

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for February 28, 2014

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Human Services Director Colette Barksdale to give her monthly report

10:00 Land Use Administrator John DeWitt to present the Land Use Board's decision on the development permit for Donald and Iva Johns for a single family residence and a request for funding for professional consultation on various county regulations

1. Approve the minutes from the February 27, 2014 meeting
2. County Commissioners' reports
3. County Administrator's report
4. Old business
5. New business
6. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2014. 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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Human Services Director Colette Barksdale and Robert Kraxberger met with the Board to give the monthly report for the department. The Board reviewed the time sheets and reports while Ms. Barksdale gave an update on the smart board purchase discussed at a prior meeting. She said the installation would be \$1,875 for both boards, so the total will be less than \$12,000.

Regarding the car accident and the replacement of the vehicle, Ms. Barksdale said it was in the rotation to be replaced in three years. Since she doesn't want to break that cycle, she would like to look for a used vehicle, possibly a smaller SUV with 4-wheel drive, in the \$12,000 range and approximately 40,000 miles on it. The commissioners agreed with her plan and gave their permission for her to proceed.

The department will be submitting their Time Data Collection for Child Welfare for the month of February, which has not been an issue at all.

Healthcare Policy and Finance has sent DHS an additional \$18,000 to help with the influx of Medicare applications they are seeing, and Ms. Barksdale said they are considering taking over some of the caseload from Maximus. Since the workload has increased they would like to hire a temporary part-time person to take care of it; however, there has been some discussion of hiring one person to handle the workload in two or three counties. Ms. Barksdale said they have been assured that the money will continue, adding that it is one hundred percent state money; no county dollars would be used.

Her final comment was that she had not yet heard back from attorney Darla Scranton Specht about the letter to Gregg Leverett, but she will contact her again to get the status on it.

Mr. King wanted to commend Mr. Kraxberger as he had spoken to a DHS client who was very pleased with the way Mr. Kraxberger handled their case.

At 9:30 a.m., Land Use Administrator John DeWitt met with the Board to present the Land Use Board's decision on Development Permit #14-01 for Donald and Iva Johns to build a single-family residence, and to request funding for professional consultation on various county regulations. Mr. DeWitt said the Land Use Board approved the permit and the commissioners saw no reason to deny it.

Mr. DeWitt said that after the meeting discussion had turned to the fact that county zoning and subdivision regulations, as well as the Comprehensive Plan, are outdated and in need of revision, prompting the letter he presented to the commissioners. The Land Use Board felt that failure to update the regulations might lead to legal repercussions to the county should current

regulations be contested. In order to mitigate unforeseen legal complications, the Land Use Board asked permission from the commissioners to retain a contractor to review and update the county regulations.

Ms. Devers said the Comprehensive Plan was put into place back in 2000, and everything else is even older, making it at least fifteen years since everything has been updated, which means it is probably time to do so. She added that Community Matters was the company that completed the Comprehensive Plan, and Barbara Green did the original zoning regulations for the county. She suggested polling surrounding counties for their subdivision regulations to see if Lincoln County could possibly replicate them, commenting that it may be extremely expensive to hire an attorney that specializes in those types of regulations if they want to have everything redone. She added that updating the Comprehensive Plan may require a committee, community meetings, and possibly several months of work.

Mr. Lyons stated that it may be beneficial to see if any of the people who helped the county develop the original plans were still around and could possibly help update them. Ms. Devers said she would contact Ms. Green and also see if she still had contact information for Community Matters.

Mr. DeWitt also wanted the Board to know that a formal complaint was filed against a landowner up north concerning confined livestock and that they may be hearing more in the future.

Mr. DeWitt left and Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 27, 2014, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. King reported meeting with NextEra representatives at the Genoa shop after the commissioner meeting on February 18, where they discussed which roads they will have primary access to. They decided the main entrance for the project will be the exit at Bovina. He added that there are a couple of places where they will be able to get decent road base material and gravel, and it may be possible for the county to use the same area once the project is complete. On February 25, Mr. King checked roads in District Two, and on the Twenty-sixth he attended an Economic Development meeting where they reviewed the four new applications for the director's position. He also commented that the HUTF money will run out in August. After the commissioner meeting the previous day, Mr. King went by the county shop and spoke with Mark McHone, and then checked roads on his way home.

Mr. Stone reported attending the Colorado East Community Action Agency meeting on February 20, and checking roads on February 24. He also attended the Republican Lincoln Day Dinner that evening.

Mr. Lyons reported attending the hospital board meeting the previous evening, commenting that they are still having problems with their computer conversion. They did have some

financial statements available, but they were still incomplete. He suggested at the meeting that they consider purchasing a small Skidster to help with snow removal around the hospital.

Ms. Devers reported attending the mandatory pre-bid meeting with two contractors on February 19 at the roundhouse, and all went very well. She also spoke with Debbie Conrads with COG about the incident Dorain Pryor had with the bus, and was told that they are offering training in April for all COG drivers, as well as doing a test drive and requiring CPR/First Aid training. Ms. Pryor will need to complete an incident report, but the commissioners decided not to have the bus fixed since it will be replaced soon anyway.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2014.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ted Lyons, Chairman