

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for August 15, 2014

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve the minutes from the August 6, 2014 meeting
2. Review the July reports from the Assessor, the County Clerk and the Sheriff
3. Review and sign the subcontract between Lincoln County and Prairie Development Corporation and the East Central Council of Governments for the Community Development Block Grant contract
4. Review the 112 conversion application submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Pickenpaugh gravel pit located in Section 14–T14S–R58W
5. Review and sign copies of the county’s 2013 Cost Allocation Plan as completed by auditor Ronny Farmer
6. Review and sign an amended contract with the State Historical Fund extending the contract period to February 10, 2016 for the door and window restoration and reconstruction on the Union Pacific Railroad roundhouse
7. Review the July reports of revenues and expenditures for County General, Road & Bridge, the individual road districts and Public Health
8. County Commissioner reports
9. County Administrator’s report
10. County Attorney’s report
11. Old business
12. New business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 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.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 6, 2014, as submitted. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the July reports from the Assessor, Clerk and Sheriff, as well as the subcontract between Lincoln County and Prairie Development Corporation and the East Central Council of Governments for the Community Development Block Grant contract. Mr. King made a motion to sign the subcontract, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The 112 conversion application submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the Pickenpaugh gravel pit located in Section 14-T14S-R58W was reviewed, as well as the county's 2013 Cost Allocation Plan as completed by county auditor Ronny Farmer. Mr. King made a motion to sign the 2013 Cost Allocation Plan, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

An amended contract with the State Historical Fund extending the contract period for the door and window restoration and reconstruction on the Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse to February 10, 2016, was also reviewed and Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the contract. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the July reports of revenues and expenditures for the County General, Public Health, and Road & Bridge funds, as well as for the individual road districts, and then Mr. Lyons called for commissioner reports.

Mr. Stone reported checking roads on August 8, since they had received rain in the area, and then spent Wednesday through Saturday at the county fair. On August 11, he stopped by the Karval shop to let Monty Mattson know that he had learned of some road issues while at the fair, mostly due to the oil trucks. He also reported that the phone line on County Road 2 washed out and they finally got someone to come out and locate the line so they could begin work on the road. The tubes washed out of County Road T, as well as the cable that was recently buried there, so the company will have to come back and rebury it. Also on August 11, he was notified that one of the District Three maintainers was struck by lightning, which messed up all the electronics. It will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to fix it, and Mr. Stone asked Ms. Devers if it could be turned into the county's insurance company, which it can. He added that they were trying to see if it would still be covered under warranty but wasn't sure. They also got the transmission back in the loader. On August 14, he checked the bridge on County Road T and said they will have to have all new culverts. Kenny Book, the athletic director for the Genoa-Hugo Schools, asked if it would be possible to hold their volleyball practices in the show barn at the fairgrounds should the weather turn bad. They are currently

practicing outside until the school's gym floor is fixed, but are looking for a place to hold practice inside during inclement weather. After some discussion that the show barn, which has a dirt floor and a low ceiling, may not be the best option, Mr. Lyons suggested the racquet ball court located at the Hugo municipal building.

Mr. King reported attending the fair off and on August 6 through August 9, and the only comment he heard was in regard to the sale. If the county does get a new building, the suggestion was made that upgraded bleacher seats that can accommodate everyone be installed. Mr. King also spoke with Hugo mayor Patsy Smith, as well as Ken Sterling and Creighton Osborne, about the *USS Arizona* artifact for the Hugo VFW Joe Will Post 6612, and to Mark McHone about a gravel pit south of the old Nottingham place. Ralph Brent agreed that the county could use it if necessary. Mr. King also reported that Kyle Newsom signed off on the Burgess pit for a year's trial basis, and the District Two road crew patched County Road 109 by Dude Kissel's place on August 14. Earlier this morning, he got a call from County Assessor Jeremiah Higgins who said that his wife had gotten stuck on one of the roads being used by Blattner Construction. Mr. King called Tricia Hale with NextEra to let her know that the company needs to do a better job of keeping sand and gravel on the county roads, but he had to leave a message.

Mr. Lyons reported stopping by the landfill on August 12 and raised the question of what they intend to do if Mick Jaques has surgery. Mr. King asked if the newest employee can run the equipment and Ms. Devers said she could check his application. Mr. King suggested using members from the road crews to cover Mr. Jaques' recovery period if necessary, and Ms. Devers said that Allen Chubbuck may be willing to change one of his days off and work Saturdays since the landfill is open six days a week. On August 13, Mr. Lyons spoke with Chris Monks about the drop-off on the west side of Bryan Milburn's driveway. Mr. Milburn would like to put some concrete in the bottom of the hole and asked that the county fill it with a load of dirt, so Chris is going to take a look at it. Mr. Lyons said that the last trash "backstop" at the landfill was completed, and they also got their new tractor. District One road crews are putting gravel on County Road 2W where it was washed off by the recent rain, and he heard no complaints about anything while he was at the county fair.

Ms. Devers reported that the employee in Human Services who was originally getting married in September has moved the date up to next week, so asked the commissioners to approve a county credit card for Larissa Lukins with a limit of \$1,000. Mr. King made a motion to approve the credit card, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Victor Alvarez, the gentleman who has held the Mexican horseraces at the fairgrounds on occasion, asked if it would be possible to hold an event that would include a singer and band, possibly bringing in 2,000 to 5,000 people. The Board agreed the horseraces are fine, but the venue and parking area aren't big enough to hold such a large group.

The 2005 GMC coroner's pick-up was damaged in the June hail storm and Ms. Devers asked if the Board wanted to pay the \$1,926 to have the hood, roof of the cab, left and right fenders, and the left rear door repaired. The commissioners agreed not to have the vehicle fixed.

Ms. Devers said that the ad for the courthouse maintenance person would close today, but she had received several applications and gave them to the Board to review. Two of the applicants were chosen to interview and Ms. Devers said she would let the commissioners know if she received any other applications.

Ms. Devers had completed the letter to Veteran/Military Constituent Advocate Hal Bidlack and U.S. Senator Michael Bennet concerning obtaining a piece of the *USS Arizona* for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Joe Will Post 6612 in Hugo, and the commissioners signed it.

A call was placed to County Attorney Stan Kimble to see if he had anything to report. He mentioned that he and Land Use Administrator John DeWitt had held a phone conference the previous day with representatives for the new wind towers. The Land Use hearing previously set for next Thursday was rescheduled due to the fact that notices had not been sent to adjacent landowners who are within 500 feet of the proposed towers. The hearing was rescheduled for September. Also, Mr. Kimble has been working with County Clerk Corinne Lengel on amendments to the CORA policy adopted last October. New law requires that requestors cannot be charged a research fee if that information is not specifically stated in the policy, so he is putting the language together so that it can be added.

Ms. Devers asked if the paperwork for the roundhouse should be changed to reflect the issues Mr. Kimble had concerning mechanic's liens, indemnification clauses, and attorney's fees. Mr. Kimble said he would feel better if the documents were changed and Ms. Devers said she would find out where Spectrum is in the process.

The letter from Dawson Geophysical Company was discussed and Mr. Kimble said he'd had dealings with the company before, but they had always mentioned payment in their requests for permission to conduct geophysical surveys. Although the county has gotten \$10 per acre in the past, Ms. Devers said that they were only offering \$5 per acre to the county. The decision was made to sign the request for 11.12 acres in Section 30-T15S-R55West.

Ms. Devers informed the Board that the MOU where the county will be a cooperating agency with the BLM will be coming out toward the end of the month.

Mr. Lyons said he had still not been able to contact Mark Hefta about the lift station at the fairgrounds, so the group decided to see if they could find another engineer to take on the project. Ms. Devers called Dave Stone with the town of Limon, who suggested GMS out of Colorado Springs. A phone call was placed to Dave Frisch who said he would be willing to come out next week and look at it. He asked if the county had a site location approved by CDPHE and Ms. Devers affirmed there had been. Mr. Frisch said he would check his schedule and contact Ms. Devers.

Mr. Stone said he had some old business and asked Ms. Devers if any other FEMA money has been received but she said there has been none since the initial payment.

Mr. Stone also commented that they really need to get busy working on the courthouse parking lot since it is already August. Ms. Devers said she will contact Tony Wernsman.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2014.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ted Lyons, Chairman