

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for October 31, 2014

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Fairgrounds Manager Julie Joffe to discuss the installation of flooring in the events building

9:30 Lisa Nolder, Director of the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, to give an update on activities and a follow-up from her last meeting with the Board

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

11:00 Monika Wilkins, current CEO of Lincoln Community Hospital, to introduce Kevin Stansbury, the new CEO for the facility

1. Approve the minutes from the October 30, 2014 meeting
2. Review the Financial Status and Employment reports for the 3rd quarter of 2014 for the Community Development Block Grant
3. Review a letter from Dick Wolfe, Director/Deputy State Engineer with the Division of Water Resources, in response to the Board's letter regarding the commercial use of wells by Beedy Farms
4. Review the Option Letter received from the Department of Public Health & Environment renewing the contract for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services in the amount of \$33,458 for the period of October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015
5. County Commissioner reports
6. County Administrator's report
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2014. The following attended: Chairman Ted Lyons, Commissioners Greg King and Doug Stone, County Administrator Roxie Devers, and acting Clerk to the Board Lisa M. Crawford. Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board, was absent and excused. At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First to meet with the Board was Fairgrounds Manager Julie Joffe. Ms. Joffe explained that she would like to replace the pop building roof at the fairgrounds with a metal one. With two recent wind storms, the roof has lost shingles on both sides and rather than keep replacing them she would like a metal roof put on. She presented the Board with an estimate from Patton Construction for the replacement. She also stated that her budget has enough to cover the costs. Mr. Lyons asked if Patton Construction has the required amount of insurance for the county to use their services and Ms. Devers advised them that they do not. The commissioners agreed that Ms. Devers should call the county's insurance carrier to find out what the ramifications would be if we use a contractor who does not have the required amount of insurance. Once Ms. Devers receives an answer, the Board will make a decision. Ms. Devers asked if some of the work could be done by someone who has useful public service hours to complete. Ms. Joffe stated this could be done and will check to see who might be available. She also agreed it would lower the estimate.

Next, Ms. Joffe advised the Board that she had intended to terminate her employment as Fairgrounds Manager at the end of the year and, because of this, she had made plans to be away for 6 weeks in late January and February. She has now decided against leaving, but asked that she still be able to take the 6 weeks off as she has made prior arrangements and would lose the money if she terminated the trip. She volunteered to give up her pay during this time and asked if the commissioners would consider using that money to repaint the inside of the events center instead. She advised the Board that John Palmer has agreed to be her replacement in the event anything is scheduled at the fairgrounds during her absence. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting on November 7.

Lastly, Ms. Joffe advised the Board that she would like to see the events center floor replaced with tile as it would not show wear as much and would be easier to keep clean. She presented another estimate from Patton Construction for this project and stated it was not something that needed to be done this year, but asked that they consider it in the next year's budget.

At 9:30 a.m., Lisa Nolder, Director of the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, arrived to update the Board on her activities and follow-up from her last meeting with them. Mr. Joe Kiely joined her. She began by passing out a packet with a Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Report along with weekly reports of her activities since April 1, 2014. Ms. Nolder read through the LCEDC report and summarized each of the topics, including an Executive Director Summary, Business Retention Program, Expansion Efforts, and Business Development Projects Currently Receiving LCEDC Assistance, among others. She ended with a

list of the communities and organizations she has met with as her Community Outreach Development and Partnership.

Ms. Nolder then addressed how she would like to better her communications with the Board by providing them binders and weekly reports updating them of her activities. She also suggested meeting with them at the end of each month to review her monthly report. Ms. Devers said she will add her to the agendas and let her know which days will be best to meet.

Next, Ms. Nolder explained her role when meeting the LCEDC Board and how she will also keep them informed of her activities with weekly reports. She stated that they had decided at the board meeting that they would like to revisit what the Lincoln County Economic Development Director position means as far as what and how the director should spend their time. They would also like to better define what the position should entail and what it should not.

Mr. Kiely then advised the Board that he came to the meeting to represent the LCEDC Board. He spoke about what their role was and how they also felt Ms. Nolder's weekly reports will help to keep all involved parties informed, rather than from hearsay in the community. Before Mr. Kiely left, he reminded the commissioners of a Ports-to-Plains meeting in Limon on November 3 and asked that a commissioner attend, which Mr. King agreed to do.

At 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Colette Barksdale and Robert Kraxberger joined the meeting to present the monthly report for their department. Ms. Barksdale passed around the C-Stat Report for October and the commissioners reviewed it. She then passed out more of the thank-you notes from the area grade schools for the school supplies her department supplied. Next, she explained that the Holiday Basket Program was well under way and that they had not received as many sponsor letters back yet, but that donations were up for gift items, including a large donation of gift items from Dollar General after Christmas last year.

Ms. Barksdale explained that childcare applications are down and they are actively advertising for both applicants who might be eligible to receive assistance, as well as for daycare providers. She then said she was happy to report that her department had met the requirements to become Colorado's next Differential Response County. The complementary letter was passed around to the Board for review.

Next, Ms. Barksdale advised the Board that her department had given Baby Bear Hugs a donation and would like to give the local food banks any funds they have not used in the GA fund at the end of the year. She stated they had not requested the help this year, but that she would like to donate it if it is available. The Board agreed this would be okay. She ended by stating that the LEAP Program officially begins November 1 and that they will actively be doing outreach and advertising for the program. Before she left, Ms. Barksdale advised the Board that Mimi Lyons, who will be retiring in early 2015, has agreed to continue on a minimal contract basis which will entail 1-2 days a month in which she will do the required kinship-in-home care visits.

Chairman Lyons then called for a motion to approve the minutes from October 30, 2014. Mr. Stone moved to approve the minutes, Mr. King seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Board then reviewed the Financial Status and Employment reports for the 3rd quarter of 2014 for the Community Development Block Grant. They then reviewed a letter from Dick Wolfe, Director/Deputy State Engineer with the Division of Water Resources, in response to the Board's letter regarding the commercial use of wells by Beedy Farms.

The Board then reviewed the Option Letter received from the Department of Public Health & Environment renewing the contract for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services in the amount of \$33,458 for the period of October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015. Ms. Devers explained there was no decision to be made with this, it was strictly for review.

Mr. Lyons called for commissioner reports and Mr. King began by stating that on October 7 he checked the roads north of Bovina and Arriba which have heavy usage from the wind farm trucks. He felt that they were in pretty good shape and that the county was keeping up with them as well as they can. On October 8, he attended the Centennial Mental Health (CMH) meeting via the web. One of the topics discussed was whether or not to allow employees who have a concealed weapon permit to bring guns into their offices for safety reasons. The CMH Board did not have an issue with this. Mr. King then advised them that Juliet Lundy had been hired at CMH as a health care professional. On October 29, he attended the Progressive 15 meeting in Limon. One of the topics brought to the table was that they would like to make the urban areas more aware of rural issues. He ended by advising the Board that a resident in Genoa had called to let him know that he thought the patching jobs on Hwy 109 were the best he had ever seen.

Mr. Stone then advised that on October 21 he checked roads south of Karval and on the Twenty-third, he checked the oil roads as well. On October 25, he checked the dirt roads and field roads in the south east part of the county where a lot of oil well activity was going on. Next, he stated that there was a lot more traffic since the seismograph activity started up in his district. He received a call from county resident Jeff Thornton who suggested the county widen the roads throughout the county where the truck traffic was. On October 29, he visited the county shop and spoke to Foreman Monty Mattson about the grader that was leaking oil.

Mr. Lyons stated that on October 22 he attended the Southeast Recycling Meeting in Las Animas. He visited the landfill on October 27 and checked County Road 25. He suggested to the Board that the county do more grading on the roads that oil trucks are using. Mr. King advised that his district was already covering the roads twice a week. Mr. Lyons reported that he had attended the Hospital Board meeting on October 30. He believes the new administrator was a good choice. He added that the Hospital Board approved buying a skid steer and had received

a bid from Bobcat of the Rockies. He will check with Foreman Chris Monks to see if he might be able to assist them in finding a suitable one.

Ms. Devers then reported that the county was not eligible for a Planning/Design Assistance grant from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to help with the planning for a lift station at the fairgrounds because our population is too high.

With no old business, Mr. Lyons asked for new business. Ms. Devers stated she had received an application for a resident in Limon to charge at the county landfill for household construction debris. As no one knew the gentleman or if this was a short-term or long-term need, Mr. King placed a call to him and left a message to return the call to learn more about his request.

Mr. King then advised the Board that Casey Toyne, the FSA Director, was leaving his position since he had accepted a position at the state office.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on November 7, 2014.

Lisa M. Crawford, Acting Clerk to the Board

Ted Lyons, Chairman