

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

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 James Martin, Evergreen Systems & Technology, L.L.C., to discuss recycling at the Lincoln County Landfill

1. Approve the minutes from the August 18, 2016, and the August 23, 2016, meetings
2. Review the July, 2016, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General
3. Review the Monthly Management Report from the First National Bank Omaha
4. Review the Certification of Actual Valuations for the taxable year 2016
5. Distribute the Independent Auditor's Report for year 2015
6. Update on the pending vacancy in the position of Land Use Administrator/Office of Emergency Management
7. Appoint one Commissioner to the Colorado Counties, Incorporated, Legislative Committee
8. Discuss the annual winter conference of the Colorado Counties, Incorporated, Foundation
9. Old business
10. New business
11. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 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.

Chairman King called the meeting to order and asked Landfill Manager Mick Jaques to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

James Martin with Evergreen Systems & Technology, LLC, met with the Board and Mr. Jaques regarding electronics recycling at the Lincoln County Landfill. He had checked with Electronics Recyclers International, as the commissioners had asked him to do, and learned that the company does not provide pallets but does exchange them when a load is brought in. They want the items presorted onto separate pallets in the following manner: CRTs; flat screen TVs and monitors; towers and laptops; and all other electronic waste such as keyboards and mice. They want the items shrink-wrapped and stacked no higher than six feet. Since Lincoln County is only about ninety miles from their site, they would most likely not charge mileage if they came to pick up the items, but they would like at least ten pallet loads each time to make it more cost effective. The county can haul their recycling directly to ERI and would be charged thirty-five cents (\$.35) per pound, plus fifteen cents (\$.15) per pound if the load isn't presorted.

Mr. Martin went on to say that he had also contacted Kit Carson County to see how they recycle their electronics and found out they charge \$1.00 per inch for screened items and \$5.00 per item that doesn't have a screen. He felt that Lincoln County is definitely not charging enough, as it costs him \$25 to recycle the items the county currently charges \$10 for. He added that several landfills closer to the city won't even take electronics. Mr. King wanted to know how Kit Carson County disposes of their items and Mr. Martin said that they store them and then have a contractor pick them up when they have a substantial amount.

The group discussed storing the items in a roll-off dumpster until someone could pick them up, as currently there is no place where ten pallets could be stored. If that were permissible, Mr. Martin said the items may only need to be collected once a year. His concern, however, was that EPA regulations would not allow electronics to be exposed to the elements.

Mr. Schifferns asked Mick Jaques if he would be able to find time to sort, wrap and store the items. Mick suggested contacting Rob Fager to see if Rob's Septic Service would be able to provide a 20 yard roll-off dumpster that the items could be stored in. He added that there are probably around twenty yards of electronic items currently stored in the Conex shipping crate they use now. Mr. Stone said they could check with Mr. Fager about what he would charge to rent the roll-off but felt the shrink-wrapping of the items would be a lot of work. Mr. Ensign added that Mr. Fager may not want his roll-off sitting at the landfill for an entire year either, not to mention that the items would most likely get broken when they were disposed of in a large dumpster like that.

Mr. Martin said he would call ERI and ask more questions, and Mr. King suggested he also contact Kit Carson County to find out what company they use and how they handle the

problem. Mr. Martin called Kit Carson County first and spoke with their landfill operator, Randy, who explained that they use a company called Net Tech Recycling. Mr. Martin described the county's situation and Randy told him that they would be happy to coordinate with Lincoln County in order to save money on freight. He gave Mr. Martin contact information for Net Tech and Mr. Martin attempted to call but was referred to another person who was out of the office.

Mr. Martin then called ERI and spoke with Mike, who told him that labor costs increase when the loads are not separated. When asked about items being broken, Mike responded that they charge quite a bit more for broken items because they then become environmentally hazardous. He added that if broken items continued to be brought in, the company would most likely refuse the loads. He stated that the most cost effective manner in disposing of electronics would be to palletize them at the county level, then haul them to ERI where they would do a pallet exchange. Also, all electronics need to be stored out of the elements, according to the EPA. Mr. Martin asked if there would be cost savings if several counties got together and had their items picked up at the same time. Mike told him that they would need to find out how much volume each county might average but felt that he and the founder of the company could put together a nice agreement for the group. He added that they would do a price review of the agreement each January but it would be much cheaper if the counties could gather 20,000 pounds of electronics or more, since ERI then doesn't have to outsource for a box truck.

Mr. Schiffers asked what would happen if the county signed a contract and then ended up not collecting their average amount of electronics and was told that the company charges accordingly based on volume. Mike said he would be happy to work something up if he got the information from the counties.

Once the phone conversation ended, Mr. King commented that his concern was how and where they would palletize the items. Mr. Ensign asked Mick how many items he receives per week but Mick said it varies too much to make an assumption.

The group discussed possible storage facilities and Mr. Martin suggested the fairgrounds. Mick stated there is an old shop at the landfill that is filled with pipe, purchased at one time because they thought it would be required in the landfill cell. If they could move it out, he felt there may be adequate room to wrap and store several pallets of electronics. That would alleviate the problem of having to haul things to the fairgrounds. He added that they could put rotomill down on the floor and pack it hard enough that they would be able to use a Skidster to move the pallets to the truck when ERI came to pick them up. Everyone agreed it would be the easiest method if everything were kept at the landfill and Mick said he would look at it when he got back.

Mr. King wanted to know if the group felt they should increase the rates for accepting electronics. Mr. Schiffers made a motion to adopt Kit Carson County's rates for the acceptance of electronics at the Lincoln County Landfill; \$1.00 per inch for screened items and \$5.00 per non-screened item. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr.

Ensign asked when they would like the new rates to be effective and Mr. King said they would decide at the first meeting in September. Mr. Martin asked which counties he should ask to collaborate and was told that Cheyenne, Kit Carson, and Kiowa counties may be a good starting point.

Mr. Martin and Mr. Jaques left and Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 18, 2016, once a typo was corrected. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 23, 2016, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the July 2016 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the General Fund, as well as the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha. When the group reviewed the Certification of Actual Valuations for the taxable year 2016, Mr. King stated the commissioners would need to consider how deeply they want to dig into the reserve account in 2017, or whether or not the property tax credit should be reduced. Mr. Ensign stated that the audit report showed that the county pulled over \$800,000 from the reserves in 2015, leaving a little over \$5 million currently.

Mr. Ensign provided copies of the 2015 Independent Auditor's Report, stating that Ronny Farmer will call during the following day's meeting but didn't feel there were enough changes in the audit from 2014 to require a personal visit. The Board agreed to review the document prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Ensign also reported that Savannah Warwick had not taken the Land Use Administrator position offered to her but had accepted a position more related to her schooling. He had contacted the commissioners each by phone to ask what they wanted him to do, and all agreed to offer the position to Jeff Coonts. Mr. Ensign and Mr. DeWitt met with Mr. Coonts the previous day and Mr. Coonts agreed to take \$2,726 per month, or \$32,712 annually.

Mr. Stone made a motion to hire Jeff Coonts as the Land Use Administrator, starting at \$2,726 per month, effective September 1, 2016. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Ensign added that Mr. Coonts would not really be full time until October 1 but had provided a schedule of dates he would be available throughout the month of September.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to appoint Doug Stone as the commissioner on the Colorado Counties, Incorporated Legislative Committee. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding attendees to the CCI winter conference and all agreed to attend. The Board will meet to approve payroll and expense vouchers on Monday, November 28, prior to leaving for their conference.

There was no old business to discuss, but Mr. King said he would like to trade in a used road grader and replace it with another one that will be paid for next year. He added that District Two will pay off the dozer this year.

Ms. Lengel asked if the commissioners had received the email she'd sent to them regarding passing a resolution against certain ballot issues on the November 2016 ballot. Mr. Ensign commented that he did have some sample resolutions against Amendment 69. The group discussed Proposition 107, concerning the reinstatement of a presidential primary to be held before the end of March in each presidential election year, and Proposition 108 that would allow unaffiliated voters to automatically receive ballots in a primary election without declaring a party.

Ms. Lengel stated that while she is not against a presidential primary, there may be some financial ramifications to the county with holding another election the end of March, particularly if it doesn't replace the June primary. In that event, the county would have to pay for three elections that year, unless the parties decide to pay for the primary. She added that January is an extremely busy time for her department since her staff also handles all accounting, W2s, ACA forms, and budget breakdown for the next year. She wanted the Board to know that there may be cause to hire more help if the staff is also trying to put together another election on the heels of the November coordinated election.

As for Proposition 108, Ms. Lengel felt there would also be financial concerns, as the suggestion has been that all unaffiliated voters would either get both major party ballots automatically mailed to them, or they would get a cross party ballot that would have all major party candidates displayed on it. However, should the voter return both ballots, neither would count, as would be the case if the voter cross-voted (chose candidates from each party). Mr. King said he felt primaries were held for a reason and asked Ms. Lengel if she wanted the Board to pass such a resolution, as he had no problem with doing so. Ms. Lengel stated she would keep an eye on things and see if the propositions appeared that they would pass. If so, she may ask the Board to adopt a resolution taking a stand against them.

Mr. King stated he'd also heard an item on the news regarding the hacking of election systems in a couple of other states and asked Ms. Lengel if she had heard the same. Ms. Lengel had not, but said that many states do not have a statewide voting system such as Colorado has and felt that the state and Lincoln County have many measures in place to help with system security.

The commissioners approved the August payroll and several expense vouchers, and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on August 31, 2016.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Greg King, Chairman