

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

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve the minutes from the March 18, 2014 meeting
2. Review the February 2014 reports of revenues and expenditures for Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Road & Bridge and the individual road districts
3. Review and sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Lincoln County Public Health and Baby Bear Hugs for use of the office space located at 465 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Limon, CO.
4. Review and sign a Notice of Receipt of Report of Blowing Soil addressed to UHINV, LLC
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on March 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 Mr. Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Land Use Administrator John DeWitt stopped by with a rough draft of the subdivision regulations he has been working on, asking that the Board review what he has done and provide input. Most of the changes he has made revolve around stricter guidelines for subdivision developers and making them more responsible for their actions.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 18, 2014, as submitted. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the February 2014 reports of revenues and expenditures for the Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism and Road & Bridge funds, as well as for the individual road districts.

While reviewing a Memorandum of Understanding between Lincoln County Public Health and Baby Bear Hugs for the use of the office space located at 465 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Limon, Ms. Devers explained that it stemmed from a complaint made by Dawn James in Kit Carson County. Ms. Devers told Public Health Director Sue Kelly that she assumed the commissioners would not require payment for use of the facility as they would be more inclined to do whatever was necessary to keep the program going. The Board agreed with Ms. Devers' conclusions, and Ms. Devers said the MOU includes a stipulation that the office "rent" is considered to be an in-kind donation made by the county in order to keep the program going. Mr. King made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Lincoln County Public Health and Baby Bear Hugs. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a Notice of Receipt of Report of Blowing Soil addressed to UHINV, LLC, and Ms. Devers explained that Kenneth and Virginia Becker had provided the written complaint as required, so she submitted it to County Attorney Stan Kimble who responded with a letter and the Notice of Receipt. The Board's first duty is to have the property inspected, and the letter from Mr. Kimble explains how to proceed. Mr. Lyons suggested calling Brian Johnson at the NRCS office and asking him to perform the inspection. According to the documentation from Mr. Kimble, the property should be inspected by employees, officers, or agents of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the High Plains Soil Conservation District, and others with knowledge of the area and customary farming practices. Ms. Devers read Mr. Kimble's letter to Mr. Johnson who stated that he would need a formal letter of request from the commissioners asking for NRCS assistance regarding an inspection of the property. He also suggested that a letter be sent to the High Plains Soil Conservation District, as well, adding that he would coordinate with them at their meeting on April 1. He asked if the commissioners wanted to be present for the inspection, but Mr. Lyons said he preferred not to be, and Mr. Johnson agreed that it would be better for them to do a field visit, assess the situation, and then submit their

findings to the commissioners afterwards. Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the Notice of Receipt of Report of Blowing Soil addressed to UHINV, LLC. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. King provided the latest Economic Development report and informed the others that the new executive director, Lisa Nolder, is from Prowers County and has done excellent work there.

Ms. Devers asked the Board if they wanted her to contact Barbara Green to come out and spend a couple of hours with them and the Land Use Board, keeping in mind that it will cost \$1,500 for her to do so. She added that she spoke with John DeWitt and asked him if the Land Use Board had any specific areas of concern with the land use regulations, but he said they have no explicit issues; they merely want the regulations reviewed and to know if anything needs to be updated since so many years have passed since they were done.

Mr. King said he would feel more comfortable with Ms. Green doing it since she wrote the original regulations, and Ms. Devers commented that she could email Ms. Green and let her know that there are no specific issues but see what she recommends. Mr. Lyons said if she feels there have been enough changes over the years to warrant coming out to discuss them, he has no problems with scheduling her and paying the \$1,500, and the others agreed.

Mr. Lyons said he'd spoken with Chris Monks who told him he had someone coming to look at the old scraper at the landfill, but wanted to know if the commissioners want him to continue searching for someone who will pay more than \$7,500 for it, which is the firm offer he has at this time. Mr. King felt that whatever they can get for it would be more than what they have, and Mr. Stone agreed that they probably won't get any more for it.

Mr. King said he'd spoken with the landowner who plowed up the county roads last fall, and he has no desire to settle the matter out of court.

Mr. Lyons commented that he'd received a call from Jay Jolly since he met with the Board on March 18, and he had contacted CDOT, but was told they would not close State Road 71 because of the blowing dirt. Mr. Jolly also told Mr. Lyons that he had sent a letter to Fred Poss.

Fairgrounds Manager Julie Joffe had received a phone call from Creighton Osborn regarding having both the VFW and Shriner's bands in the fair parade and performing at the fairgrounds, and wanted Ms. Devers to ask the commissioners about it. Mr. Lyons said he just assumed both bands would be there as they usually are.

John Rowe with Wagner Equipment contacted Chris Monks to let him know that the county would need to sign new payment schedules for the road graders purchased in Districts One and Three, since there was such a delay between the county signing the leases and the delivery of the equipment. Mr. Lyons and Mr. Stone both signed the updated payment schedules with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation.

In response to a request made my Human Services, Mr. King made a motion to approve an increase in the credit limit from \$500 to \$1,000 on Melissa Gossett's county credit card. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Devers said she'd contacted both Plains Medical Center and the Gordon Clinic about the CDL physicals and they are prepared to deal with the new requirements.

Finally, Ms. Devers said the COG bus driver, Dorain Pryor, has had yet another accident while driving the bus in which the already damaged fender was completely torn off. She did report the accident to the police and was issued a ticket. Ms. Devers received a message from COG this morning stating they do intend to write Ms. Pryor up for the incident. She added that this is the second incident report they will have completed within a month. Mr. King said they need to let her go, and the other commissioners agreed, especially since the county will be getting a new bus this year. Ms. Devers said she will email COG and let them know the commissioners wish to have Ms. Pryor terminated, effective immediately.

The Board approved the March 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 March 31, 2014.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ted Lyons, Chairman