

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for February 26, 2016

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Chris Monks, County Shop Foreman, to present the publicly solicited sealed bids submitted for the sale of various surplus county vehicles

1. Approve the minutes from the February 17, 2016, meeting
2. Review a written proposal from Designs by Dave Architectural Millwork, LLC to refurbish cabinetry and counter tops in the Clerk of the Court's Office, Jury Room and hallway outside of the courtrooms
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 February 26, 2016. 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 asked Ms. Lengel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris Monks then opened the sealed bids submitted for the purchase of four surplus county vehicles: a 1986 Dodge pickup; a 1997 Plymouth van; a 2002 Chevrolet Impala; and a 2006 Chevrolet Impala. High bidders were as follows: Carl Anderson bid \$450 for the 2002 Impala and \$800 for the 2006 Impala; Dale Cochran bid \$400 for the 1997 Plymouth van; and Karval Community Alliance/Jeff Thornton bid \$785 for the 1986 Dodge pickup. Successful bidders will need to pay at the Treasurer's office and submit a receipt to the Clerk's office to receive the title.

After Chris left, Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 17, 2016, as submitted. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Designs by Dave Architectural Millwork, LLC to refurbish cabinetry and counter tops in the court clerk's office, jury room, and hallway outside of the courtrooms. Mr. Schiffers asked how long the project would take. Mr. Ensign responded that Mr. Dobbs had not said but that he knew he would have to work around the court schedule and would work on weekends to accommodate them, if necessary. Mr. Dobbs did tell Mr. Ensign that he would have the work complete by July. Mr. Schiffers said he was curious if it would take two weeks or two months, and Mr. Ensign said he assumed that Mr. Dobbs would build the cabinets and counters in his personal shop so it wouldn't take that long to install them once he was finished. Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the proposal of \$8,146 from Designs by Dave Architectural Millwork, LLC for cabinetry and counter top work on the court side of the courthouse. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Land Use Administrator John DeWitt met with the Board at 9:30 a.m. to discuss land use matters. He had received a request the previous day regarding a church up by Arriba and said there are no set rules on what to charge for building permit fees for private, non-profit organizations. He provided the IBC definition concerning educational groups but said he could find nothing specifically for all non-profit entities. Lincoln County calculates permit fees by a formula based on square footage and that addresses residential and commercial structures, but not non-profit. Mr. DeWitt said he does not like the inconsistency and would like to have a set standard to go by in the future. He did provide a copy of the building valuation data table he uses to calculate fees and said that the town of Limon addresses non-profit structures under their residential permit fees. However, they do not charge the use tax that they charge on residential structures.

Mr. Stone asked if he had spoken with the Land Use Board but Mr. DeWitt said he had not, since it just came up the day before. Besides, the board really has nothing to do with fees and schedules. The commissioners agreed that it should be addressed and asked if Mr. DeWitt

would still have to do an inspection if the county were to exempt non-profit structures from building permit fees altogether. Mr. DeWitt responded that if the structure were habitable he would feel it necessary to complete an inspection, if only for safety reasons. Mr. Stone asked if it would be acceptable to charge the flat inspection rate of \$75 as is done for remodeling, structural modifications, and adding or enlarging windows and doors, simply to compensate for Mr. DeWitt's time and travel. Mr. King asked how many he does in a year and Mr. DeWitt responded that he has done one in four years. He added that it would require inspections on the drywall, footers, framing and foundation so \$75 would most likely not cover his costs of time and mileage. However, he felt it may average out depending on the location of the structure in the county.

Mr. Ensign was asked for his opinion and said that they could also simply bill for actual expenses per occurrence, which would be more equitable but not as easy as a flat rate. Mr. King commented that he does not want to penalize county residents for where they live and would prefer the flat rate.

Mr. Stone made a motion to establish a flat rate permit fee of \$75 for all future structures constructed in Lincoln County by private, non-profit organizations. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. DeWitt had sent a request of where in the county to locate the Storm Ready sign but had only received two responses. The suggestion was made to place a sign on each of the main highways coming into the county, which would require that several more be purchased. The Board agreed that the sign should be placed at the courthouse for the time being and they could always buy more later on if they felt they wanted to locate more around the county.

The group discussed the fire that started in the south end of the county on February 18 and how it was mapped with the latest technology, as well as Colorado Multi-Mission Aircraft and CO-WIMS (Colorado Information Management System).

When Mr. DeWitt left, the Board reviewed the 2016-2017 Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (VALE) grant application. Mr. Ensign said last year's grant request was for \$39,569 and the award was \$35,316. This year, the request is \$36,756 with the award amount yet to be determined. The difference is due mainly to the advocate's salary, since she is new to the position. Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the VALE grant application. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Since there was not much on the agenda, Mr. King called for commissioner reports. Mr. Stone reported high winds in District Three on February 18. He checked roads that day and then when the fire started he helped with that until late into the evening. They sent out four road graders from their district. It was reported that twenty-seven agencies, including Elbert County, Kit Carson, and numerous others, helped fight the fire. On February 19, Mr. Stone went back to the burn area to see how it looked during the daylight. He checked roads on February 22 and reported that Mountain View Electric Association is replacing lines and poles north and west of

Karval. He stopped at the shop and spoke with Rick Ashcraft and they decided to spend some money to fix one of their water trucks so they can keep it filled and ready in the shop in the event there are more fires. It has a 500 gallon tank and Mr. Stone said it will be worth the money to have the truck available if needed. Earlier this morning, Mr. Stone received a report of a rough cattle guard so he sent Rick to take a look at it.

Mr. Schifferns reported receiving a call from Randall Lewis about hauling trash again. He missed the hospital board meeting due to personal reasons, but reported that District One has finished crushing the rock and ended up with about 1,200 ton. The road crew will begin working on fixing the bridge at Mike Vaughn's by putting in a culvert.

Mr. King reported making and receiving several phone calls regarding the condition of roads in District Two. All comments were positive; although, Jay Burgess did point out that there are some rough spots in his area. The culvert at Ed Owens' place will need to be fixed as one end of it was crushed by wind tower traffic.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to cancel Lodging/Tourism check #30228 issued to Linda Olsen on December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$500, as she never received it. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns also made a motion to cancel Road & Bridge check #29665 issued to Ace Irrigation on October 30, 2015, in the amount of \$1,771.42, as it was never received. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ensign informed the Board that there is a conference call with the Chief Judge scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, in the court clerk's office to discuss the order that was issued in regard to the use of the courthouse and parking lot, should they wish to attend.

Mr. Stone asked if the county would be charged for fuel that was used to help fight the fire and Mr. Ensign said he'd talked to Sheriff Nestor who presumed the county would be getting bills, probably from Farm Gas and possibly the state, as well.

Mr. Schifferns commented that he'd read the email from Stan Kimble concerning a proposed amendment to the zoning resolution in regard to wind towers and he would like to see the county require a bond for fixing county roads damaged during construction. Mr. King said they do have a stipulation in place for that but it is a contract, not a bond, and that it takes a good two years to return roads to their original condition once construction is complete. Mr. Schifferns said he would prefer a bond and thought he had read something in Mr. Kimble's email that referred to it. Mr. Ensign said that Mr. Kimble will be in attendance at the next meeting and they can discuss it with him then.

Mr. King asked if the sales tax on farm equipment was resolved and Mr. Ensign responded that tax rates can only be changed twice each year; in January and July, so they have some time yet to adopt a resolution. The Department of Revenue will send a draft to Mr. Ensign. He said he'd

done some research and found that the tax is state-driven and was implemented when 4-Rivers Equipment Company was doing enough business in Lincoln County to collect the sales tax. He added that the information will need to be certified to DOR by mid-May in order to meet the July 1 deadline.

Mr. King stated that he would like to see framed copies of the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence displayed in the courthouse and the others agreed. They will look into where to purchase them from. Mr. King said he would also like to get one of the thin blue line flags and hang it above the law enforcement memorial in the lobby and there was no objection.

The commissioners approved the February 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 February 29, 2016.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman