

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for January 31, 2017

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Mickey Jaques, Lincoln County Landfill Manager, and Allen Chubbuck, Assistant Lincoln County Landfill Manager, to discuss various matters at the county landfill

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

11:00 Sue Kelly, Public Health Director, to present the agency's December, 2016, and January, 2017, reports; to present a contract for pharmacy services with Ben's Pharmacy; to present a Memorandum of Understanding between Kit Carson County and Lincoln County Public Health for Family Planning and WIC services; and to discuss the Intergovernmental Master Contract with the State of Colorado for Public Health for the next five (5) years

1. Approve the minutes from the January 30, 2017, meeting
2. Review the December, 2016, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Road and Bridge and Individual Road Districts
3. Review the December, 2016, reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool
4. Review the December, 2016, report from the County Sheriff and the December 31, 2016, fund ending balances from the County Treasurer
5. Review and act upon the Impact Assistance Grant Application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the tax year 2016
6. Review and act upon an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Lincoln County for Cooperative Wildfire Protection
7. Review and act upon a proposed Lease Agreement between the Town of Limon, Colorado, and Lincoln County for library space within the Limon Memorial Library
8. Review and act upon a request from the Colorado Department of Transportation for a speed study on Interstate 70 near the Limon, Colorado, interchange in Lincoln County
9. Review and act upon a recommendation from the Lincoln County Fair Board to award a contract to Razors Edge Livestock, L.L.C., for stock and services for the 2017 Lincoln County Fair rodeo
10. Review and act upon proposed Resolution Number 940; Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Development, Construction, and Installation of Solar Energy Facilities
11. Review and sign Designation of Representative to the County Health Pool certificate
12. Discuss capital equipment needs for Road District 2
13. County Commissioner reports
14. County Attorney's report
15. County Administrator's report
16. Old business
17. New business
18. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2017. The following attended: Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed Schiffers and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Gary Ensign, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

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

Landfill managers Mick Jaques and Allen Chubbuck met with the commissioners, at the Board's request, to discuss the path forward due to the compliance consent form filed by CDPHE, as well as other issues. Mr. Burgess stated that he felt the county is getting too many wind tower blades at the landfill and there is no way to break them up, even if they are cut into the required three foot pieces. Mick said Rob Fager brought four roll-offs last month alone, so all they've been able to do is push them aside. Equipment has been damaged by trying to break them up. Mr. Burgess asked if bringing a dozer in would help. Mick said he didn't think it would work, but they could try it. He added that they are about a week behind now because not only has it been windy, which fills the fences with trash, but the loader broke down and it took six days to fix it. The commissioners told him to have Carl Tudor come in more to help them out; Mick said he'd already called him several times.

As for the Compliance Order from CDPHE, the group agreed that they need to be diligent in keeping up with the state regulations as they cannot afford to have further problems arise from surprise inspections. Training is required of both Mick and Allen who would like to attend it together, if at all possible. Mick said he doesn't fly but if Allen were to go with him, he wouldn't mind attending the training in Reno, although he'd prefer to go to Gunnison if they have one. The training must be completed by January of 2018. Mr. Ensign said the one in Reno is scheduled for March 27-30, and if there is training in Gunnison it will be in April. If the county is a member of SWANA, the registration fee is \$959 per person rather than \$1,259. Mr. Ensign added that total cost to send both employees to Reno would be around \$5,000.

Mr. Stone asked Mick if he felt they need more office help, such as a part-time secretary, to complete some of the paperwork required by CDPHE. Mr. Ensign added that a computer will be a necessity, especially if they are to keep their pictures in electronic format and files, and County Treasurer Jim Covington may have one available soon. The quarterly trash report must be filed online now, as well as the annual tire acceptance report. A computer will also enable them to communicate with other county departments through email. Mr. Ensign went on to say that it would probably also be in the county's best interest to become a member of SWANA, not only to save the money on training but to receive periodic updates. Mr. Burgess commented that Morgan Community College in Limon has night computer classes that Mick and/or Allen may want to take if they are interested. Mr. Stone emphasized that documentation is now the key and the employees must document everything specified by the state. Mr. Burgess added that the daily journals also must be completed and could be done on the computer as well.

Conversation turned back to disposal of the wind tower blades. Mr. Ensign stated that since the county chose to build the towers, they've also inherited the problem of what to do with the recycling of the blades. Mick said he'd told Rob Fager that he wouldn't accept them anymore if they come in larger than the agreed three foot squares. He's had problems with that, as well as mixed loads of trash recently. As a matter of fact, he said he'd told Allen the previous day to charge Mr. Fager \$400 for a mixed load or to refuse it. He added they simply don't have the time to sort the loads when they are currently so far behind. Mr. Burgess said the only alternative would be to hire someone to cut up the blades and then send the bill to Mr. Fager. He suggested that Mick let him know, and if a verbal warning doesn't work, the county will send him a letter. Mr. Schiffers commented that they really need to come up with a way to dispose of the blades as they will most likely be getting a lot more.

Mick and Allen left and Mr. Schiffers asked for a correction to the minutes from the meeting held on January 30, 2017. The minutes were corrected to add, "...so Mr. Johnson should take a more economical vehicle on longer trips."

Human Services Director Patricia Phillips arrived at that time for her 10:00 a.m. appointment to present the monthly report for her department. She provided financial reports and employee time sheets, as well as the Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, and director's monthly reports. Mr. Burgess asked why some caseworkers have a greater caseload than others and was told that the cases are often ongoing. Assessments and referrals come in that the caseworkers have to follow up with; some turn into cases, some do not. The numbers are uneven because the on call person may take the report but the assessments are assigned on a rotation basis. They also try to keep the caseworker who took the assessment on the case if it turns into one.

Mr. Burgess wanted to know if DHS is using hospital clinicians more than Centennial Mental Health providers, and Ms. Phillips said they are. The problem is with Medicaid since the hospital still doesn't have that capability. She added that they have a lot of clients on Medicaid, but Centennial knows that DHS is going to use them as little as possible. They can transfer the funding that would have gone to CMH to other providers, except for SIGNAL, which is the substance abuse provider.

Ms. Phillips informed the Board that Routt County has requested a CCCAP transfer because their allocation is almost gone. If Lincoln County continues on the same path as it currently is, Ms. Phillips said they should have a \$30,000 overage at a minimum. If she were to give Routt County \$25,000, Lincoln County wouldn't have to pay the 20% match on the county share. The Board agreed to allow the transfer as long as Ms. Phillips felt she wouldn't need the funding in Lincoln County.

Ms. Phillips' last item of business was the TEFAP program and the rent charged to them to use the fairgrounds. The commodities program was once run by DHS, but apparently it became too much for the department, and a past director discontinued the program. Ms. Phillips asked why they were charged a monthly fee of \$100 to use the fairgrounds when the program is doing so much to help the community. She added that DHS paid six months of the fee last year,

but she didn't feel it made sense for a county agency to be paying the county to use a county facility. When she asked Mr. Ensign, he told her that county policy is that anyone other than the county pays a fee, even if it is a non-profit organization. Ms. Phillips said she would like to continue paying the rent through TANF funds if the commissioners agree, which they did. Mr. Ensign told her to have John Palmer continue to bill TEFAP for the monthly fee since it is a non-profit organization. TEFAP can then submit the bill to DHS for payment.

Ms. Phillips also stated that some of the DHS employees would like to volunteer to help with the program each month. Mr. Kimble asked if they would be covered under the county's insurance if something should happen to them and they were not on county time. If they are helping with the program as part of their DHS duties, they would be covered under the county's Workers' Comp insurance; if they are truly volunteering and taking vacation or comp time from their duties, they would not be. Mr. Burgess felt the employees should take vacation or comp time but Mr. Stone disagreed, particularly since helping the hungry is in direct relation to Human Services responsibilities. Mr. Schifferns said he would be worried about injury if the employee were actually "volunteering" and felt it may set a precedent for other county employees who may want to volunteer on county time. Mr. Kimble said there are statutory leave times that are allowable, such as for military or jury duty obligations, but he was unaware of anything else.

The Board agreed that they would allow DHS employees to help with the TEFAP program as part of their regular job duties for six months. They will readdress it later to see how it is working out. Mr. Schifferns said he didn't want the entire staff to be out there leaving no one in the office, and Ms. Phillips said she would allow no more than two employees at a time to go and help.

At 11:00 a.m., Public Health Director Sue Kelly met with the Board to discuss several items. First, she asked that the commissioners approve the master public health contract, which is signed every five years and will run from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022. Mr. Kimble has reviewed it and found it to be in order. There is no money attached to the contract; funding is attached to the task orders for each individual program. Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the Master Contract for Public Health for the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Kelly also asked that the Board approve the agreement with Kit Carson County Health and Human Services for them to cover Family Planning and WIC in Lincoln County for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. The total amount for the agreement is \$22,854.40; no increase from 2016. Ms. Kelly said there was a bit of a problem with the billing for 2016; as a matter of fact, she just received a bill for the entire year. She said the commissioners could certainly refuse to pay it or a portion of it, but the services were provided in Lincoln County in 2016. The Board agreed they could not withhold payment but told Ms. Kelly to let them know that if they billed that way again, the county would not pay.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the Kit Carson County and Lincoln County Public Health Service Agreement: Family Planning and WIC for the period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, Ms. Kelly stated that she had spoken to the Board about the pharmacy licenses and Automated Dispensing Units last summer, but for the benefit of Mr. Burgess, she explained it again. Lincoln County Public Health has two pharmacy licenses: one that allows Family Planning clinics to provide contraceptive management and other health services to their patients (for one to twelve months at a time); the other to provide medications (up to a three-day supply) to the more remote areas served by Lincoln Community Hospital, particularly those areas with no pharmacy. Colorado Board of Pharmacy regulations only allow hospital-based services to dispense a 24-hour supply of medications.

When Family Planning services were initiated in Lincoln County in the late 1990's by the Kit Carson County Department of Health and Human Services, it was necessary to get a different type of pharmacy license to allow for contraceptive management. Ms. Kelly said this is called an "Other Outlet Pharmacy" license, or OOP. The OOP was obtained by Kit Carson County through Lincoln County Public Health (LCPH) to meet the proper jurisdiction requirements of the Pharmacy Board. LCPH was involved in name only, as Kit Carson County assumed all responsibility for renewing the license and meeting all the requirements of working under the license. The Supervising Pharmacist for Lincoln County's OOP is currently Ben Ferree and was originally Bruce Hoffman. Upon review of Family Planning (FP) clinic pharmacy procedures, the consulting pharmacist recommended a change in how the FP clinics were set up in 2016. Included in this revision was the FP clinic run in Flagler. Although Flagler is in Kit Carson County, the administrative body in charge is Lincoln Community Hospital, located in Lincoln County, hence falling under LCPH license. Therefore, there are three FP clinics currently operating under the LCPH OOP license (Flagler Clinic, Gordon Clinic in Hugo, and Limon Family Practice). LCPH has recently assumed fiscal responsibility for licensing.

In 2016, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury approached Ben Ferree to help find a way to provide medications to the more remote areas served by LCH, especially those areas that had no pharmacy. A solution was proposed by the consulting pharmacist and approved by the medical staff at LCH, the Colorado Pharmacy Board, and the Director of Lincoln County Public Health. The solution allows the health care provider in the Flagler Clinic (separate from the Family Planning clinic) and the ER provider at LCH to dispense up to a three-day supply of medication to a patient being seen in that facility. This provides both convenience and earlier treatment for the patients who choose the option. This solution required the acquisition of a second OOP License by LCPH in order to meet the letter of the Pharmacy regulations.

After much planning, Ben Ferree purchased two Automated Dispensing Units (carts), and placed one in the ER at LCH and one at the Flagler Family Practice. Both are being leased to Lincoln County Public Health for a nominal fee (\$1 annually), in order to meet the requirements of the Pharmacy Board. The medications in the carts are also owned by LCPH, per an agreement with Ben's Family Pharmacy. Both carts fall under the purview of LCPH's OOP

license because of the location of LCH and the consulting pharmacist. The purpose of the carts is to allow the practicing health care providers to dispense up to a three-day supply of a limited number/type of medication. There are no controlled substances involved in the carts, and all liability for the carts and their contents has been assumed by Ben's Family Pharmacy, per the agreement with LCPH. Ms. Kelly stated that the procedure has been thoroughly reviewed and vetted by the Colorado Board of Pharmacy as of December 14, 2016.

Mr. Kimble asked how Mr. Ferree became the dispensing pharmacist and Ms. Kelly said that Ryan Smithburg was asked when Bruce Hoffman sold Hoffman Drug, but Mr. Smithburg didn't want the designation. Since Mr. Ferree had worked for Mr. Hoffman, he remained designated as the dispensing pharmacist. Mr. Kimble stated that he'd reviewed the contractual agreement and equipment lease that Ms. Kelly presented and had not seen any legal issues, although he did wonder what the county's insurance carrier would have to say.

Mr. Burgess was uncomfortable with signing a ten-year lease but Mr. Kimble pointed out that it does have a thirty-day termination clause.

Mr. Schifferns stated that he wants it known that the county isn't endorsing one pharmacy over another and that all residents have the same opportunities for obtaining their prescriptions.

Mr. Ensign asked if the Board would feel better getting the opinion of CTSI prior to signing the documents. Mr. Burgess made a motion to table the subject until they hear back from CTSI as to whether there is any liability to the county. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Kelly gave her monthly reports for December 2016 and January 2017, and then Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 30, 2017, as corrected. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

When the meeting reconvened after lunch, the Board reviewed the December 2016 Statements of Revenues and Expenditures for the County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, and Road & Bridge funds, as well as the individual road districts.

Also reviewed were the December 2016 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool, the December 2016 report from the County Sheriff, and the December 31, 2016, fund ending balances from the County Treasurer.

After reviewing the Impact Assistance Grant Application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the tax year 2016, Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the grant application. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Lincoln County for Cooperative Wildfire Protection, and Mr. Kimble commented that it was probably as good as it was going to get. Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the IGA, Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The commissioners reviewed a Lease Agreement between the town of Limon and Lincoln County for library space within the Limon Memorial Library. Mr. Ensign stated that both entities are responsible for their own property, and Mr. Kimble said he assumed the town board will approve the agreement at their meeting on February 2.

A request from the Colorado Department of Transportation for a speed study on Interstate 70 near the Limon interchange was reviewed, and Mr. Schiffers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Lincoln County Fair Board had made the recommendation that the commissioners award a contract to Razors Edge Livestock, LLC, for stock and services at the 2017 fair rodeo. The contract, in the amount of \$9,000, does include insurance provided by the company; whereas, McCloy Rodeo required the county pay an additional \$530.45 the previous year for insurance. Mr. Ensign also commented that the previous year's stock contract was considerably higher; \$13,530.45.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign a contract with Razors Edge Livestock, LLC, in the amount of \$9,000, for stock and services at the 2017 Lincoln County Fair rodeo. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to adopt a resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on the development, construction and installation of solar energy facilities. 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 January 31, 2017, there were present:

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| Douglas D. Stone, Chairman         | Present |
| Ed E. Schiffers, Vice Chairman     | Present |
| Steve Burgess, Commissioner        | Present |
| Stan Kimble, County Attorney       | Present |
| 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 NUMBER 940**

**A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES IN UNINCORPORATED**

**LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO, DIRECTING THE PROMPT INVESTIGATION OF THE BENEFITS AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES; AND DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES.**

**RESOLUTION #940** It was moved by Commissioner Burgess and seconded by Commissioner Schiffers to adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the "BOCC," has received inquiries concerning the possible construction, installation, and operation of solar energy or solar power facilities; and

**Whereas**, the construction, installation, and operation of solar energy or solar power facilities would be considered a special use under the Lincoln County Zoning Resolution; and

**Whereas**, the County has no current land use or business regulation governing the use of property for solar energy or solar power facilities; and

**Whereas**, since the County does not have any current regulations pertaining to the construction, installation, and operation of solar energy or solar power facilities, the County will suffer irreparable harm if a short, temporary moratorium on the construction, installation, and operation, of solar energy or solar power facilities is not imposed; and

**Whereas**, the imposition of a One Hundred Eighty (180) day moratorium on the possible regulated allowance of the construction, installation, and operation of solar energy or solar power facilities will allow the BOCC and County staff to investigate the solar energy industry as it relates to both small scale and large scale solar energy or solar power facilities in an agricultural setting; and

**Whereas**, the duration of the moratorium imposed is reasonable in length and is no longer than is required for the County to properly investigate, develop, and, if appropriate, adopt and implement any regulations deemed necessary with respect to the development, construction, installation, and operation of solar energy or solar power facilities; and

**Whereas**, landowners desiring to lease real property for use as a solar energy or solar power facility, and developers desiring to lease real property and construct, install, or operate solar energy or solar power facilities, will not be unfairly prejudiced by the imposition of the short, temporary moratorium imposed by this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO:**

**Section 1. Imposition of a Temporary Moratorium on the development, construction, installation, operation, and use of solar energy or solar power facilities.** Upon the adoption of

this Resolution, a moratorium is imposed upon the proposed use in any district presently enumerated by the Lincoln County Zoning Resolution for the submission, acceptance, processing and approval of all applications for permits and licenses by Lincoln County related to the development, construction, installation, operation or use of solar energy or solar power facilities within the County. The County staff is directed to prohibit any such land use and to refuse to accept for filing, and not to process or review, any such applications during the moratorium period.

**Section 2. Effective Dates of the Moratorium.** The moratorium imposed by this Resolution shall commence on the date of this Resolution, and shall expire One Hundred Eighty (180) days thereafter, unless sooner repealed.

**Section 3. Staff to Investigate and Prepare Proposed Regulations.** Before the expiration of the moratorium imposed by this ordinance, the County staff shall carefully review and investigate the aspects of the solar power industry, including obtaining expert opinions from experts in the field. Such investigations shall be completed promptly and with due diligence. If directed to do so by the BOCC, the County staff shall prepare appropriate regulations with respect to solar energy and solar power facilities for the consideration by the BOCC.

**Section 4. Police Power Finding.** The BOCC hereby finds, determines, and declares that this Resolution is necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity, and improve the order, comfort, and convenience of Lincoln County and the inhabitants thereof.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection or clause of this Resolution shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Burgess, Yes; Commissioner Schiffers, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners  
of Lincoln County

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Mr. Stone signed the Designation of Representative to the County Health Pool certificate, based on the appointments made on January 10, 2017.

Mr. Burgess then stated he wanted to discuss the fact that each road district was allotted \$200,000 for capital leases in the Capital Outlay line item of the 2017 Road & Bridge budget. Due to the purchase of two new road graders in District Two last year, he now has payments of \$149,000 a year for the next three years. He spoke with Honnen Equipment, who will extend the financing period to five or six years, but that will cost the county an additional \$32,000 in interest if he increases the period to six years. Mr. Burgess said he hated to commit to such a lengthy lease period when it would go beyond his term as a commissioner. He went on to say that District Two purchased four road graders in four years, which he feels creates a problem for the schedule of future equipment purchases. He thought they usually tried to wait until the graders have about 10,000 hours on them to trade them in, but one of the graders that was traded in had 7,600 hours on it and the other had 6,700. Mr. Burgess also said that Honnen will charge fifteen percent if they have to resell the graders, which would be around \$45,000. Mr. Burgess did not feel that was a feasible option at all. He did ask Cheyenne County if they were in need of a grader but they have no money. Logan County plans to replace thirteen of their graders, so they might be interested, but Mr. Burgess said he hadn't heard back from them yet. He did park one of the new graders and won't allow its use until he finds out if he can do something else with it. He asked the other commissioners for guidance as he needs to buy two new pickups now, which will cost \$26,056 each. He does have that left in his budget after the lease payments are made but wanted to know what to do if he needs other equipment in the course of the year. Mr. Ensign suggested taking the "wait and see" approach, and Mr. Stone said that if he has enough in his budget to purchase the pickups now, they can look at it further down the road if he ends up needing other equipment. Mr. Burgess said that they need to plan ahead for the future as there will be no money for other purchases if the district has to keep replacing two graders at the same time. Mr. Schifferns commented that it may be easier to sell one of the older graders than one of the new ones.

Mr. Stone reported attending the fair board meeting on the evening of January 10. They discussed the rodeo contract as well as the new fair building, although nothing was decided regarding the building. He checked roads with Rick Ashcraft on January 13, and then he talked to Rick again on January 16 after they got a heavy snow. He checked on the oiled roads, and then school ended up being cancelled, so it wasn't as imperative that they get them plowed. School was delayed on January 17, and when he stopped at the county shop he learned that one of the road crewman had gotten the roads open in time for the bus to run. He checked roads on January 18 and also stopped at the county shop where they were doing inventory. They have quite a few oil filters that they no longer have a use for, so they plan to contact NAPA to see if they would be interested in buying them back. On January 20, Mr. Stone stopped by the shop and then he and Rick brought vouchers to Hugo. They also looked at the MACK and CAT trucks that District One has. He spoke with Rick on January 23 and was told the new truck would be in that week. He checked roads on January 24, talked to Rick about the truck again on the 25th, and checked roads southwest of State Road 71 on January 27.

Mr. Schifferns reported attending the fair board meeting on January 10 and the SE & EC Recycling meeting on January 18. They are working on a Facebook page and their website and are seeking grant money to purchase a new trailer. On January 20, Mr. Schifferns received a call from Rob Handley regarding the appointment to the RETAC board. He did tell Mr. Handley that he wanted Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury to attend today's meeting. He also got a call from Linda Orrell concerning the roundhouse on January 23. On January 25, he received a call from John Higgins regarding the land use board hearing concerning the solar regulations. He was told that they need expert advice regarding setbacks and other issues pertaining to solar energy. Kurt Fisher with the Denver Post called him on January 27 to ask how Energy Impact money is spent, and he checked roads south of Arriba on January 28. Mr. Fisher called the other commissioners as well.

Mr. Burgess reported taking the digital camera to the landfill after the meeting on January 10. He spoke with Mick and then checked roads in District Two. On January 11, he introduced the new foreman, Bruce Walters, to the road crew and then went to Denver for new commissioner orientation through January 12. On the Thirteenth, he called Honnen about the road grader, and on the Seventeenth he spoke with Bruce about trucks and tires. Wayne Brown also called him asking if the county has prairie dog abatement. He attended the Economic Development meeting on January 18, where they discussed affordable housing, and also spoke with Bob Safranek about possibly putting in a gravel pit north of the Gaede pit. On January 20, Mr. Burgess went to Denver to discuss the road graders with Honnen Equipment and picked up parts for Chris Monks on his way back. Dave Stone called him that day about the RETAC appointment. He also received a call from Linda Orrell about the roundhouse on January 23, and then spoke with Bruce and toured roads. He talked to Kurt and John Thompson about parking District Two road graders at someone's place instead of driving them all the way back to the shop each evening. Mr. Stone said that is what they do in District Three as long as the grader is parked in someone's yard where vandalism is less of a factor. Mr. Burgess spoke with Jim Covington about a computer for the landfill on January 24 and then spoke with Jeff Coonts about gravel pits. John Higgins called him on January 25, and he also looked at gravel pits with Mr. Coonts that day. He attended CCI steering committee meetings on January 27.

Mr. Kimble reported that he needs to read the CodeRED contract as well as information Mr. Ensign sent him regarding the financial transaction of the Limon clinic.

Mr. Ensign had nothing to report and there was no old business. Mr. Burgess stated that he'd been asked about a light out in front of the courthouse because it is hard to see who may be coming in the front doors. Mr. Ensign said the issue had been taken care of already.

The commissioners approved additional expense vouchers for the month of January 2017, and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2017.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Doug Stone, Chairman