

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for March 30, 2016

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Roxie Devers, Roundhouse Project Coordinator, to discuss a Roundhouse Preservation, Incorporated, grant request to the State Historical Fund for additional roundhouse renovations

10:00 Kevin Stansbury, Chief Executive Officer, Lincoln Community Hospital, to present an update with respect to matters at the hospital and care center and to request an executive session to consult with the County Attorney

1:00 Jay Jolly to discuss various matters

1. Approve the minutes from the March 18, 2016, meeting
2. Amend Full Time Employee Pay Schedule for Department of Human Services
3. Discuss the upcoming Colorado Counties, Incorporated, summer conference
4. Review letter to Perry/Clay regarding existing junkyard permit and discuss further action in this respect
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 March 30, 2016. The following attended: Chairman Greg King, Commissioners Doug Stone and Ed Schifferns, County Administrator Gary Ensign, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. County Attorney Stan Kimble attended the discussion at 10:00 a.m. and left at 11:00 a.m.

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

Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse Coordinator Roxie Devers met with the Board to discuss a grant request to the State Historical Fund for additional roundhouse renovations. Roundhouse Preservation, Inc. is applying for the grant that will pay for the six doors, the windows above the doors, and twenty-four interior wood screens on the operable sashes. One of the grant requirements is obtaining permission from the owner of the property. Ms. Devers asked for a letter of support from the Board, as well as Mr. King's signature on the grant application, both as the property owner and government official.

Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the letter of support and grant application to the State Historical Fund as property owner and government official for the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The commissioners were concerned with extending Third Street and making sure that it didn't interfere with where the turntable should be. Ms. Devers said she would be around for consultation when that project begins. She also asked the Board's permission to allow spectators to look at the roundhouse, even though it is a construction site, when they hold their annual meeting on April 10, and the commissioners agreed.

After Ms. Devers left, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 18, 2016, as submitted. Mr. Stone had a question about a possible typographical error and then seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

In regard to amending the full time employee pay schedule for the Department of Human Services, Mr. Ensign said the Board would need to take official action to remove the Services Administrator position on Level 11. Since that position has been eliminated, he suggested merely replacing it with Director, which would then put Patricia Phillips at the proper level on the county pay schedule.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the amended Department of Human Services county employee pay schedule by replacing the services administrator position with the director position. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the upcoming Colorado Counties, Inc. summer conference and who would be attending, and then decided to wait for Mr. Kimble before discussing the letter to Clays and Perrys.

Mr. King called for old business and Mr. Schiffers asked Mr. Ensign if there had been any further word from Dave Dobbs on replacing the countertops in the court side of the building. Mr. Dobbs anticipates starting in July but will bring samples over soon.

When asked about the lift station at the fairgrounds, Mr. Ensign stated that the site application was approved by CDPHE and the ad soliciting bids will come out in this week's newspaper. The deadline is April 21, and Dave Frisch requested that the commissioners meet on Friday, April 22, to award the bid. Mr. Ensign said they could either change their meeting from April 18 to April 22 or just hold a special meeting on Friday. The Board agreed not to change their regular meeting on April 18 and will meet at 9:00 a.m. on April 22 for the purpose of awarding the bid for the fairgrounds lift station project. Mr. Stone suggested they go and look at the extension building in Kit Carson County afterward.

At 10:00 a.m., Lincoln Community Hospital and Care Center CEO Kevin Stansbury met with the Board to present an update concerning the facility. They are currently moving into the home previously owned by Doctor Scarinzi and will hold an open house in a few days. They knocked out some walls to better utilize the space for Home Health, Human Resources, and the finance and marketing departments, and also replaced the carpeting and furnace. The stone fountain was removed in order to make room for parking. Mr. Stansbury stated that they had intended to give it away but learned that it actually was in very bad shape and basically unsafe. Chris Monks will help with the parking lot by hauling in some recycled asphalt. Mr. Stansbury said they may need help with drainage as well.

They have discussed putting up an ambulance garage south of the helipad and they may need help from the county road crew with that also. EMS has approximately \$12,000 that they might be able to use since they would like for the building to have a meeting room to help with the continued support of EMS education. Mr. Ensign stated that sewer accessibility would be difficult as the closest line to tie into would be on the east side of First Avenue, which would require going underneath the street to access it. Mr. Stansbury said they would most likely use a self-contained tank buried beneath the building for the decontamination showers but hadn't thought of needing a restroom if they are going to have a meeting room in the building. He added that they had also discussed building on the vacant lot north of the hospital, which may be better.

Mr. Stansbury spoke of the long range planning the facility is facing, mainly IT network issues and many problems with the deterioration of the building itself. They are concerned with long-term viability and what the future holds. Because of HVAC and electrical difficulties, as well as the fact that there is often water in the basement area, Mr. Stansbury said they are discussing whether to make a significant investment in the current facility or consider building a new one. He felt something would need to happen within the next five years. USDA seems to have substantial funding for projects such as theirs, with a relatively good interest rate.

AirLife helicopters are configured with the new design for safety, and Mr. Stansbury was pleased to report that the hangar held up well in the previous week's snowstorm. The crews

consistently report how much they like coming to Lincoln County and how welcoming the community has been to them. They have even offered to split the cost of a billboard on I-70 to help with visibility of the services. Mr. Stansbury said they have secured a billboard there and hope to obtain something on U.S. 287 as well.

The medical care contract with the jail has been finalized and approved, and Mr. King asked Mr. Stansbury if it would be possible to get the figures for the 2017 contract prior to budget hearings in September. Mr. Stansbury agreed it would not be a problem. The hospital is also working on a contract with the Lodging/Tourism board for event calendar coordination.

Mark Morrison has been doing community outreach and wellness education through community health fairs. Mr. Stansbury commented that he wants everyone to understand that the hospital belongs to the people and he wants to hear if anyone has problems or complaints. They will start holding community meetings and discussions concerning services offered, technology, and future plans, and to introduce the providers to those who may not know them. Mr. Stansbury said the county has been very generous and it is their obligation to support the schools, businesses, and community and civic groups as best they can.

Mr. Stone wanted to know if the specialty doctors receive any advertising and Mr. Stansbury said that the hospital's website is currently under construction but they are hoping to do much more advertising. He also wants to bring in more specialties but has had problems because Medicare doesn't allow some providers to come out due to designated service areas. They are trying to do what they can through telemedicine as well.

Lastly, Mr. Stansbury spoke about current legislation regarding provider fees. They are working with the Colorado Hospital Association, and he and Frank Reeves plan to speak with Senator Jerry Sonnenberg as they are concerned about the bill passing through the senate, even though it was passed by the house.

Discussion was held as to whether an executive session was necessary and once Mr. Kimble learned that Mr. Stansbury wanted to discuss negotiations, he stated it would be best to do so. Mr. Stone made a motion to go into executive session, pursuant to 24-6-402 (4) (e) C.R.S., to conference with the county attorney for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Those remaining for the session were Mr. King, Mr. Stone, Mr. Schiffers, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Kimble, Mr. Stansbury, and Ms. Lengel. The session was recorded and the recording will remain on file in the County Clerk's office for the statutory ninety days.

After coming out of executive session, Mr. Stansbury left and Mr. King asked Mr. Kimble if they could discuss the letter he had composed to the Clays and Perrys. Mr. King had spoken with John Clay on March 28, who told him that they had been under the impression that the junkyard had to be fenced. Mr. Kimble added that Clays hadn't even realized that Winterbergs had gotten a junkyard permit back when they did. Mr. King also said that there is plenty of property that Perrys could move things to in order to clean it up a little, at least to where it may

be out of Clays' line of sight. The group agreed that it would be best to invite both parties to a meeting with Mr. Kimble and one commissioner, so Mr. King volunteered. Mr. Kimble will draft a letter to the Clays and Perrys inviting them to meet at his office. The Board decided not to send the other letter that Mr. Kimble had composed. Mr. Stone asked if it would become a court matter if the parties could not come to an agreement and Mr. Kimble said that the Clays could file suit.

The Board approved the March 2016 payroll and several expense vouchers before breaking for lunch.

When the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Jay Jolly met with the Board to discuss state lands. He asked about the Bureau of Land Management deal and Mr. King said he hadn't heard much lately but that their ultimate goal seems to be to sell off the smaller pieces of state land—at least in this area. He added that there is a little over 2,000 acres in Lincoln County that would qualify as such.

Mr. Jolly had received an email from Will Bledsoe and quoted, "...the State Land Board is aggressively seeking competitive bids for state land leases." He believes it is being pushed by guides and outfitters for hunting purposes and is concerned that he would be unable to match a bid if someone were to bid against him on his 6,000 acres of leased state land. He asked what the county's rules are for access on section lines and was told that if a section line is not designated as a county road, no access is allowed. Mr. Stone asked if he were referring to public access to state lands and Mr. Jolly affirmed that he was. He added that it will become difficult if current lessees are outbid, which may end up requiring that each section be fenced off. Mr. Jolly and his son, Cody, are meeting with John Valentine, who is with the State Land Board, tomorrow to discuss the issue. Mr. Jolly said there is also discussion about recreation leases and walk-in areas but it doesn't seem to be going well in the current legislative session. Still, he is concerned that it will resurface at a later time if it doesn't go farther this year. Mr. Stone commented that hunters can be kept from accessing state land if that land is currently under lease. Some hunters and outfitters seem to think they can be on the property if it is state land but that is not the case.

Mr. Jolly finished up by stating that although there are no battles right now, he simply wanted the Board to be aware that it may become a problem in the future. The commissioners asked that he let them know what he finds out from John Valentine.

The commissioners finished approving the expense vouchers submitted for payment, and then Mr. King adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on March 31, 2016.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman