

Fee Waiver Staff Report

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To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners

Through: Dan Avery, Deputy County Manager

From: Steve Shoultz, CPRE, Director of Parks and Recreation

CC: Amy Knopp, MSOL, Rueter-Hess Recreation Manager
Morgan Morehart, Parks Operations Manager
Nick Giauque, CPRP, Parks Programs Manager

Subject: **Fee Waiver Request in the amount of \$4,400 for Douglas County Sheriff's Office at Rueter-Hess Reservoir on August 21, 2026**

Board of County Commissioners Hearing:

August 11, 2026 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Douglas County Sheriff's Office requests a fee waiver of \$4,400 for the use of Rueter-Hess Reservoir for their second annual first responder, employee, and family wellness event on August 21, 2026.

II. BACKGROUND

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office supports the mental health, resilience, and overall well-being of first responders, employees, and their families. The organization hosted this wellness event at Rueter-Hess Reservoir last year, where the venue contributed to a successful gathering focused on connection, relaxation, and quality time. Based on the positive feedback received, the Sheriff's Office would like to return to the same location to continue fostering well-being and strengthening connections among employees and their families.

III. REQUEST

Douglas County Sheriff's Office is requesting a fee waiver of \$4,400 for the use of Rueter-Hess Reservoir for their second annual first responder, employee, and family wellness event on August 21, 2026.

Item	Fees
Rueter-Hess Large Event Fee	\$1,210
Parking	\$2,300
Port-o-Let	\$ 350
Rangers	\$ 540
Total Fees for Event	\$4,400

IV. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners has the sole authority to waive or reduce all park use fees and may choose to waive or reduce the event fee of \$4,400 for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

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Douglas County Sheriff's Office
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), I am reaching out to request a waived rental rate for the use of the Reuter-Hess Reservoir for our annual first responder, employee, and family wellness event for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office employees.

We had the privilege of hosting this event at Reuter-Hess Reservoir last year, and it was an incredible success. Our employees and their families absolutely loved the venue, and the overwhelmingly positive feedback made it clear that the setting created the perfect environment for connection, relaxation, and quality time together. It quickly became one of our most talked-about wellness events of the year, and we would love the opportunity to bring our families back again.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office remains committed to supporting the mental health, resilience, and overall well-being of our first responders, employees, and their families. These dedicated individuals face unique challenges and demands, and opportunities to connect, decompress, and spend meaningful time with loved ones in a safe, welcoming environment are essential to maintaining their wellness and readiness to serve our community.

We believe that Reuter-Hess Reservoir continues to be the ideal location for this event, offering both the space and atmosphere that promote connection, resilience, and overall wellness. By partnering with us and offering a discounted rental rate, you would be directly supporting the well-being of those who serve and protect Douglas County every day.

We truly value our partnership and appreciate the role Reuter-Hess Reservoir has played in helping us provide meaningful experiences for our employees and their families. We hope to continue building on last year's success and look forward to the opportunity to work together again.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I would be happy to discuss the event further or provide any additional information you may need. We sincerely appreciate your support and hope to continue this partnership for another memorable event.

Warmly,

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