

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for January 29, 2015

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Conduct a hearing for a supplemental appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the 2014 Lincoln Community Hospital budget

10:00 Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator for the Plains to Peaks RETAC, to discuss a proposal to apply for an Emergency Medical and Trauma Services grant for Personnel/Services to hire a contractor for the purpose of developing a three county regional ambulance service plan for Cheyenne, Kit Carson and Lincoln Counties.

1. Approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting
2. Review the December 2014 reports from the Assessor and the Treasurer, the last quarter of 2014 Public Trustee report and the Semi Annual report for the period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014
3. Review the December 2014 reports of revenues and expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Road & Bridge and the individual road districts
4. Old business
5. New business
6. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 29, 2015. The following attended: Chairman Greg King, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed Schifferns, Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and Will Bublitz with the Limon Leader and Eastern Colorado Plainsman. County Administrator Roxie Devers was absent and excused.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which a hearing was conducted regarding a supplemental appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the 2014 Lincoln Community Hospital budget. No members of the public attended the hearing and Mr. King called for a motion. Mr. Stone made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the supplemental appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the 2014 Lincoln Community Hospital budget. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado held in Hugo, Colorado on January 29, 2015, there were present:

Greg King, Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Vice Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioner	Present
Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Absent & Excused
Corinne Lengel, Clerk of the Board	Present
Roxie Devers, County Administrator	Absent & Excused

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION #902 It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Schifferns to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 29-1-109 (1) (b) allows supplementary budget appropriations by the governing body when unanticipated revenues not assured at the time of the adoption of the budget are received from any source other than the local government's property tax mill levy; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Community Hospital received funds of \$775,000 in unanticipated operating revenues and used \$225,000 from the unappropriated fund balance to pay general operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Community Hospital has unappropriated fund balances and sufficient cash to meet its expenses; and

WHEREAS, this income and the increase in general operating expenses were not anticipated at the time of the preparation of the 2014 budget; and

WHEREAS, whatever increases were made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenue so the budget remains in balance as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that \$1,000,000 be appropriated into the 2014 Lincoln Community Hospital Fund budget;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2014 Lincoln Community Hospital Fund budget be increased by \$1,000,000, thus making the total Lincoln Community Hospital Fund budget \$14,381,879.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Schifferns Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioners King, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners
of Lincoln County

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Land Use Administrator John DeWitt stopped by to discuss an issue with the County Line gravel pit in District Two owned by Russell Covington. The maps have been off by 38 degrees since the inception of the pit in 1987, so there is a likelihood that mining may have been done out of bounds. Mr. DeWitt commented that when the pit was mined previously, it was done almost six hundred feet passed the pit's south border; however, at this point the area has self-reclaimed and a portion of it is back in grass. Mr. DeWitt spoke to Amy Eschberger with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety who told him that she would do what she could in her power to help, but the worst case scenario would be a \$3,000 fee to convert the pit to a 112 pit. Mr. DeWitt said it would also require numerous hours of paperwork. When Mr. Schifferns asked what a 112 pit is, Mr. DeWitt responded that anything that is ten acres or less is considered a 110 pit, but anything over is a 112 pit and costs \$791 per year. Mark McHone will not need to use the pit much so classifying it as a 110 pit would be best. Mr. DeWitt commented that hopefully they will just be able to do a \$250 technical revision and that will take care of the problem. Mr. King asked if the other pits in the county are accurate, but Mr. DeWitt said that almost all of them are incorrect. He can go out in the field with his GPS unit and re-measure everything but he needs the help of the road foremen to let him know when boundaries are wrong. When asked how often gravel pits are inspected, Mr. DeWitt said it is supposed to be every two years, but as many as fifteen pits are a year and a half overdue. There are six pits in reclamation in the southern end of the county and once they go ten years beyond the reclamation date, the county would be required to have a hearing before the State Land Board. He added that the state has been lenient due to the drought conditions in the area, and the county can continue to make a good faith effort to reclaim the pits, but the EPA is stricter and may not be as tolerant of the county's situation. Mr. DeWitt will continue to work with Ms. Eschberger on a solution and will keep the commissioners informed.

On a different note, Mr. DeWitt said that he had planned not to give the ICS300 and ICS400 courses here as there hadn't seemed to be much interest. However, after attending a meeting in Limon, he has discovered almost thirty individuals who would like to have the training, so he submitted a request to the state.

After Mr. DeWitt left, Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 13, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chris Monks stopped by with the annual HUTF report, asking for signatures. He explained that each road district has to indicate any changes that were made to road width or miles throughout the year, which is what the HUTF funds are based on that are allocated to the county. Mr. Schiffers made a motion to sign the annual HUTF report to the State of Colorado. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the December 2014 reports from the Assessor and Treasurer, the fourth quarter Public Trustee report, and the Semi-Annual report for the period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2014. Also reviewed were the December 2014 reports of revenues and expenditures for the County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, and Road & Bridge funds, as well as for the individual road districts.

There was no old business, but Mr. Schiffers stated that he had learned that some counties have started an automated hotline that take calls for all departments concerning complaints or issues that people may have. He thought possibly Yuma and maybe Cheyenne counties were implementing the hotlines, but he wasn't certain, and said that the counties that do have the hotlines reported great success. Mr. King said he didn't mind people calling him at home or on his cell phone and felt that the commissioners need to maintain direct contact with constituents rather than having them use an automated system. Mr. Stone agreed.

At 10:00 a.m., Kim Schallenberger, Regional Coordinator of the Plains to Peaks RETAC, met with the Board to discuss a proposal to apply for an Emergency Medical and Trauma Services grant. The grant would pay for Personnel/Services to hire a contractor for the purpose of developing a three-county regional ambulance service plan for Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Lincoln counties. Mr. Schallenberger commented that the RETAC focuses on education for volunteers and professionals alike, as well as works to support or oppose legislative changes within the realm of emergency medical services. They are proposing support as a regional group to write a grant that will make the system more cost efficient and increase the level of care. Since fifty percent of the grant requires a cash match, they are asking all three counties to contribute \$4,000 each in order to hire someone to develop the plan.

Rob Handley with Limon Ambulance Service joined the meeting shortly after 10:00 a.m., and when Mr. King asked how they proposed to get around the obstacle of territorial boundaries, Mr. Schallenberger stated that Mr. Handley has done an excellent job of getting various

agencies to work with him. Mr. Handley spoke up to say that focusing on who is served and how the patients are treated is the most important issue and old rivals that many people are not even aware of are not important. Mr. Schallenberger added that they need to find a way to provide advanced ALS coverage out in the field and still be able to cover their calls, stating that this proposal is an effort to make the system better and support what is already being done.

When asked how the other two counties responded to the request, Mr. Schallenberger said that Kit Carson County supports the proposal but are waiting to commit until they find out what the other two counties are doing. As for Cheyenne County, they are reluctant to support another study or plan, but would prefer to see results. He added that since Lincoln County had not budgeted for the expense and it was not in the 2015 budget, it would be acceptable to pay the \$4,000 out of the 2016 budget if that worked better. The grant runs from July to June so the RETAC can cover the cost until then.

Mr. Stone said that his biggest concern is the lack of volunteers in the Karval area and Mr. Schallenberger agreed, stating that it is one of the reasons that there must be coverage from elsewhere.

Mr. King wanted to know if the individual ambulance services would be allowed to give input into the plan and Mr. Schallenberger responded that he went to all the EMS councils first to make sure that they were on board with the plan before he spoke with the commissioners, so they will definitely have input when the final plan is developed. At this point, the RETAC is simply requesting letters of support from the counties that they will agree to contribute the designated amount. Mr. Schallenberger will write the grant and the commissioners will definitely continue to be involved in the progress.

Mr. King asked what would happen if Cheyenne and Kit Carson counties don't buy in to the proposal. Mr. Schallenberger responded that it would probably just die and the RETAC would need to search for other funding sources.

Mr. Stone made a motion to provide a letter of support to the Plains to Peaks RETAC indicating that Lincoln County would contribute \$4,000 from the 2016 budget to help pay for an Emergency Medical and Trauma Services grant. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved the January 2015 payroll and expense vouchers and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on January 30, 2015.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman