

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for July 28, 2016

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Roxie Devers, Roundhouse Project Coordinator, to discuss a Transportation Alternatives Program grant request to the Colorado Department of Transportation for additional roundhouse renovations

1. Approve the minutes from the July 18, 2016, meeting
2. Review the Monthly Management Report from the First National Bank Omaha
3. Review the May, 2016, and the June, 2016, monthly reports from the County Sheriff
4. Discuss a Lincoln County Performance Evaluation for the County Weed Coordinator
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 July 28, 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. Deputy Clerk to the Board Mindy Dutro filled in for Ms. Lengel from 9:50 a.m. until 10:50 a.m.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Roundhouse Project Coordinator Roxie Devers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Devers then stated she had written a grant for the Colorado Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (formerly Transportation Enhancement Program), in the amount of \$275,000, for the remaining doors and windows in the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse. Although missing one letter of support, Ms. Devers said it is on the way; she just hasn't received it yet. Mr. King asked how much the county match would be and Ms. Devers responded that she has another application in to the State Historical Fund for the match. Hopefully the CDOT grant will be fully funded and all of the Historical Fund's money will not have to be used.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve a letter to the CDOT Region 4 director regarding a Transportation Alternatives Program grant application for the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the Colorado Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program grant application in the amount of \$275,000 for the remaining doors and windows in the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns told Ms. Devers he'd had someone ask if she would write grant requests for other non-profit organizations in the county and Ms. Devers said she would be happy to speak with the person about it.

After Ms. Devers left, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 18, 2016, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Monthly Management Report from the First National Bank of Omaha for the month of July, as well as the May and June 2016 Sheriff reports.

County Weed Coordinator Wayne Shade is due a step raise so the group discussed completing a standard performance evaluation on him. Since there appears to be a discrepancy between the personnel policy and the pay schedule definitions on when, or even if, evaluations are required, the Board agreed that performance evaluations should be done at a department head's or elected official's discretion. The commissioners also agreed that since they do not see Mr. Shade on a daily basis, they will address any issues they have with him should they arise.

There was no old business to discuss, but Mr. Schifferns stated he'd received a couple of phone calls regarding a fire south of Arriba the previous Friday. The callers wanted to know why the county had not provided a front-end loader at the fire to push the structure into the basement; thus, preventing the possibility of more fires. Mr. Schifferns asked Chris Monks if it is customary for the county to provide equipment in the event of a fire. He was told that the county has been known to send maintainers to help build fire breaks but does not typically supply other equipment. Loader tires are approximately \$3,000 each and can be ruined when exposed to such intense heat. Mr. King said he would side with Mr. Monks, adding that road graders can keep a good distance from the active fire but it would be much different to use an expensive loader in the manner that was suggested. Mr. Stone agreed, and Mr. Ensign put in that it would be a huge liability to the county, not only for the equipment but for the employee, which was even more concerning.

Mr. Schifferns also asked the others if the county has any control over eminent domain when it comes to wind towers. Mr. King said it does not, and even though the commissioners can express their disapproval, issues have to be taken up with the courts.

Ms. Lengel asked if the county offices could close at noon the Friday of the fair as has been done customarily in the past. The Board agreed to allow the county offices to close at noon on Friday, August 12, 2016, so that employees can attend the county fair.

The commissioners approved the July 2016 payroll and several 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 July 29, 2016.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman