

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for June 3, 2016

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Sue Kelly, Public Health Director, to present the agency's May, 2016, report

9:30 John Dewitt, Land Use Administrator, to present a recommendation from the Land Use Board regarding Development Permit #16-01; applicant-Harold Madsen

1. Approve the minutes from the May 31, 2016, meeting
2. Review a letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, regarding pending applications for property tax exemptions for Church of Christ, Limon, Colorado and Your Community Foundation, Limon, Colorado
3. Review project schedule from GMS, Incorporated, Consulting Engineers, relative to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Wastewater Improvement Project
4. Review employee timesheets for O.E.M./Land Use Administrator John DeWitt, County Administrator Gary Ensign and Public Health Director Sue Kelly
5. Review a letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government, regarding local government designated agent information for notice of claim
6. Review a request from Roxie Devers, Roundhouse Project Coordinator, to submit a grant request to the Colorado Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternative Program, for additional funding for the Hugo Roundhouse Project
7. County Commissioners' reports
8. County Administrator's report
9. Old business
10. New business
11. Approve expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 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.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Public Health Director Sue Kelly to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Ms. Kelly gave the department's report for the month of May. They are working with Peak Vista and Lincoln Community Hospital to plan the next Community Health Assessment, scheduled for 2017, and will meet sometime in June to coordinate efforts. Rather than purchase a new refrigerator or generator to preserve vaccines in the event there is a power outage, Ms. Kelly said they considered buying a backup battery instead. However, they have deferred that purchase as well until the commissioners decide if they will be moving the annex building to the fairgrounds. As for environmental health, Ms. Kelly stated that she had asked Public Health Specialist Kelly Alvarez for a monthly report or accounting of what tasks she completes in Lincoln County. She will do so beginning in July. Ms. Kelly said that Richard Johnson is very capable and interested in taking on those duties and she is investigating what it would take to move those activities to her office. Mr. King asked if adding those duties to Mr. Johnson's position would increase his salary. Ms. Kelly responded that she would actually like to make it a separate position since it may change in the future. Should environmental health grow over the years, it's possible that Lincoln County would need a full time health inspector. She is working on adjustments to the pay scale as far as positions matching the current steps and levels but commented that Public Health salaries overall are not very good.

At 9:30 a.m., Land Use Administrator John DeWitt met with the Board to present a recommendation from the Land Use Board regarding Development Permit #16-01. Harold Madsen applied for a single-family residence on eighty acres and also asked for a variance from regulations that allow only fifty chickens per acre. He would like to raise free range chickens; possibly 12,000 to 15,000 in count. Mr. DeWitt said there is a well on the property that does not work, so the six Land Use Board members at the meeting voted to approve the development permit application with the conditions that Mr. Madsen put in a septic and a working well. The board denied the request for the variance on the regulations concerning the chickens. Mr. Stone commented that Mr. Madsen is the landowner that he agreed to provide a load of gravel to the next time the District Three crew went back to the Brewer pit, which they haven't done yet. Mr. DeWitt stated that Mr. Madsen had asked him to relay that he really needs the gravel as he can't get into his place very easily.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to accept the Land Use Board's recommendation to approve Development Permit #16-01 for a single-family residence, with conditions, for Harold Madsen. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Use Board to deny Harold Madsen's request for a variance that would allow more than fifty chickens on an acre of land. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. DeWitt stated that the Land Use Board had also asked him to check into putting some transmission line regulations together, so he will work on it.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 31, 2016, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Property Taxation, regarding pending applications for property tax exemptions for Church of Christ, Limon, Colorado, and Your Community Foundation, Limon, Colorado.

Also reviewed were the project schedule from GMS, Incorporated, Consulting Engineers, relative to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Wastewater Improvement Project, and employee timesheets for John DeWitt, Gary Ensign, and Sue Kelly.

After reviewing a letter from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government, regarding local government designated agent information for notice of claim, Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the letter. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Ensign said that Roxie Devers, Roundhouse Project Coordinator, asked that the commissioners allow her to submit a grant request to the Colorado Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternative Program, for additional funding for the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse Project. She has applied to the State Historical Fund to complete the three bays, a project that will require a substantial match of funds, and there is an opportunity available for grant money. The county will have to apply as the eligible entity for that funding, but Ms. Devers will submit the paperwork and monitor the progress if the commissioners approve. Mr. Ensign added that he had not looked at Ms. Devers' contract to see when it expires, but believed it would be beneficial to the county to renew it.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the request from Roxie Devers, Roundhouse Project Coordinator, to submit a grant request to the Colorado Department of Transportation for additional funding for the roundhouse and to apply on the county's behalf. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone reported that he and Rick Ashcraft went to watch District One complete the overlay on County Road 109 on June 2. They would like to do something similar in District Three as they have approximately six-tenths of a mile of road south of Bob Webb's place that needs some work. They can't chipseal because the portion of road is simply too rough, so they are looking at other options.

Mr. Schifferns reported receiving a couple of phone calls regarding the condition of some roads in his district, so he spoke with Chris Monks and they got the issues worked out. He also stated that Jim McCormick, with McCormick Excavation and Paving in Stratton, said they could fix the courthouse parking lot while the paving machine is in the area. Mr. Ensign clarified that a strip

of asphalt in the west courthouse parking lot was paved improperly and left ridges that retain water and create a stumble hazard for employees crossing the parking lot. Mr. Ensign added that there is also a good-sized pothole forming in the same parking lot, and Mr. McCormick said they could fix both problems at no cost to the county.

Mr. Stone made a motion to allow McCormick Excavation and Paving, LLC, to fix the problems in the west courthouse parking lot at no charge. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. King reported attending the Economic Development meeting on June 1, stating that they are revising the broadband plan and Century Link is participating in the discussions. Terri Baylie with COG is retiring and Dora King has been hired to replace her, and they are doing some restructuring in anticipation of Jo Downey's retirement in 2017. COG has requested inspections of the three kitchens they use to produce the meals they deliver for the past couple of years, but it hasn't ever happened. The most recent inspection of any of the facilities was in 2010. While out campaigning, Mr. King heard different concerns; one of which was that the road crews should not be working on the hospital parking lot until harvest time so that they are off the county roads when the harvesters need to be. He also received a call from a local farmer about washboards in County Road 109, so the crew had the maintainers out yesterday working on the road. Lastly, he was told by a former commissioner that the roads up north are in the best shape they've ever been in.

Mr. Ensign had nothing to report, so Mr. King called for old business. Mr. Stone had spoken with Nikki Reid who told him that they were no longer going to use the rubber material on the Karval preschool playground that they had requested county funds to help pay for. Apparently, several entities have had to remove the material as it is in some way harmful. Mr. Stone asked if the county had given them the requested funds and Mr. Ensign said that no bills were ever submitted for payment.

The commissioners approved the remaining expense vouchers for the month of May and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 2016.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman