

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for November 30, 2015

8:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve the minutes from the November 25, 2015 meeting
2. County Commissioner reports
3. County Administrator's report
4. County Attorney's report
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. on November 30, 2015. The following attended: Chairman Greg King, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed Schiffers, County Administrator Gary Ensign, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 25, 2015, as submitted. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone reported attending the interviews for the new 4-H Club Program Assistant on November 20, adding that he had not heard yet whether or not anyone had been hired. Rick Ashcraft spoke with him on November 23 about purchasing a large cut-off saw. Using a cutting torch to cut the ends off of galvanized culverts when they are damaged is difficult and unsafe so Rick is looking into pricing of the saw. Mr. Stone also checked roads that afternoon.

Mr. Schiffers said he'd missed the hospital board meeting on November 19 so he had nothing to report from that. He checked roads on November 24 and discovered that several stop signs, a yield sign, and one road sign had been shot up. He spoke with Chris Monks and they agreed that the yield sign should actually be a stop sign so Chris will work on replacing it and the other damaged signs. District One put a culvert in north of the county shop and they are also experimenting with a homemade road drag that they will weld out of grader blades. Mr. Schiffers had received a call from a resident who wanted to burn the materials from a home that was torn down in order to get the electrical installed in the new house they are building. Mr. Schiffers called Alex Flores and Mike Patton to ask if it would be acceptable for the resident to burn since there is a countywide fire ban. Due to the fact that snow was received, the fire chiefs agreed that it would be okay. However, Mr. Schiffers said that another resident now wants to burn in his pit. He asked the other commissioners' opinion on lifting the fire ban, at least while there is snow on the ground. Mr. King said they would need to check with the fire chiefs again and felt it might be best if residents were required to request burns on an individual basis. Mr. Stone agreed that it's difficult to inform everyone that the ban has been lifted in a short period of time, particularly if the weather warms up again and they have to reinstate the ban. Mr. Ensign said people would need to coordinate burns through the sheriff's office, as it is imperative that the sheriff know what is happening in the county. Mr. King asked Mr. Schiffers to bring the topic up again under new business so they could formalize an action.

Mr. King reported attending the Century Link broadband meeting in Limon on November 23, along with Economic Development Director Troy McCue and Joe Kiely. The gentlemen from Century Link basically consider Limon and the Limon area already served and will most likely do nothing further. Mr. King said he checked roads that same afternoon.

Mr. Ensign reported that Weed Coordinator Wayne Shade had called earlier in the morning to let him know that his driver's license needs to be renewed but he didn't want to keep the hazmat endorsement. The state does not require the endorsement due to the fact that he

doesn't carry enough chemical. The Board asked to speak with Driver Examiner Pete Holmstedt about it, but Mr. Holmstedt was on a drive test.

There was no old business but Mr. Schiffers brought up the subject of the fire ban again, asking if they should call the sheriff to see if they could lift it. A call was placed to Sheriff Nestor who said he would contact Jail Captain Michael Yowell and ask him to poll the fire chiefs to see what their opinion was. He said most of them would most likely agree to move to a Stage 2 ban rather than a Stage 3, with the exception of Tri-County since they recently had a pretty big fire in their district.

The commissioners approved the remaining payroll and several additional expense vouchers for the month of November and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on December 8, 2015.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman