

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for April 29, 2016

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

10:00 Patricia Phillips, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report

1. Approve the minutes from the April 28, 2016, meeting
2. Review and act on a request for the renewal of the ambulance service license for the Community Ambulance Service, Incorporated, located in Arriba, Flagler and Seibert, Colorado
3. Establish future Board of County Commissioners' meeting dates
4. County Commissioner reports
5. County Administrator's report
6. County Attorney's report
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 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. County Attorney Stan Kimble was absent and excused.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Schiffers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 28, 2016, as submitted. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request for the renewal of the ambulance service license for Community Ambulance Service, Inc., located in Arriba, Flagler, and Seibert, Colorado. Mr. Stone made a motion to adopt a resolution to renew the license for Basic Life Support (BLS) services for Community Ambulance Service, Inc. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado held in Hugo, Colorado, on April 29, 2016, there were present:

Greg King, Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Vice Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schiffers, Commissioner	Present
Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Absent & Excused
Corinne Lengel, Clerk of the Board	Present
Gary Ensign, County Administrator	Present

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION #923 It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Schiffers to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Emergency Medical Services Act, Section 25-315.101, et seq., C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish requirements for the inspection, licensure, and operation of ambulance services, ambulance personnel, and ambulance vehicles operating in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commissioners adopted Resolution #651 and thereby established rules and regulations governing the licensure of ambulance services operating within Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Community Ambulance Service, with ambulances based in Flagler and Seibert in Kit Carson County and Arriba in Lincoln County, has presented the Board of County Commissioners with an application to license the ambulance service and to permit their ambulances as basic life support vehicles; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board of County Commissioners determined that the documentation presented met the rules and regulations established under Resolution #651;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that Community Ambulance Service is hereby authorized to provide ambulance service in Lincoln County with basic life support ambulances.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner King, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Schifferns, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

The group set meeting dates through mid-November and then Mr. King called for commissioner reports.

Mr. Stone reported attending a workshop on April 19 concerning weeds and the rising number and varieties that are becoming resistant to spraying. He stopped by the Karval shop on April 20, where some of the road crewmen were rebuilding a mower. The crew was hauling gravel to the road leading out to the cemetery, and they also discussed where gravel was needed and the number of signs that need replaced or put back up due to high winds. After the special commissioner meeting on April 22, all three commissioners traveled to Burlington to tour the extension building that was constructed at the fairgrounds. Mr. Stone stated that they did recommend building it ten feet longer on each end if Lincoln County chooses to build one. Mr. Ensign asked if they had said how much it cost per square foot and was told the whole building cost approximately \$140,000. Mr. Stone checked roads west of Highway 71 on April 25, and tested the new road grader that was delivered in District Three on April 27.

Mr. Schifferns reported attending weather spotter class on April 19, stating it was one of the better classes he had been to. The NWS is calling for wetter weather for the next three months. Mr. Schifferns checked roads on April 20, attended the special board meeting and the tour of the building in Burlington on April 22, and checked roads again on April 25. His district

finished hauling sand to Mike Vaughn's on April 26, and he attended the hospital board meeting on April 28.

Mr. King reported receiving a call about the fire ban after the meeting on April 18. He attended the Economic Development Corporation meeting on April 20, and commented that farmers are concerned with finding good help. There is also more interest in the Foreign Trade Zone. He attended the same meetings as the others on April 22, and reported attending the Retac meeting on April 26 via teleconference. Mr. King mentioned several senate bills currently in legislation regarding 911 services and rules to endorse community EMTs as paramedics. There was no new information regarding the regionalized ambulance service, although they are discussing a property or sales tax that would help to support their organizations. Budget was also discussed and Mr. King said that Kim Schallenberger plans to request a car, laptop, and new phone during the next budget cycle. They will not ask for county funds this year; however, Mr. King said there is over \$50,000 in county designated funds that could be used for reimbursement if necessary. Lastly, Mr. King reported that he has been checking roads and campaigning at the same time, so is not submitting much in the way of mileage.

Mr. Ensign furnished a letter written to the commissioners by County Attorney Stan Kimble regarding a meeting with representatives from Excel and Invenergy, held at his office on April 25. Land Use Administrator John DeWitt had also attended that meeting. Excel Senior Manager John Lupo would like to meet with the county commissioners, if possible. Mr. Kimble suggested a meeting for general discussion of the proposed project but suggested limiting other conversation, due to the Board's position as quasi judges in most matters relative to land use. The commissioners agreed it would be acceptable to set up a meeting with Mr. Lupo and Mr. Ensign will contact Mr. Kimble to do so.

At 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Patricia Phillips met with the Board to give the monthly report for April. The commissioners reviewed the financial reports and timesheets for the month, as well as the income maintenance and child welfare reports. Ms. Phillips commended three members of her staff for receiving an excellent report concerning their 100% accuracy of processing applications and redeterminations, and added that the caseworker statistics look very good as well. She commented that there are currently too many kids in congregate (or residential) care, but even one is too many. The state is working to decrease that number and DHS is working with the state as well. Ms. Phillips said that Lincoln County is not alone, however, and the issue is that certain communities simply do not have the services needed.

Ms. Phillips presented the director's report for April, showing meetings attended both by phone and in person. She stated that the report is back from the state on the domestic violence and murder case, and she will provide a copy to the Board. Although the state found no fault with DHS or their processes in the case, they did recommend that there is a need for move DV services for victims in Lincoln County. Ms. Phillips said she had no idea how those services would be increased but it would somehow have to come through the department of domestic violence at the state level. They have also learned that their Red Teams have not been correctly documented in TRAILS, but that issue also appears to be statewide. The TRAILS

system has since been changed to allow a place for supervisors to approve the documentation that is submitted.

Discussion ensued regarding the lack of proper care provided by Centennial Mental Health, prompting Mr. Stone to ask if the county is required to continue using them. Ms. Phillips said that it is an issue across the state but there are counties attempting to hire therapists outside of local mental health facilities since they are not getting what they need. They are somehow using Medicaid dollars to pay the therapists but Ms. Phillips did not know how that was being done. Mr. Schifferns commented that CMH certainly seems to be spending excessive amounts of money on everything other than good therapists, and Mr. King stated that if they were to ask for county funding again, he would definitely say no.

Ms. Phillips presented a contract for Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) Administration between Kit Carson County DHS, the State of Colorado, and Lincoln County DHS, stating she had spoken about it at a previous commissioner meeting. If signed, Kit Carson County will agree to reimburse Lincoln County \$20 per hour and \$.32 per mile for Debra Klapperich to help them administer the CCCAP. Mr. Schifferns asked if it were enough to cover DHS expenses and Ms. Phillips said she had calculated Ms. Klapperich's hourly rate and added a little in to cover administration. Mr. Ensign asked if she had included benefits in that calculation but Ms. Phillips admitted she had not. Mr. Stone asked if it would leave Ms. Klapperich enough time to perform her own duties, and Ms. Phillips responded that Kit Carson County doesn't have that many cases so she should be fine.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the contract for Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) Administration between Lincoln and Kit Carson counties and the State of Colorado, for \$20 per hour and \$.32 per mile, beginning April 13, 2016, and ending on August 31, 2016. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Phillips asked Mr. Ensign if he had updated the commissioners regarding the department's Chrysler 200 and Mr. Ensign said he had given them a brief synopsis. She stated that they have had problems with the vehicle for quite some time now and since there aren't that many miles on it, felt the issues shouldn't be occurring. She finally had Chris Monks deal directly with the owner of the Dodge dealership and the results have been much better. Once the vehicle is fixed and returned to them, Ms. Phillips said they will take it to the county shop and have Chris make sure that everything was done that was supposed to have been done. She added that Chris has been very helpful and easy to work with.

Ms. Phillips provided an update on the FSLA discussion from a previous meeting, stating that all the counties in the northeast region have the same problem and do not feel that salaries can be increased. However, the issue is that larger counties such as Douglas and Arapahoe do intend to increase salaries, which may result in greater employee competition in the counties immediately surrounding those counties. She added that the matter is much bigger than originally anticipated and they plan to take the discussion to CHSDA. Mr. Ensign stated that he

heard a bill has been introduced in legislation to put the issue on hold until after the November election.

Mr. King asked Ms. Phillips if she had learned anything regarding the records that former director Colette Barksdale said were being digitized, but Ms. Phillips said she had not. She would follow up with it, however, and let the commissioners know.

At 11:00 a.m., County Coroner Andy Lorensen met with the Board to discuss training requirements for the coroner's office. He stated that the commissioners would be receiving a letter, most likely within the next week, stating that he is out of compliance in regard to his coroner certification. Mr. Lorensen explained that he does have the requirements completed and is waiting for a certified coroner to sign off on them. He stated he simply wanted the Board to know that it should all be taken care of in a couple of weeks.

When Mr. Lorensen had gone, Mr. King called for old business, stating that he had spoken with Mark McHone about the double-walled tank and was told they are okay with what they are doing. He also asked why the Town of Genoa sends the county two water bills and learned that the old county shop still has a connection/service line that the county is charged for. There was no other old business.

As for new business, Mr. King said he'd spoken with Tom Lee earlier this morning and was told that there is a pile of scrap iron at the fairgrounds that they would like to clean up. There is also an old tandem disc that is no longer being used. Someone has asked to purchase it and Mr. Lee wanted to know how the county would go about disposing of it. Considering it is county property, Mr. Ensign suggested that it would be good public policy to offer it by sealed bid. He will speak with John Palmer and see about putting an ad in the newspapers.

Lastly, Mr. Ensign asked if the commissioners still want to accept electronics for recycling or if they want to discontinue the practice altogether. The Board agreed that since the container is being abused by people dropping off television sets instead of computer flat screen monitors, they would discontinue the practice.

The commissioners approved additional expense vouchers and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2016.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman