

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

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 John DeWitt, Land Use/OEM Administrator, to discuss the Emergency Management Planning Grant

10:30 Sue Kelly, Public Health Director, to present the WIC Contract and monthly report

11:00 Ronny Farmer, County Auditor, to present the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014

1. Approve the minutes from the August 18, 2015 meeting
2. Review letter from the Northeast Colorado Travel Region
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, 2015. The following were in attendance: Chairman Greg King, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed Schiffers, County Administrator Gary Ensign, and Acting Clerk to the Board Lisa M. Crawford. County Administrator Roxie Devers and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel were absent and excused.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Land Use Administrator/Emergency Manager John DeWitt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DeWitt then spoke to the commissioners about the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant which is due for renewal in September. He advised the Board that the grant has been providing less funding each year and yet requiring more legwork to fulfill its requirements. He is questioning if it is a program worth the time he puts into it. He explained that it has become a nightmare to keep up with the paperwork, meetings, and regulations just to provide the services. Mr. DeWitt went on to explain that he was still willing to arrange classes for those needing the level 300 and 400 classes, but explained that without the grant the county would have to pay for the services or the participants could go to another county where the class was offered. He added that the last class he arranged was advertised in eastern Colorado and only one participant from Lincoln County took advantage of it. Mr. King asked Mr. DeWitt if the grant was a requirement with the state and Mr. DeWitt answered that it is not. After a brief discussion, the commissioners all agreed that if anyone needed the 300 and 400 level classes, they should be able to take them in another county or entity. Commissioner Stone moved not to renew the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant in September 2015 and Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next, Mr. DeWitt told the Board that he has received another complaint of a trailer in the southern part of the county which appears uninhabitable and is littered with debris and trash. He advised that he will visit it as soon as possible. Mr. King then asked about the posting of a notice for the property previously discussed at the last meeting and he stated that there had been proper noticing from law enforcement. Mr. King asked about the oil well activity in the county and Mr. DeWitt updated the Board that there have been sixteen new oil well permits in the last few weeks. He also stated that he recently spoke with a representative from Wiepking-Fullerton regarding oil well productions and noticed some slowing down of wells. He was told the speed of pumping the wells will slow down but not stop as once it is shut down, the wells have to start from the bottom up to restart them again. Mr. King then asked about any new activity with the wind towers and Mr. DeWitt said there was no new activity at this time.

Mr. King asked for a correction in wording to the minutes from August 18, 2015. Mr. Stone then moved to approve the minutes from August 18, 2015, as corrected, and Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ensign then passed out a letter from the Northeast Colorado Travel Region asking for financial support from Lincoln County. He suggested that the Board refer it to the Lincoln County Tourism Board. Mr. Stone then made a motion to refer the request for financial

support for the Northeast Colorado Travel Region to the Lincoln County Tourism Board. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. King called for old business and Mr. Ensign advised the Board that he and County Administrator Roxie Devers had met with Greg Etl with DOLA regarding the lift station at the fairgrounds. Mr. Etl suggested the Board involve the oil and gas companies for support with the lift station since they have an active presence in the county. Mr. Ensign stated he has drafted a letter to the oil and gas companies that have business in Lincoln County asking for financial support in funding the lift station. All commissioners were in support of the letter and Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve sending it to the companies that Mr. Ensign has listed. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ensign advised the Board that with the passage of the new salary bill increasing salaries for all elected officials, CCI is asking all boards of county commissioners to begin conferring with their fellow county elected officials and budget staff. A determination will need to be made this fall if they wish to proceed with the 30% salary increase or ask to be moved to another subcategory, which would alter the increase amount. He explained some of the changes and suggested the Board set up a meeting with the other elected officials to discuss it further. Mr. King suggested adding it to the September 8 agenda. Mr. Ensign then passed out the Amended Certifications of Values for the Board to review.

Under new business, Mr. Stone asked if a claim would be submitted for a cracked windshield on a mower in his district. Mr. Ensign stated that the paperwork has already been completed and it was now in the hands of the insurance company. Mr. Stone went on to say that he had heard from Robert Safranek who leases the land next to the county landfill, that some repairs need to be made to an existing fence on the west side of the property. After a brief discussion, the commissioners agreed it was the county's responsibility to pay for the supplies and Mr. Safranek's responsibility to provide the labor to make the repairs. Mr. Ensign stated he will check on the existing lease to determine the agreements between the parties, but saw no problem with the arrangement.

While the Board waited for the next appointment to arrive, they began approving the August 2015 payroll and expense vouchers for the month.

At 10:30 a.m., Public Health Director Sue Kelly arrived to present her monthly report. She began by stating she had completed the WIC contract for the coming year and stated there were no changes. She did mention that in the foreseeable future the vouchers issued for WIC would be changing over to EBT cards, the same as the food assistance program. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the WIC contract in the amount of \$32,765.00, for the period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, Ms. Kelly explained the various activities her department had completed in the month of August and advised the Board that she had hired Richard Johnson to fulfill the EPR/Deputy

Registrar position to replace Bill Rusher. He will start on September 8, 2015. She then presented an MOU between Lincoln County Public Health and RISE (Rural Integrated Service Engagement) which states that RISE will be able to use the Public Health office in Limon when serving Lincoln County residents.

Once Ms. Kelly left the meeting, County Auditor Ronny Farmer presented the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014. He explained his presentation and gave the Board highlights of the audit in which he assured the commissioners that he found no problems within the individual departments and stated that overall Lincoln County is in good financial shape. He mentioned that he did spend time with the Clerk's office to go through some updated accounting procedures that he recommended they follow. He also spent some time in the Treasurer's office doing the same. Mr. King asked him how he felt the county stood overall and Mr. Farmer stated that throughout the eight or nine counties he works with, he felt that Lincoln County is the strongest financially.

With no further questions for Mr. Farmer, the Board moved on to finish approving the payroll and expense vouchers.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday August 31, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

Lisa M. Crawford, Acting Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman