

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for October 30, 2013

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

10:00 Human Services Director Colette Barksdale to give her monthly report

11:00 Conduct a conference call with Jo Downey with the Council of Governments concerning the Community Development Block Grant for business loans

1. Approve the minutes from the October 18, 2013 meeting
2. Old business
3. New business
4. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on October 30, 2013. The following attended: Chairman Ted Lyons, Commissioners Greg King and Doug Stone, County Administrator Roxie Devers, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order and asked Mr. King to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 18, 2013, as submitted. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion and Mr. King abstained from the vote, as he had not attended the meeting. The motion carried.

There was no old business to discuss, but Ms. Devers said that she had received a request from Rob's Septic Service to charge at the landfill; trash and wood. Ms. Devers said the request did not say how much Mr. Fager would be bringing to the landfill each week, so she might call and ask him.

She also said that even though the commissioners had already signed an MOU for Control of Confidential Data with the Department of Revenue naming her as the designee to receive sales tax reports, a separate MOU would need to be signed for the lodging sales tax reports. Mr. King made a motion to sign the MOU with DOR designating Roxie Devers as the official to receive lodging sales tax reports. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Since the commissioners had time before the appointment with Ms. Barksdale, they gave their individual reports; Mr. Stone stating that he checked roads west of Karval on October 25 and attended the FEMA meeting at the courthouse on the Twenty-ninth. They are ready to move forward and will have another meeting in a week or two, but Mr. Stone wanted the other commissioners' opinion on whether or not they should try to replace the bridges with tubes or go ahead with building new all steel bridges. If they decide on new bridges, the county will have to pay a quarter of the cost for each bridge, which will come be around \$500,000 per bridge. The tubes can last up to thirty years; as a matter of fact, David Ansley said that this is probably the second or third time they have washed out in all the years he has lived down there. If they do decide on using tubes, they were told by the FEMA representative that the county should look into getting flood insurance. Mr. Stone said he didn't really think it would be worth it and felt they should take their chances with the tubes. Mr. Lyons and Mr. King agreed. Mr. Stone also reported that Crowley County has asked to use some gravel from the Dougherty pit to fix a couple of the roads that washed out down there, as their nearest pit is forty miles away. Mr. Stone said that Crowley County would pay for the gravel and Ms. Devers asked if he had cleared it with Land Use Administrator John DeWitt, which Mr. Stone said he had.

Mr. King reported speaking with Plains Trucking and Nighthawk about posting certain roads as truck routes in District Two, so they will order and post the signs and Nighthawk will reimburse the county for them. On October 10, Mr. King attended the Centennial Mental Health meeting in Fort Morgan and toured their facility. They are discussing starting up a local crisis line rather than using the state crisis line. In November, they are also going to track the response time on calls where law enforcement has to sit with patients at the hospital until someone from CMH

arrives to take over. On October 15, Mr. King attended the Plains-to-Peaks retac meeting and they have gotten another block grant for \$47,000 to be split between the five counties. On the Sixteenth, Mr. King checked roads north of Arriba, Genoa and Limon, stating that he had received even more complaints about oil trucks “driving all over up there.” On the Twenty-ninth, he was in Sterling for a non-commissioner related matter and said he’d spoken with FEMA representatives who asked if any local farmers or ranchers were in need of funding to help with damage from the flooding. Mr. Stone said he could not think of anyone.

Mr. Lyons reported attending the Colorado Blueprint meeting in Limon on October 22 and asked if anyone had ever heard of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) project, but no one had. He also checked County Roads 26 and 2W and went by the landfill. He said he would like to speak with either Travis Miller or Chris Seymour with CDOT, as the landfill is in need of more rotomill, since they used it all when they placed the new Conex container, which looks really nice. They could use four or five loads, and in the past CDOT has traded rotomill in exchange for dumping trash from Lady Bird Park or other areas free of charge. Mr. Lyons said they have not done that for a long time, however, but he thought they may be able to work something out. On October 24, he attended the hospital board meeting and they did vote to change the name of the facility from Lincoln Community Hospital and Nursing Home to Lincoln Community Hospital and Care Center. They hope to get the numbers up by changing the attitude and demeanor of the place, as well as advertising. Another plan is to repair the cement steps at the hospital entrance next spring. When he checked the traffic counters on County Road 26 the south entrance off of County Road 2W showed 3,519 vehicles from October 2 through October 29. The counter got stuck at 1,000 on the north side, but 540 vehicles had crossed between 2 p.m. on October 28 and 4 p.m. on October 29. On October 23, he spoke with Chad, one of the drivers for Plains Trucking, who told him that he hauls six truckloads of oil each day off of one well. He did tell Mr. Lyons that they had a meeting and the drivers were told that the roads would be posted in District Two, and anyone caught on other roads after they are posted would be fired. On October 28, Mr. Lyons reported going with Chris Monks to look at County Road 26 where the trucks come off from the oil wells. They are going to try magnesium chloride next spring, but in the meantime hope to go to Sorrento to see what they use on the roads down there, since a lot of oil gets hauled there and to Cheyenne Wells. He also attended the Colorado Oil & Gas Commission meeting in Limon on the Twenty-eighth. On the Twenty-ninth he went by Safranek’s well and the landfill.

At 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Colette Barksdale and Robert Kraxberger met with the Board to give the monthly report. The Board reviewed the financial reports and employee time sheets while Ms. Barksdale explained that she had advertised for a receptionist and will interview seven of the twenty applicants. She also reported that the Connect for Health program is working fairly well, at least in Colorado, but at the two events they’ve held, only one person showed up. She added that Mike O’Dwyer is a certified broker and people can go to him if they have questions.

Ms. Barksdale asked for approval of the MOU for the IV-E Waiver Program with CDHS, which is an increase of \$9 million into the Child Welfare system over the next five years. DHS is required

to provide trauma-informed care, permanency roundtables, kinship support, and family engagement. They will receive \$37,000 for Kinship Support and \$5,000 for Family Engagement with this MOU. There will also be an increase of \$40,000 for the Permanency Roundtable, but it will show up on the Elbert County MOU, since they are the lead.

Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the MOU with CDHS for the IV-E Waiver Program. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyons said each of the commissioners had received a note from an anonymous sender regarding a DHS employee possibly misusing county time and fraudulently filling out their time sheets because they did not work on Fridays. Ms. Barksdale said that the employee in question is on a flex schedule at this time due to the fact that Tennyson Center requires a staff member meet with a couple of kids in their home for therapy on Monday nights. The employee does not take every Friday off, as is reflected on the October time sheets, and Ms. Barksdale said it is only a temporary assignment at this time. Mr. Lyons asked Ms. Barksdale to provide the employee's time sheets to the commissioners so that they could monitor the situation.

Ms. Devers gave her report once Ms. Barksdale and Mr. Kraxberger left, stating that the Special Highway Committee is accepting applications for off-system bridge funding and asked if the commissioners would like to apply. They did not. She also asked if they wanted to apply for an Energy Impact Assistance grant this year, but Mr. King said he thought it would be an exercise in futility. Mr. Stone asked what the grant funds have done for the county in the past, and Ms. Devers said that the county has gotten a road grader, fuel storage tanks for Karval and Genoa, and work done on County Road 109. Mr. Lyons would rather wait until next year, at least for District One, as he would like to see what happens with the oil wells by Moshers. There may be a need for some help with County Road 109 down south, depending on oil truck traffic in that area. The others agreed to wait and address it again next year.

Ms. Lengel asked if the commissioners would approve a county credit card with a \$500 limit for Theresa Rusher, and Mr. King made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m., Jo Downey with the Council of Governments called concerning the Community Development Block Grant for business loans. She asked if there were any questions, but there were none, so she asked if Lincoln County would consider submitting a new CDBG application for additional funds to further capitalize the four county (Elbert, Lincoln, Kit Carson and Cheyenne) Business Loan Fund. The application will be on behalf of all four counties but the funds would come directly to Lincoln County and then be sub-contracted to ECCOG and PDC for administration. Mr. King said that as long as it would not cause any more work for Ms. Devers he would not have a problem with it and the others agreed. Ms. Devers said it is not a problem so Mr. King made a motion to submit a CDBG application for additional funding for the Business Loan Fund. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. King got numbers from his traffic counters, stating that in fifteen days County Road 3X at County Road 109 had 1,209 vehicles on it, County Road 35 north of County Road 3X had 2,211, and County Road 35 south of 4C had 2,237.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the application to charge at the county landfill from Rob's Septic Service. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved the October payroll and expense vouchers for the month and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2013.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ted Lyons, Chairman