

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

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

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1. Approve the minutes from the July 18, 2017, meeting
2. Review and act upon the 2nd quarter, 2017, Discharge Monitoring Reports for the county landfill
3. Review and act upon a request from the county auditor for an extension of time to file the 2016 annual county audit with the Office of the State Auditor
4. Old business
5. New business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on July 24, 2017, to interview three applicants for the County Administrator position. 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 asked Mr. Schifferns to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. County Treasurer Jim Covington also attended the interviews.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board interviewed Joe Brewer for the position of County Administrator, followed by an interview with Marla Rice at 9:30 a.m., and an interview with Megan Waite at 10:00 a.m.

When all interviews were complete, the group discussed the applicants and possible alternatives to an issue regarding the workload the County Administrator is tasked with. Past discussions were brought up in which the Board had considered hiring an assistant to the administrator, who may possibly be able to transition into the position at a later date. Mr. Ensign stated that his situation has changed a little, affording him the opportunity to remain with the county part time, at least until the end of the year, if the commissioners wanted to explore that option further and hire a deputy administrator. The Board agreed to table any further discussion until their next meeting on July 28, at which time Mr. Ensign will have an ad and job description for an assistant or deputy administrator prepared for the Board's approval.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 18, 2017, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the 2nd quarter 2017 Discharge Monitoring Reports for the county landfill. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request for an extension of time to file the 2016 annual county audit with the Office of the State Auditor from county auditor Ronny Farmer. In an email from Mr. Farmer, he asked Mr. Ensign to write the pension plan administrator and ask them if the county's retirement plan is a defined benefit plan or a defined contribution plan, as he had two out of three points that indicate it is a defined contribution plan. The GASB standards specify that all three items must be met. If the plan is a defined benefit plan, then additional costs can be quite high due to the actuarial study that would need to be done and all the additional audit work that Mr. Farmer would be required to do. Mr. Ensign stated he had contacted the pension plan administrator and asked him to communicate directly with Mr. Farmer.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the sixty day extension request to file the 2016 audit with the Office of the State Auditor from Ronny Farmer. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

Mr. Ensign provided follow-up on the design plan for the courthouse complex parking lot from GMS, Inc., Consulting Engineers.

Mr. Burgess stated he'd received phone calls from three land use board members regarding the setbacks on solar energy farms and impending county regulations. Mr. Burgess added that he feels the regulations need to specify that each prospective landowner should be able to negotiate their own setbacks, but that there should be a minimum of five hundred feet. Mr. Stone stated that he, too, had received phone calls from land board members who continue to ask why the county has a land use board if the commissioners do not listen to their recommendations. Mr. Stone told one member that the land board doesn't hear the opposition that the commissioners hear from the public, so they have to base their decisions on all information they get, not just the information from the land use board.

Ms. Lengel asked if the commissioners planned to allow county offices to close at noon on Friday, August 11, in order for employees to attend the county fair, as they have done in the past. The Board agreed that county offices would close at noon on August 11.

Mr. Burgess stated he plans to close County Road 109 from County Road 3X to County Road 4B the week of August 14 through August 18 in order to replace a bridge.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on July 28, 2017.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman