

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

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 CSU Extension Agent Travis Taylor to discuss several maintenance issues at the county annex and the possibility of budgeting for a CSU funded Extension Agent

10:00 Delivery of the new county bus

11:00 Human Services Director Colette Barksdale to give her monthly report

1. Approve the minutes from the August 15, 2014 meeting
2. Review the July reports of revenues and expenditures for Capital Projects, Conservation Trust Fund, E911, Landfill, Library and Lodging/Tourism
3. Old business
4. New business
5. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2014. The following attended: Chairman Ted Lyons, Commissioners Greg King and Doug Stone, commissioner-elect Ed Schiffers, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. County Administrator Roxie Devers was absent and excused.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order and asked CSU Extension Agent Travis Taylor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Shawn Smith with Shawn Smith Construction, Mike Patton, and Derrick Mattson were also in attendance.

Mr. Taylor then proceeded to explain that the county annex building is in desperate need of repair, as they have been unable to get the back door open, there is water and mold in the crawl space underneath, the siding on the east side of the building is starting to bow out due to building settling, and the cement is cracking and heaving. Shawn Smith said that the annex building was built on a typical footer foundation and it is difficult to tell if the foundation is heaving or settling, or if the entire east wall of the building is coming off, as the sheet rock has broken off and the siding is bulging out. He added that the steps have settled away from the building and since the county has received more than the average amount of rainfall, the water is running right back under the building and into the crawl space. Mr. Stone asked what it would take to air it out and Shawn said he has a large fan that they could place in the crawl space that would take the air outside and away from the building so that the mold smell would not be noticed inside. He went on to say that there is a way to control the water and that is with the removal of the old concrete, placement of a French drain, and replacement of the concrete. Mr. Lyons commented that it seems they may be looking at a \$150,000 repair job for a \$50,000 building and Shawn agreed, stating that if the wall is, in fact, bad it will mean re-framing it. Ed Schiffers suggested they all take a look at it and Mr. Lyons said they would do so after lunch. Mr. Stone added that they should first get it dried out and then get an estimate. Shawn said they had worked up a \$10,000 estimate for removal and replacement of the concrete, but Mr. Lyons said it would be cost prohibitive to replace it without putting in a French drain first.

Shawn Smith also informed the Board that he has sold Shawn Smith Construction, but Mr. Patton and Mr. Mattson will continue on with the business under another name. Mr. Schiffers asked if they are bonded and Shawn said that their liability insurance covers most jobs. On occasion, the commissioners have asked him to obtain a bond for a particular job, but most contractors cannot afford to be bonded on a year-round basis. He concluded that even though he will be in Kansas, he would like to remain on the Land Use Board and continue with the shooting sports program through the Extension office.

Travis Taylor remained to discuss the possibility of budgeting for a CSU funded Extension Agent, stating that Extension Director Dr. Lou Swanson believes in having an agent in every county. Bill Nobles, regional director, contacted Mr. Taylor a year ago to discuss filling one position in the region, but since Elbert County has 450 kids in their 4-H program, and were in other financial constraints, Lincoln County did not get the position. Mr. Taylor said the commissioners first need to determine what the county necessities are in terms of agriculture, horticulture, or

family and consumer sciences. He added that there are several options, one of which is for him to complete an internal transfer and take over as the Extension Agent since he holds a master's degree. The county could then hire a 4-H Program Assistant. If CSU would agree to partially fund the 4-H position and Mr. Taylor chooses to transfer, the county could potentially have two employees for less money than what it pays now. The downside, according to Mr. Taylor, would be loss of control of the position if it is CSU funded.

Mr. King asked if the county could refuse the Agent position, but Mr. Taylor said that Dr. Swanson wants a CSU funded agent in every county. He added that the Extension Agent would work fifty hours per week, and since he basically works that many hours anyway and has quite a bit of comp time built up, he may decide that a transfer would be the best option for him. Mr. Schiffers asked what the agent would do and was told that he or she would take care of any additional programming in the areas that the county would require, as well as alleviate some of the stress on the current employees of the department. Mr. Taylor said that ten years ago the extension office employed four people, and it is now down to two, so additional help would be very beneficial.

Mr. Stone commented that he personally would prefer that Mr. Taylor stay on as the Extension Agent and the county could hire a part-time person for the 4-H program. Mr. Taylor responded that he will present three options at budget time: One, that he remain in his position as 4-H program director and the county hire a new Extension Agent; two, that he complete an internal transfer to the agent's position and the county hire a 4-H program director; or three, that they see if CSU would partially fund both positions. He added that if he were to transfer, CSU would most likely begin paying his salary in July at the beginning of the new fiscal year, which would help the county because they could hire a 4-H program director at the same time or sooner, and that person would then be able to help with the 2015 fair. Mr. Lyons commented that the more control they can keep at county level, the better, and Mr. Stone asked Mr. Taylor to list his own personal preference when he submits the budget proposals.

At 10:00 a.m., Debby Conrads and Terri Baylie with Council of Governments, and Mike Akers with Startrans, met with the Board to present delivery of the new county Outback Express bus. Charles Hoffman with the Limon Leader and Eastern Colorado Plainsman took photos.

When the group returned inside, Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 15, 2014, as submitted. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the July reports of revenues and expenditures for the Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, and Lodging/Tourism funds.

There was no old business to discuss, but Ms. Lengel said that Joe Kiely had asked Ms. Devers if the commissioners would sign a letter to the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade supporting the Limon/Stratton Grocery Store Project for a Rural Economic

Development Initiative Grant. Mr. King made a motion to sign the letter, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m., Human Services Director Colette Barksdale and Robert Kraxberger met with the Board to give the monthly report for the department. While the Board reviewed the financial reports and employee time sheets, Ms. Barksdale submitted the August C-Stat report, explaining that she will do so every month and that the new state director is very concerned with numbers regarding county performance, which is what the report entails.

Ms. Barksdale also asked the Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the IV-E Waiver Program in which the department will receive the \$42,000 allocated for the second year of funding in the five-year funding cycle. Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the MOU, Mr. King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Barksdale explained that the SFY15 CORE Services Plan provides funding stemming from a Child Welfare lawsuit back in the 90's that was settled with the ACLU. As part of the settlement, the state had to ensure that six core programs were available in every county and also had to fund those programs. The \$292,697 received will be used for home-based services, life skills, day treatment, sexual abuse treatment, and economic assistance, to name a few. Ms. Barksdale said that a Placement Alternatives Commission was also developed, which they now call CORE Services. DHS uses the Child Protection Team as their commission, and they have approved the plan, and Ms. Barksdale asked for final approval by the commissioners. Mr. King made a motion to approve the SFY15 CORE Services Plan, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Next, Ms. Barksdale presented the Program Area PA3 Prevention and Intervention Services Plan in the amount of \$23,000. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the PA3 Plan, Mr. King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The final paperwork Ms. Barksdale presented for signature was the CKLECC Temple Hoyne Buell grant acceptance in the amount of \$11,000 for Julie Witt's and Haylie Smith's tote bag program. Mr. King made a motion to accept the grant funds from Temple Hoyne Buell in the amount of \$11,000, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Barksdale also reported that Project School Supply is complete, and they were bailed out of the 5.2% they were over during the SFY14 closeout. She informed the Board that Lincoln County was the second most underspent county in the state in Child Welfare, and of the allocated \$72,000, they only spent \$17,000. The other \$54,000 was given to other counties during the bailout process.

The topic presented another discussion, which was to increase the child care rate paid by the Department of Human Services. Ms. Barksdale said it is the county commissioners' job to determine what that rate is, and after a lengthy discussion, Mr. King made a motion to raise the child care rates from \$12 to \$15 per day, per child, for unlicensed providers, from \$21.80 to

\$25.00 per day, per child, for in-home licensed providers, and to \$27 per day per child for day care centers, unless they choose to stay at a lower rate. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Lastly, Ms. Barksdale said that she has had a request from the Limon School for DHS to help them fund full-day kindergarten. They had heard that other county DHS departments were helping out in that manner, but when Ms. Barksdale checked into it, she said she found it not to be the case. If a school were to charge tuition for kindergartners, DHS could help poor families if they would apply for child care services but otherwise, DHS does not have a funding stream for it. She did say that there are other sources for funding available, possibly even some federal funding.

Gary Beedy stopped in to ask the commissioner to sign a letter to Dick Wolfe at the Division of Water Resources supporting the use of water from commercial wells for purposes of oil and gas production and wind energy development. He stated that Beedy Farms has been selling water from their commercial well but the staff at the state office wants to restrict the commercial designation to buildings. He added that well owners should be allowed to give up temporary use of their wells for other purposes if they choose not to irrigate their ground. The commissioners agreed to send a letter and Mr. King said they would have Ms. Devers get in touch with Mr. Beedy when she returns so she knows what to include in the letter.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. after viewing the damage at the annex building.

Mr. King said that he had attended the Transportation Commission meeting and asked about trucks using overweight permits and travelling on county roads. He was told that the permits are strictly for state highways only and should not be allowed on county roads unless the county gives specific permission.

The commissioners approved the August 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 August 29, 2014.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ted Lyons, Chairman