

**Logan County Commissioners Work Session  
May 8, 2018**

Present: Byron Pelton, Joe McBride, Dave Donaldson, Alan Samber, Shannon Graves, Lindsey Reeves, Michelle Hoff, Rob Quint, David Piper, Kay Rich and Jennifer Crow.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS SESSION** - Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 work session as corrected. Commissioner McBride seconded and the motion carried.

**REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) SCHEDULE OF BILLS** - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the DHS schedule of bills dated May 7, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) PAYROLL REVIEW** - Shannon Graves met with the Board to review the DHS payroll for the period April 14, 2018 through April 27, 2018. The Board reviewed various payroll reports. The payroll was approved as presented.

**REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS** - Lindsey Reeves met with the Board to review the Logan County schedule of bills dated May 8, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**LOGAN COUNTY PAYROLL REVIEW** - Michelle Hoff met with the Board to review the Logan County payroll for the period April 15, 2018 through April 27, 2018. The Board reviewed various payroll reports. The payroll was approved as presented.

**REVIEW LOGAN COUNTY SCHEDULE OF BILLS** - Michelle Hoff met with the Board to review the Logan County Department of Human Resources schedule of bills dated May 7, 2018. The Board approved all bills as presented.

**NORTH STERLING STATE PARK LETTER OF SUPPORT** - David Piper, Manager of North Sterling State Park met with the Board to request a letter of support for the fee title acquisition of a 52-acre property owned by the Sterling Elk's Lodge at North Sterling State Park. The developed property has been managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for the past 25 years.

The CPW was approached by the Elk's Lodge a little over a year ago to purchase the property. Both parties have come to an agreement on the price. Mr. Piper will testify before the CDC in Denver to obtain permission to purchase the land. Normally, a letter of concurrence from the Commissioners, the local senator and representative is required. However, our local senator and representative both serve on the CDC so it would not be appropriate to obtain a letter from them.

Mr. Piper discussed the concessionaire that has contracted with CPW with a one year contract with option to renew up to 15 years. The new concessionaire is a retired local person who opened the concession business last weekend and will officially open this weekend.

The Board has no opposition to the acquisition and agreed to sign the letter of support.

Fishing is starting to pick up at the park as the water temperature increases. Mr. Piper noted an increase in visitor attendance by about 43,000 visitors last year mostly due to the fishing. The park relies heavily on fishing. The park is multi-disciplined recreation with a lot of power boating. Fishermen come in early in the season. The park held it's first Walleye tournament since 2004.

Every boat that competed was limited out except for one, which was due to motor failure. Walleye fishermen limited out by 8 a.m. each day and spent the rest of the day looking for the big one to put them over the top. Once that word started getting out last year, the fishing attendance increased. Midweek attendance is increasing due to fishermen. Power boaters are weekenders. The campgrounds are booked every weekend for the next two years. A study conducted years ago of park visitors living more than 50 miles from the park spend in excess of \$4 million annually into the county's economy gas, food, supplies, etc. The Master Plan for the park includes expansion of the campground to add another 50 spaces.

Traffic is now being routed through Sterling because of future road construction. This should help tax revenues within the city and increase sales for local businesses.

Piper hopes to be able to eventually add back the administrative position from the 2009 budget cuts. One ranger position has been added back since then. During the fall, winter and early spring before the summer seasonal help comes in, they really need the admin. position to offer good customer service to park visitors.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY BALLOT QUESTION** - The Board is in favor of the ballot question being placed on the November ballot. All seven counties must place the ballot issue on their ballot and the issue must pass in all seven counties. The Morgan County Attorney reviewed and approved the language in the question. Alan Samber has reviewed the language and does not see any problem with the question.

**UPDATE ON ATWOOD PROPERTIES** - Rob Quint joined the meeting to update the Board on the Atwood properties that are the subject of many complaints due to accumulating junk and trash. The Dorsett property is not improving. The motion for contempt was filed three weeks ago. Alan Samber will contact the courts to inquire the status of the motion. The judge will issue a citation that must be served by the Sheriff, which will direct the property owner to appear in court. On the date of the first court appearance, the judge will set date for a hearing. The Board would like to notify the neighbor when the hearing is set to testify. Rob Quint estimated that two truck loads of junk per week is being taken out to the property from a location in Sterling. Quint has seen his trailer loaded and headed out to Atwood on several occasions. The house and yard are completely full of junk. Quint checks once a week and photographs the property to be able to document the case for the record.

The Health Department has been out to the Highway 6 property. The residents have removed the dead animal carcass. Rob Quint has taken pictures to document the trash and will draft a letter and send to Alan Samber for review to the property owner with a copy to go to the tenant to demand cleanup of the property. If the property is not significantly better in 30 days, then a motion can be filed in court. There is an existing schedule for number of animals per acre for that size of property. There has never been a rule that specifies the maximum number of animals. There is not such a rule. It is not known when the schedule was adopted.

**HERITAGE FESTIVAL UPDATE** - Kay Rich met with the Board to update the board on the 2018 Heritage Festival and request the \$1,500 that has been budgeted for the event this year. Mrs Rich gave the Board details about this years event which will include all local talent this year. The Board agreed that the amount for the Heritage Festival was budgeted. Jennifer will see that a voucher is submitted for payment to the Heritage Festival.

The Festival requested funding through Logan County Lodging Tax Board which was approved May 7, 2018.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.