

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for May 28, 2015

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Sue Kelly, Public Health Director, to give her monthly report

9:30 Tom Nestor, Sheriff, to give a staffing update

1. Approve the minutes from the May 19, 2015, meeting
2. Review April, 2015, report from the County Assessor
3. Review correspondence from Dave Frisch, GMS Consulting Engineers, concerning the wastewater lift station at the fairgrounds
4. Review and sign project completion report for Region V Public Facilities and Economic Development Projects
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on May 28, 2015. The following attended: Chairman Greg King, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed Schiffers, County Administrator Roxie Devers, Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and Gary Ensign. County Attorney Stan Kimble arrived at 9:30 a.m. and left at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Public Health Director Sue Kelly to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Kelly presented the Public Health Emergency Plan Statement of Work for the Ebola Virus Disease Phase II in the amount of \$10,995, for the period of April 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the Statement of Work, Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Kelly then gave her report for the month of May, including the re-enrollment for the VFC (Vaccines for Children) program, an environmental health report in which the public health specialist was contacted, and the fact that there was a statewide decrease in the WIC caseload, which is now back on the rise. She reported attending several meetings and that May was "Mental Health Awareness Month." They held a Pandemic Flu functional table top exercise in Limon on May 12, and she will complete the remainder of her staff performance evaluations the first week of June.

Mr. King asked if most of the kids in Lincoln County are up to date on their vaccinations and Ms. Kelly responded that it is between sixty and seventy percent. A fairly high percentage of people actually opt out of the vaccination process and the county is basically low when it comes to adolescents receiving the HPV vaccination, which helps to prevent cervical cancer. As for meningitis vaccinations, the county is mediocre in that area, according to Ms. Kelly. She stated that people can't be made to vaccinate their children, but those children can be prevented from attending school if there is a breakout of a certain disease that they have not been vaccinated for. Ms. Kelly added that they do their best to educate and remind the public, but there are still those that are behind or past their scheduled shots. She went on to say that there will be a new school nurse in the fall and since she is actually an RN which the former school nurse was not, she may have a better chance of enforcing the vaccination policies, at least at the Genoa-Hugo and Limon schools.

At 9:30 a.m., Sheriff Tom Nestor and Jail Captain Michael Yowell met with the Board to discuss staffing in the jail. First, the sheriff said he would like to request that the commissioners allow him to house one of their more malicious inmates out of county. The inmate is currently isolated to the best of their ability, but the jail is not actually equipped to handle such inmates without jeopardizing officer and other inmate safety. The inmate has been sentenced to 300 plus years in prison, but is awaiting sentencing. Sheriff Nestor would like to house him in Washington County, if they will take him, which will cost the county approximately \$40 per day until he is sentenced at the end of July. The sheriff added that the inmate has already cost the county over \$40,000 in medical bills; the result of a fight with another inmate which occurred before he was segregated. Captain Yowell added that if Washington County will take him, they

will bring him back for sentencing in July, but Lincoln County will not have to house him again once sentencing is over. Mr. Kimble wanted to know the protocol among counties housing other county's prisoners and expressed concern with Lincoln County being sued if something should happen in Washington County once the prisoner was in their custody. The sheriff said that most sheriffs have MOUs or other agreements in place to avoid such circumstances. He added that the facility in Washington County was actually built to house DOC inmates and they have the staff and space to handle more seasoned criminals. The Board agreed to allow the sheriff to house the inmate outside of Lincoln County until his sentencing date.

Sheriff Nestor then explained that overtime has increased in his department because he now has two positions open due to the resignations of two jail deputies. One of the vacancies leaves a corporal position open, so he and Captain Yowell would like to fill two corporal positions in order to have one on each shift. Sheriff Nestor said that he had a corporal resign a few years ago and he never filled that position, which is why he would like to have two now. There are current jail deputies that will test for the corporal position, and the commissioners asked the sheriff to return with his request for promotions when he knows for sure who the new corporals will be.

Sheriff Nestor informed the Board that his department will soon have a certified canine on board and he would like to promote the dog's handler, Curtis Wineski, in order to compensate him for his additional duties. The canine will basically be used as a drug dog for the time being as the sheriff hopes to affect some of the drug traffic in the communities.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to allow Sheriff Nestor to promote Curtis Wineski as the canine's handler once the dog is certified. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. King asked about the plumbing in the jail and Captain Yowell responded that he has increased cell searches in order to prevent the inmates from flushing items that may cause problems in the system, which seems to have helped.

Sheriff Nestor commended John Mohan for doing an excellent job with maintenance in the jail complex, and added that the county would need to look at some major repairs in the plumbing over the next couple of years; more particularly, replacing the drain pipes from the showers to the main line. The generator is also showing some rust and they have spoken with Mr. Mohan about getting a cover for it. Captain Yowell added that the generator has been maintained very well since it was installed in 1991. He also wanted the commissioners to know that Limon P.D. donated approximately \$5,000 worth of Tasers to the sheriff's office as theirs were recently upgraded to newer models.

Mr. Stone asked the sheriff if he had suggestions that would help with the roads in District Three that are being torn up by oil traffic. Sheriff Nestor said one of the deputies had spoken with someone from one of the companies about it and suggested having one of their representatives come up and meet with the Board.

County Treasurer Jim Covington stopped in to ask if the county had ever done anything with the lot in Hugo once owned by Bill Dutro that was deeded to the county through Treasurer's Deed. According to Mr. Ensign, the lot actually only exists on paper, as there are more plotted lots in three particular blocks in the town than physically exist. At one time, the option was discussed that the lot could be deeded to the town of Hugo in order to clear it off the tax rolls. Mr. Stone asked if there would be a problem with leaving it in the county's name but the group decided it would be better to clean it up. Mr. Kimble said he would look into it.

Mr. Kimble also informed Mr. Covington that the consent form was signed by Suzanne Davey on the mobile home north of Genoa, and Mr. King said his road crew will remove the mobile home as soon as they have time. Mr. Kimble will forward the consent form to Mr. King so that he has it when they do the removal.

The group briefly discussed the county's personnel policy; namely disciplinary actions and terminations.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 19, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the April 2015 report from the County Assessor, as well as correspondence from Dave Frisch with GMS Consulting Engineers concerning the wastewater lift station at the fairgrounds. Ms. Devers said that a certified operator of the lift station *must* be listed on the site application in order for it to move forward. Mr. Frisch suggested leaving Wayne Nestor on the application to keep on schedule, even if the county intends to have someone else obtain the certification at a later date. Mr. Ensign said that when he spoke with Wayne Nestor, Wayne told him he was not interested in being involved, as the town of Hugo will not insure him as a town employee since the lift station will be a county facility. Mr. Ensign added that he could not speak to whether or not Wayne would allow his name to remain on the application. Ms. Devers said it may require another letter to GMS and Mr. King said he felt they should contact Wayne Nestor and ask him.

The Board also reviewed the project completion report for Region V Public Facilities and Economic Development Projects. Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the report, Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

There was no old business to discuss, but Ms. Devers said she had new business, which consisted of an email regarding the RETAC budget. The request was made to give Kim Schallenberger a three percent salary increase, which would mean an additional \$1,133 pledge from each of the five counties. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,133 to increase Kim Schallenberger's salary. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried with Mr. Stone and Mr. Schifferns voting in favor, and Mr. King voting against.

Mr. Schifferns reported receiving a phone call from Ralph Kluth, who would like to obtain twenty yards of coal from the landfill, as he saw a pile there and wants to put it on his driveway.

Mr. Schifferns asked him if he had a loader, to which Mr. Kluth replied he would like the county to load it for him. Mr. Schifferns told him he was sure there would be a fee but he would check with the other board members to be sure. The commissioners agreed they did not want people scavenging from the landfill and Mr. Schifferns will contact Mr. Kluth and let him know.

Mr. Stone asked if it would be possible to contact someone from Pioneer and ask them to meet with the commissioners about their truck traffic on county roads in District Three. Ms. Devers will see if she can obtain a phone number from someone.

The commissioners approved the May 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 May 29, 2015.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman