

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for February 27, 2015

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 County Treasurer Jim Covington to discuss taking title in the county's name for certain mobile homes

10:00 Land Use Administrator John DeWitt to give the Land Use Board's decision on development permit applications submitted by Daryl and Tina Waite and Jacob and Rachel Smith for single family residences

1. Approve the minutes from the February 26, 2015 meeting
2. Review the January 2015 reports from the Assessor and the Treasurer
3. Review and approve the 2014 annual report for stormwater discharges for the county landfill
4. Review and approve the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement grant application in the amount of \$39,569 for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
5. County Commissioner reports
6. County Administrator's report
7. County Attorney's report
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2015. The following attended: Chairman Greg King, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed Schifferns, County Administrator Roxie Devers until 9:30 a.m., and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Schifferns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Since Ms. Devers was leaving for an appointment, Mr. King stated they should try and make a decision regarding whom to hire as the Lincoln County Administrator. Mr. Schifferns wanted to bring a fresh face to the county. Mr. Stone said two of the applicants stood out but he still had some concerns after receiving a few phone calls regarding one of them. After much discussion, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to offer the job to Amber Ellis. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Mr. King said he would choose Gary Ensign for the position based on his experience, and added that he, too, had received several phone calls over the past week regarding the position. Further discussion brought forth other concerns and different opinions, and Mr. King and Mr. Stone asked for input from Ms. Devers and Ms. Lengel. Ms. Devers said she would train whomever the commissioners chose to hire, but it would be they who would ultimately have to work with the person, not her. She added that the learning curve for Ms. Ellis would obviously be greater than for Mr. Ensign, who has done much of the same types of duties that she performs. However, she felt Ms. Ellis was certainly capable of doing the job once she was trained; it would simply take longer for that training. Ms. Lengel stated that she had two main concerns; one that Ms. Ellis did not have as much budget experience as Mr. Ensign, and the other that she does not live in Lincoln County. Ms. Devers said they could call and tell her that she must move to Lincoln County if hired, and Ms. Lengel said she may have every intention of doing so but circumstances beyond her control may prevent it. She added that she appreciated the fact that Mr. Ensign would have extensive knowledge of the county and would find that valuable, particularly in the manner in which she herself works with the administrator. Mr. Stone called for the vote, which failed; Mr. Stone and Mr. King voting against hiring Ms. Ellis and Mr. Schifferns voting in favor of hiring her. Mr. Stone then made a motion to hire Gary Ensign as the Lincoln County Administrator. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried with Mr. King and Mr. Stone voting in favor, and Mr. Schifferns voting against. A call was placed to Mr. Ensign who thanked the commissioners and said he looked forward to working with them.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 26, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the January 2015 reports from the Assessor and the Treasurer, as well as the report of revenues and expenditures for the County General fund.

Land Use Administrator John DeWitt arrived early for his appointment to give the Land Use Board's decision on development permit applications submitted for single family residences. The board did not meet the previous evening due to bad weather so Mr. DeWitt called the members to get their opinions. Both permits were approved, but Jacob and Rachel Smith had neglected to notify adjacent landowners; therefore, Permit #15-01 was approved conditionally provided no negative comments are filed from adjacent landowners by March 18. The

development permit application submitted by Daryl and Tina Waite for a single family residence at Boyero was approved unanimously with no conditions.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the development permit applications submitted by Jacob and Rachel Smith (after March 18) and Daryl and Tina Waite for single family residences. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. DeWitt informed the Board that he has completed another five technical revisions on gravel pits in District Two with the Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety, and has three more to do. Mr. King said that once everything has been mapped and staked, the commissioners will need to meet with the road foremen to insure they understand they must stay within the designated boundaries, or the county will be in violation with the State Land Board.

After reviewing the 2014 annual report for stormwater discharges for the county landfill, Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns then made a motion to approve the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement grant application in the amount of \$39,569 for the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone reported receiving three phone calls about the county administrator position on February 20. He checked roads for snow on February 23, and stopped by the Karval shop on February 24. He received another call about the administrator job earlier this morning.

Mr. Schifferns reported looking at the annex building and the concrete and water drainage situation on February 19, and Mr. Stone said he had looked at the building also but forgot to mention it in his report. On February 20, Mr. Schifferns checked roads south of Arriba where they were laying gravel. He also received three calls regarding the administrator's position. On February 24, he reviewed the CD received from Elbert County Commissioner Robert Rowland. They want to have a roundtable discussion about various topics regarding water issues. On February 25, Mr. Schifferns met Ms. Devers and others at the roundhouse to discuss the doors and windows project. The hospital board meeting on February 26 was cancelled due to inclement weather, and Mr. Schifferns received two additional calls about the administrator position earlier this morning.

Mr. King also visited the annex building on February 19 and stated he reported the day before on how they hope to temporarily remedy the situation. He also spoke with Chris Monks about crack-sealing the courthouse parking lot and told him to go ahead. They will need to get special materials from Denver first. On Sunday, Mr. King received a text message asking why the county was not plowing the snow from the roads but said that District Two road crews were out that day. Mr. Stone said he received the same text message, but the person finally said they figured out that they lived in Mr. Schifferns' district. Mr. Schifferns never got the message so

could not respond, but said that District One crews were out as well. Mr. King said he, too, had taken several calls regarding the county administrator position, and he had spoken with each of the elected officials about it as well. On February 25, he also met at the roundhouse with representatives working on the project, and he attended a Lincoln County Economic Development Board meeting earlier this morning.

Ms. Devers had left copies of emails she received from Chris Cella with Spectrum General Contractors in response to the letter the commissioners sent on February 19, and a proposal from Anthony and Associates to revise the warranty requirements for the roundhouse, as well as a copy of the proposed Nuisance Ordinance from Mr. Kimble.

Sheriff Nestor had requested that a county credit card be approved for Jail Captain Michael Yowell, so Mr. Stone made a motion to approve a county credit card with a \$500 credit limit for Michael Yowell. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no old business but Mr. King asked about the county's inclement weather policy. Ms. Lengel said that Ms. Devers had contacted the chairman of the board if the weather was bad in the morning hours before the courthouse opened, but that it was difficult to make that decision when they both lived in Hugo. She added that the courthouse generally closes if the roads are closed, and the Assessor's office sometimes implements a late-start policy, but there is not really a county policy for closures. Mr. King suggested they think about it but ultimately felt it should be left up to the elected officials to make the decision. Ms. Lengel said that it wasn't much of an issue for her department when she had two employees who lived in Hugo, but that is no longer the case. She added that she often relies on law enforcement reports when deciding if her employees should leave early, and Mr. Stone said they certainly did not want to endanger anyone's safety.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2015.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman