

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for September 28, 2017

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to present the LCEDC monthly report

1. Approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017, meeting
2. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank Omaha
3. Review and sign a Memorandum of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data for the Lincoln County Sales and Use Tax and the Lincoln County Lodging Tax
4. Review and act upon a request for a county credit card for Administrative Assistant Jacob Piper
5. Discussion of various landfill matters, including, but not limited to equipment status, cell cover material and proposed use fee rate structure for 2018
6. Distribute the Independent Auditor's Report for year 2016
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 28, 2017. The following attended: Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed Schiffers and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Gary Ensign, Administrative Assistant Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Will Bublitz with the Limon Leader and Eastern Colorado Plainsman attended until 11:00 a.m., and Gary Lewman and Dave Smith were in attendance for Troy McCue's appointment.

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Piper to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Troy McCue and Vista Volunteer James Russell met with the Board at 9:00 a.m. to present the monthly report. Mr. McCue updated the commissioners on business retention visits for the month and also invited them to the Microtel groundbreaking on October 18. Mr. Burgess told him that he hoped he would find someone local for the part time consultant position when Mr. McCue said they had conducted a couple of interviews but were currently advertising for the position. There was also some discussion about sharing the person with Prowers County, but Mr. Burgess said he was not in favor of that at all, based on how many miles the person would have to travel. Mr. McCue also reported that he had a conference call scheduled later in the day with the first potential Foreign Trade Zone user, and then provided his 2018 budget request.

James Russell said they had a very productive strategic planning process workshop with the town of Hugo and asked to meet with the commissioners individually to discuss their goals and ideas regarding the plan. He will continue to gather data for the remainder of the year, and then put together a document in his last three months as the Vista Volunteer in Lincoln County.

Mr. Burgess stated that there is a new housing project in Stratton designed to create affordable housing for agricultural workers, and Mr. McCue said that it is a USDA-backed project. He added that he would do some research on it. He had also spoken to Valarie Rhodes with Morgan Community College, and she would like to tour the CDOT facility if possible. Mr. Burgess said he would see what he could do.

Lastly, Mr. McCue stated that the town of Limon is looking at the possibility of placing a one-and-a-half percent sales tax increase issue on the April 2018 ballot.

Mr. Russell asked the Board if they had any questions he could bring up with CDOT. Mr. Burgess mentioned the traffic volume on State Road 71, and Mr. Schiffers said he'd like to know the number of people who stop in Limon, as well as a statistic of how many county residents are over the age of 65. Mr. Russell said that much of the traffic information is in the Hugo hotel feasibility study and he would forward it to the commissioners.

The group discussed the acute workforce issues, Mr. Burgess stating that many local businesses have cut employees' hours in order to avoid providing benefits.

When Mr. McCue was finished, Gary Lewman thanked the Board for the concerts in Limon over the July 4th weekend, stating that people need to get used to the idea of doing things differently. He added that since the county had adopted the solar regulations, it would be a good idea to go back to other county regulations and make sure that one is not favoring another. There may be some need for additional clean-up.

Once the others had gone, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 18, 2017. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha and a Memorandum of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data for the Lincoln County Sales and Use Tax and the Lincoln County Lodging Tax. Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the MOU, and Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve a county credit card with a \$2,000 limit for Administrative Assistant Jacob Piper. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

As for various landfill matters, Mr. Burgess said that they need to decide what will be done with Cell 3. There was some misunderstanding as to whether they could dig a new pit or if the new cell needs to be placed aboveground. There are approximately two years left on the current cell before it is full, and if they are allowed to dig another pit, it will take time to do so. Mr. Ensign said that Mark McMullen is putting everything together in the EDOP, but they could possibly give him a call tomorrow. Mr. Stone asked where they would get the dirt to cover Cell 2 if they cannot dig a new pit, as he felt the smartest thing to do would be to dig the new cell right next to the old one, as had been done in the past. The group decided there was nothing they could do until they spoke with Mr. McMullen.

Mr. Burgess said they are still waiting on the parts for the compactor and that John Rowe never got back to him regarding a rental. They are currently using the loader for compaction, which is working for now, but there has been no indication of when the compactor will be fixed.

As for the old truck that was used to pull the "green machine," Mr. Burgess felt it was a waste of money to try and continue to fix it. The mechanic couldn't get it to start, and Mr. Burgess had problems with the clutch when he tried to run it. He added that Chris Monks still believes it can be fixed, but he disagrees. There is a truck being sold at auction in Calhan, and he would like permission to try and bid on it. A call was placed to Chris Monks to ask him to come and discuss the truck.

Meanwhile, the Board discussed the proposed changes in the landfill rates. Mr. Ensign said that Mick Jaques was given the fee schedule, and he had made a couple of adjustments.

Chris Monks arrived at that time, so discussion returned to the likelihood of repairing the truck. He stated that all it really needs is a new fuel pump, which should cost around \$200. He felt it had run fine otherwise when they had it at the county shop. Mr. Stone said they had no idea if the truck being sold at auction had even worse problems, and Mr. Monks commented that it could bring anywhere from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Stone and Mr. Schifferns both felt that they should try to fix the old truck for a couple of hundred dollars before buying something else.

Mr. Schifferns informed the group that "Mortensen Construction" and "55 mph" speed limit signs have been put up on County Hwy 63 south of the old Tarado Mansion for the Rush Creek II wind tower traffic.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to adopt the revised county landfill rates, effective January 1, 2018. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ensign provided copies of the Independent Auditor's Report for 2016, stating that Ronny Farmer said the deadline to submit the financial statements to the state auditor was September 30. Mr. Piper emailed them earlier this morning.

Mr. Stone called for old business, and Mr. Burgess said that Dave Stone would like to be taken off of the Arkansas Interbasin Compact Roundtable as he doesn't feel he is devoting adequate time to it. The commissioners discussed who made the appointment and that the appointee should be someone from a municipality.

John Mohan was asked to come in and discuss the purchase of a 42" snow blower that Justin Jackson is selling for \$1,500. It would attach to the county mower, but Mr. Mohan said that he was told he may have to build some sort of adapter for it. The commissioners were worried that the snow blower may not be as wide as the tires on the mower, so Mr. Mohan went out to measure. When he returned, he said that the mower tires measured 48", which wouldn't work. Mr. Ensign told him to check online for a new snow blower and put together a proposal for the Board.

There was no new business, so the commissioners approved the September 2017 payroll and numerous expense vouchers for the month. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2017.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman