event. Chairman Brownell seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

COLLECTION OF LODGING TAX ON FAIRGROUNDS CAMPER SPOTS – The Board will wait until Commissioner Sonnenberg can be present to discuss this topic.

WAIVER OF FEES FOR NON-PROFIT RENTALS AT FAIRGROUNDS – The Board will wait until Commissioner Sonnenberg can be present to discuss this topic.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

