

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for August 24, 2017

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Interview an applicant for the position of Administrative Assistant to the County Administrator

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1. Approve the minutes from the August 17, 2017, meeting
2. Update on the status of the trash compactor at the Lincoln County Landfill
3. Old business
4. New business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 24, 2017, for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the administrative assistant to the County Administrator. Those attending were: Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed Schifferns and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Gary Ensign, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the first applicant was interviewed.

Before the next interviewee arrived, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2017, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., the second applicant was interviewed, and at the conclusion of that interview, the Board discussed the status of the trash compactor at the landfill. Mr. Burgess clarified that the rear differential had gone out, and he had obtained a quote in the amount of \$161,500 from Wagner Equipment for a 2009 CAT compactor with 12,000 hours on it. The Board discussed that the current compactor only has 7,000 hours on it, so it would probably be best to fix it instead of buying something else. Mr. Burgess said that he'd spoken with Kurt at Wagner who told him fixing it may cost as much as \$70,000. Still, it would be cheaper than the other option.

At 10:00 a.m., the third applicant was interviewed for the administrative assistant to the County Administrator position.

Once the interviewee left, the group discussed the applicants and the excellent interviews given. Mr. Burgess made a motion to offer the job of administrative assistant to the County Administrator position to Jacob Piper at a salary of \$3,040 per month, with the expectation that he will transition into the administrator position when Mr. Ensign retires. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Discussion returned to the trash compactor, and Mr. Burgess asked if they should contact John Rowe with Wagner Equipment to see if they could possibly rent a compactor in the interim if they are going to have the current compactor fixed. Mr. Stone felt they should call and see how long it would take to fix it, as it may not be necessary to rent something if it isn't going to take very long for repairs. A call was placed to Kurt with Wagner Equipment, but there was no answer. Mr. Burgess left a voicemail.

There was no old business, but Mr. Burgess asked for guidance regarding a request he'd had to spray magnesium chloride on a county road to keep the dust down. The resident informed him that it had been done the past couple of years and wanted to know when it might be done again. Mr. Burgess had been asked by other residents as well and figured it would cost around \$4,000 to spray the material on the roads. Mr. Schifferns asked if that money would come out of his budget, and Mr. Burgess said it would and that apparently it had been done prior to his taking office. Mr. Stone said that he uses crushed asphalt on one of the roads in his district to keep the dust down, which also works quite well. Mr. Burgess felt that continuing the practice

would be too costly and set a precedence. He added that they could certainly use the water truck and wet the roads down if the crew happens to be working in the area, but otherwise, he wouldn't do it.

Mr. Schifferns stated that he'd had a call from Curt Dutro who wanted to know if the district would consider replacing two three-foot culverts with one six foot culvert on County Hwy 63, approximately three-to-four miles south of Arriba and north of the correction line. He leases pastureland from Dan Crouch and would like to run cattle through the culvert from one pasture to another. Mr. Schifferns said that Mr. Dutro told him Mr. Crouch would be willing to pay for half of the culvert. The Board agreed it would not be a problem, and Mr. Stone told Mr. Schifferns to have Chris Monks contact Rick Ashcraft, as he thought District Three may have some used six foot culverts that he might be able to use.

Mr. Burgess had seen an ad in the Mile Saver Shopper for a 1996 Chevy truck for sale by bid. The truck is an old firetruck and has 15,287 miles on it. He asked if they should put in a bid for it and use it at the landfill to pull the "green machine" if they win the bid. Mr. Ensign will put in the agreed-upon bid.

Mr. Stone stated that he'd had a call from Heike Petersen and Richard Johnson with Public Health, stating they really need an interim director. They were also unaware of a \$10,000 Scope of Work for the Assistant Planning Process grant that had gone to the hospital instead of to Public Health. Mr. Stone asked the other board members if they would like to have Anne-Marie Braga with CDPHE come out and visit with them about the department and overall situation. He was under the impression that they needed to call Ms. Braga to accept the grant monies, but Mr. Ensign said there is actually a form that needs to be signed, so he will take care of it. He added that he'd also read an email wherein the suggestion was made that the \$10,000 could be used to hire Sue Kelly to complete the CHAPS work.

The group agreed that something needed to be done with the department as soon as possible, and Mr. Burgess asked if Kevin Stansbury had indicated if the hospital would have a proposal for the Board to review at one of their meetings next week. Mr. Ensign tried calling Mr. Stansbury but could not get in touch with him, so Mr. Burgess sent him a text message.

Mr. Stone had also received a phone call from a county resident who was concerned with the appearance of the Esch place, as it has become very unkempt. Mr. Stone told the complainant that even though the county has a nuisance ordinance, there is really nothing the commissioners can do if the same party owns all the surrounding property and none of the trash is blowing onto adjacent properties.

As there had been no response from Kurt at Wagner Equipment, Mr. Burgess placed a call to John Rowe to ask him about the compactor. He, too, was unavailable.

Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury called at that time to discuss the future of Public Health. He felt they would have a proposal ready, and Mr. Ensign scheduled him to meet

with the Board at 11:00 a.m. on August 30. Mr. Stansbury said that nothing had really changed from their original proposal and that they had determined it would be best to have all Public Health employees become hospital employees. The intention is to supplement those employees' annual income to equal the county's salary/benefit package. Mr. Burgess said they could discuss it on the Thirtieth.

Mr. Ensign presented requests for county credit cards for two county employees; Tim Hilferty and John Palmer, both with a limit of \$1,500. He stated that Mr. Hilferty will need to attend a week of driver examiner training in Denver next month, and Mr. Palmer will begin booking hotel rooms for fair. He will also take over the contracts for the stock contractor and any type of entertainment, such as Gravity Play. Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve county credit cards with \$1,500 limits for Tim Hilferty and John Palmer. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

John Rowe with Wagner Equipment called back to discuss the compactor, stating that they don't normally rent used equipment, but they may be able to do something since the county is in a bind. He added that he felt the commissioners had made the right decision in fixing the current compactor. Mr. Stone said they wouldn't need to rent or lease anything if Mr. Rowe could find out how long it would take to fix it. Mr. Burgess added that if it requires all new parts instead of used parts, then that is what they would do. Mr. Rowe said he would find out what he could about repairs and get back to them.

Mr. Ensign provided the certification of values from the County Assessor, stating that it shows a decrease in assessed value of \$7,821,617, which computes to an approximate loss of tax revenue of \$371,000 across all funds.

Ms. Lengel informed the group that the county payroll system will no longer be supported as of November 1, so a system upgrade will be done to convert it to the 2018 version prior to October 31. Approximate cost for the installation and configuration is \$3,500 and does not include the new server, which James Martin is in the process of replacing.

John Rowe called back at that time to say that he'd spoken with Kurt and they will have a mechanic at the landfill on Monday to pull the axle of the compactor. They will get it into the shop, disassemble it, and then get the problem diagnosed. He will send a new quote at that time, but felt it may cost between \$35,000 and \$40,000 to repair it, rather than the original quote of \$70,000. A call was placed to Landfill Manager Mick Jaques to let him know what they had found out.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on August 30, 2017.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman