

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for October 19, 2015

8:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

8:00 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to present the LCEDC monthly report

8:30 Roxie Devers, Roundhouse Project Coordinator, to present a contract for additional work at the Roundhouse

1. Review the September, 2015 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Road and Bridge and Individual Road Districts
2. Review the September, 2015 report from the County Sheriff
3. Review the September, 2015 report from the County Clerk & Recorder
4. Review Employment Agreement to provide professional services for an independent fact finder/investigator concerning matters relative to the Lincoln County Personnel Manual
5. Sign signature card for Lincoln County Colorado Employee Pension Plan account at the First National Bank of Hugo
6. Action to grant joint signatory authority on all SEI Private Trust Company accounts to the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administrator
7. Review County Incentives Program contract for the Lincoln County Department of Human Services
8. Cancel General Fund check #29649 as it was a duplicate payment
9. Review credit card limit change request for Weed Coordinator
10. County Commissioner Reports
11. County Administrator's Report
12. County Attorney's Report
13. Old business
14. New business

9:30 Adjourn to attend the Eastern Transportation Planning Region meeting at 10:00 A.M. at the Limon Community Center, 477 "D" Avenue, Limon, Colorado.

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. on October 19, 2015. The following attended: Vice-chairman Doug Stone, Commissioner Ed Schifferns, County Administrator Gary Ensign, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Chairman Greg King was absent and excused.

Vice-chairman Stone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then Lincoln County EDC Executive Director Troy McCue gave his report for the month of September. Two items of note were that a woman from Kansas is interested in purchasing the Genoa Tower, and a hotel study was explored with Cobblestone Inn for the town of Hugo. There is talk of launching a feasibility study that would cost approximately \$7,500 but there may be the possibility of obtaining grant funding for half of that cost. If the people doing the study feel that there is no feasibility in putting a hotel in Hugo, they can terminate the study and it most likely would not cost as much. Mr. McCue wasn't sure if the plastics recycling would work out, but commented that the recycling proposal seems to be most impressive in the commercial arena, such as for wind tower blades. Taco Bell has delayed construction until the spring of 2016 due to lack of available contractors. As for SBDC (Small Business Development Corporation) duties, Mr. McCue is currently working on six active clients and has gotten two new referrals from Equitable Savings. He easily puts in fifty hours each month working on SBDC activities and can only invoice for twenty-five of those hours. Prairie Development Corporation puts in \$5,000 that he gets reimbursed for, so Dick Pickett asked Jo Downey if it would be possible for PDC to increase their contribution. Ms. Downey said that there is supposed to be a match for the \$5,000 so SBDC should make that contribution. Mr. McCue said it will not affect him either way; he will continue to do what he does. He attended the Port-to-Plains annual conference in North Dakota and the Progressive 15 fall conference earlier this month. Lastly, Mr. McCue commented that they are still working on broadband internet improvement; a topic discussed at length at the Progressive 15 conference.

Roundhouse Project Coordinator Roxie Devers was scheduled to meet with the Board at 8:30 a.m. to present a contract for additional work at the roundhouse but cancelled as the contract was not received.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 7, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Public Health Director Sue Kelly met with the commissioners to give the monthly report for September, highlighting that Lindsey Blackwelder Taylor was hired as the part-time Tobacco Liaison. They have received an electronic lockbox for improved security in the Vital Records department, and Richard Johnson has completed his training and is now officially a deputy registrar. Heike Adams received the New PHN of the Year award from PHNAC at the Public Health in the Rockies meeting.

The Board reviewed the September 2015 Statement 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. Also reviewed were the September reports from the Sheriff and County Clerk.

An agreement with Vicki Edwards to provide professional services as an independent fact finder/investigator concerning matters relative to the Lincoln County Personnel Manual was reviewed and Mr. Schifferns made a motion to sign the agreement. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Ensign stated that Ms. Edwards would be using the commissioner room the following day for her investigation.

The commissioners signed the signature card for the Lincoln County Employee Pension Plan account at the First National Bank of Hugo; previously approved at the meeting held on September 30, 2015.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to grant joint signatory authority on all SEI Private Trust Company accounts relating to the Lincoln County Employee Pension Plan to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners and the Lincoln County Administrator. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

After reviewing the County Incentives Program contract for the Lincoln County Department of Human Services, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to sign the contract. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to cancel County General check #29649 in the amount of \$212.65, issued to Witt Boys NAPA, as it was a duplicate payment. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Since the Conoco credit cards have been cancelled, Mr. Ensign said that Weed Coordinator Wayne Shade felt the limit on his county credit card would not be high enough to pay for the fuel and hotel room when he travels to Washington with the weed truck at the end of the month. Mr. Schifferns made a motion to increase the credit limit on Wayne Shade's county credit card to \$3,000. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Stone reported receiving a phone call from Wendy Simmons on October 10, asking if it would be a conflict of interest for her to apply for the 4-H Club Program Assistant position since she is Travis Taylor's sister. Mr. Stone contacted Mr. Ensign who said that it would be a conflict but the commissioners do have the ability to grant exceptions if they see fit. Mr. Stone stopped by the Karval shop and spoke with Rick Ashcraft on October 13, and also checked some roads. Later that same day, he was contacted by a party wanting to know about restrictions for growing hemp in Lincoln County so he again contacted Mr. Ensign for information. On October 14, Vernon Stone contacted him about county cemetery districts and the number of directors they have. He let Vernon know that the Karval Cemetery Board has three members on the board of directors who are appointed by the commissioners. Steve Bailey contacted Mr. Stone on October 15, also with questions about becoming a member of the Karval Cemetery Board. He told Mr. Bailey to send a letter to the commissioners who would consider his request the

next time there is a vacancy on the board. Lastly, Mr. Stone said he was contacted by Brenda Toft earlier this morning regarding blowing dirt regulations. He referred her to Land Use Administrator John DeWitt.

Mr. Schifferns reported attending the town of Arriba board meeting on October 12. Jeff Fike is circulating an initiative petition to place a question on the next Arriba municipal election ballot. He would like for the people of the town of Arriba to vote on all new ordinances or the modification of an existing ordinance. The town board also moved to table the trailer house ordinance they were working on, and discussed the marijuana moratorium. On October 16, Mr. Schifferns spoke with Landfill Manager Mick Jaques who asked what he did to have the vehicle taken away from him that he drove to and from the landfill each day. Mr. Schifferns said they would discuss it again when Mr. King is in attendance. On October 17, Curt Price asked Mr. Schifferns if there had been a decision made on the county paying for his windshield that was damaged by a county mower. Mr. Ensign said Mr. Price should have received a letter by now, but the claim was denied based on the county having governmental immunity. He will send Mr. Price another copy of the letter. Dale Bode contacted Mr. Schifferns to let him know that Ralph Brent is driving across his wheat field again and is upset that it continues to happen. Mr. Brent's argument is that he needs access to his own property. Also, Mr. Bode told Mr. Schifferns that there is supposed to be a 500' buffer zone and there are cattle on the land that should not be, as they cannot be there for more than forty-five days. He told Mr. Schifferns that the cattle were there from February 18, 2014, until mid-May 2014, and they are there again now. Mr. Stone stated that there is a regulation for penned cattle; otherwise it is considered to be a feed lot. He added that Mr. Bode has come to the commissioners with the same issues before and was told that the only thing he could do was take Mr. Brent to civil court. Since there is no county road designated in Mr. Bode's field, the county has no authority over the matter. Mr. Stone added that Mr. Bode could take photos as proof to help him in his case and Mr. Schifferns said he would relay the information.

Mr. Ensign had nothing to report, nor was there any old or new business.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on October 29, 2015.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Doug Stone, Vice-Chairman