

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for April 27, 2018

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Richard Johnson, Public Health Director, and Ken Stroud, Emergency Manager to present monthly reports

10:00 The Country Living Learning Center to discuss the possibility of Lincoln County doing dirt and/or foundation work for a new child care center

11:00 Ray Rowen to discuss Mineral Estate matters

1. Approve the minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting
2. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha
3. Review and act upon proposed Amended Resolution #684; A Resolution defining the rules and regulations for beer gardens within Lincoln County
4. Review and act upon an Application for a Special Events Permit from the Hugo Improvement Partnership for the Colorado Prairie Music Festival
5. Review and act upon an application form for charging at the Lincoln County Landfill from Prosper Farms LLC
6. Discuss appointment to represent Lincoln County on the Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled Board
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 April 27, 2018. The following attended: Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed Schifferns and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Jacob Piper, Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman and Limon Leader.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order as the Lincoln County Board of Public Health and asked Emergency Manager Ken Stroud to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Health Director Richard Johnson and Gary Lewman were also in attendance.

Mr. Johnson then gave the Public Health Department report for activities completed in March and April. He stated the department might not get the STEPP (tobacco) grant funding since he requested less than the \$38,000 grant award amount. Mr. Johnson sent an email to CDPHE Tobacco Program Manager Natalya Verscheure asking several questions regarding her decision to place a hold on Lincoln County and pull back the Task Order contract, which is due on May 8. He had not heard back from her yet.

Mr. Johnson went on to report that the nurse that has shadowed Heike Petersen has expressed interest in working for public health, so he hoped she would be starting at the end of May. If all goes well, she will begin working full time on July 1.

Mr. Stone asked if Mr. Johnson is taking all of the classes that he is required to take. He responded that he has completed as many as he can, and there are a couple more coming up in June and July. There is another class in September that he felt would be better suited for the new nurse, even though Anne-Marie Braga said he would need to take it eventually. Mr. Johnson just didn't want two people out of the office at the same time.

Mr. Johnson provided a proposal from the Northeast Healthcare Coalition regarding a project known as Alternate Care Site Communications and LTC Site Communications Support. The coalition has a lot of money to spend by June 30, so Mr. Johnson talked with Darcy Janssen, who thought it would be a good project for both Cheyenne and Kit Carson counties as well. Each county would receive \$16,000 to assist the hospitals in all three counties with an emergency communication system located within an Alternate Care Facility. The project would also provide handheld radios for the nine Long Term Care facilities that do not have any emergency radio communication in place. All expenditures are funded through a reimbursement process, so the county would have to pay the proposed \$47,921.65 up front. Mr. Johnson had spoken with Mr. Piper who told him an option was to pay the invoice from the Capital Projects "not specifically identified" line item, and then deposit the reimbursement back into the General Fund.

Mr. Schifferns asked if they had to buy all new equipment or if they could use refurbished radios. Mr. Johnson said those listed on the proposal are not the latest models but would be up-to-date. They chose those because they are similar to what each of the three counties currently uses. Mr. Stroud put in that he has found throughout his career that refurbished items generally are not worth buying, and added that Cheyenne County pages with VHF while

Kit Carson County uses UHF. This project would be functional everywhere and would allow the different agencies to assist each other. It also helps with several of the required EM deliverables.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to authorize Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stroud to proceed with the NE Regional HCC Activity proposal and to expend approximately \$48,000 from the Capital Projects funds. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Johnson to come in monthly instead of every two months to give his report and adjourned the meeting as the Board of Public Health.

Mr. Stroud discussed the recent fires; the 94 fire and the Edison fire, and fuel repayment requests. Farm Gas donated quite a bit of fuel but would also like reimbursement of \$382.25. Owner Jim Capraro said he has no problem with responding to help in the instance of a fire, but he does have an issue with the various nozzles and apparatus. Maneuverability is also sometimes a problem. Mr. Stroud said he is working on some options and doing some brainstorming. Bob and Connie Webb also donated fuel from a personal tank, and the cost of that reimbursement is \$573.75.

Mr. Schifferns asked if they'd gotten a bill from Mortensen since they also helped during the fires, but Mr. Stroud hadn't received anything. He informed the Board that electrical lines blown into a tree by the wind caused the 94 fire, and the Edison fire started when the wind blew a power pole over. Mr. Schifferns asked if the electric company insurance carriers would have to pay any portion of the damage. Mr. Stroud responded that they are working on that and actually have a meeting scheduled for next week.

Mr. Stroud commented that the expectation for the OEM is to respond to the emergency and provide assistance. However, sometimes cell, radio, or WIFI service is not always available or of good quality on the scene, which makes it difficult to get information out to those who might need it. He felt Mrs. Janssen's input and background will help quite a bit with that issue.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Stroud left, and Mr. Stone asked Gary Lewman if he had questions for the commissioners before the next appointment. Mr. Lewman said he'd spoken with Limon Town Manager Dave Stone about the town's cleanup day, but Mr. Stone told him he was waiting for the county to choose a free landfill day. The Board let him know that the scheduled free day was May 12 with an alternate date of May 19. Mr. Lewman wanted the commissioners to adopt a resolution setting the free landfill day around Mother's Day every year. Mr. Burgess disagreed, stating that too many people would then save up their trash all year long. Mr. Lewman argued that it would be more efficient to have a set time and asked the Board to consider his proposition. He also had an issue with the lack of professionalism regarding the budget on the county's website and provided some information to the commissioners. Mr. Burgess commented that no one has ever come in during the county budget hearings to provide input of any kind.

At 10:00 a.m., Laura White, Emily Poss, and John Thelen with the Country Living Learning Center met with the Board to discuss the possibility of the county doing dirt and/or foundation work for a new child care center. Economic Development Executive Director Troy McCue also attended the meeting. Mrs. White stated the fundraising has been going better than expected, but they were told they should approach the county for some in-kind work, possibly the groundwork. Mr. Burgess said the commissioners had already discussed it and agreed they would help with the dirt work; however, the county does not put in foundations. Mrs. Poss explained that they have seven and a half lots, and Mrs. White added that the building is 4,500 square feet. It could be bigger, but the 90' x 52' building is what fits the budget right now. The commissioners discussed how much they felt it would cost the county and determined it would be somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Mr. Stone asked the group if they needed a letter from the commissioners, and Mrs. White gave Mr. Piper a pledge form. Since there was no monetary commitment at this time, the Board agreed they did not yet need a motion to approve the pledge. Mr. Stone asked if there is a timetable for completion of the project. The group applied for a \$250,000 grant from Temple-Buell, and they will submit another grant application to the Gates Foundation in October for the same amount. They hope to apply for other grants in between and plan to break ground yet this year.

Mr. Burgess suggested the Crystal Springs Foundation in Flagler, and Mr. McCue said the Colorado Health Foundation might also be a possibility. Mrs. Poss noted that they must construct the facility before many of the organizations, such as CHF and GOCO, would provide funding. They have checked with Xcel Energy, but they keep saying they are in the process of revising the way they give community support. Mr. Burgess recommended an Enterprise Zone as well, and Mr. McCue put in that they would have to obtain their license first, but since it is child care, they could apply for something similar to an Enterprise Zone where anyone who contributes would get a fifty percent tax credit rather than a twenty-five percent credit.

Mrs. Lengel neglected to send the Board the minutes of the April 18 meeting, so Mr. Stone tabled approval until April 30.

The Board reviewed the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha, and while doing so, Mr. Burgess stated that he received a new quote of \$70,000 from Mortec Industries for an 11' x 70' scale deck for the landfill. They also discussed taking more pictures at the landfill and speaking with Mark McMullen again. The commissioners also reviewed a preliminary bid proposal for the fairgrounds building, which will be submitted to the newspaper at a later date.

At 10:50 a.m., Ray Rowen met with the Board to discuss mineral estate matters. He has approximately fifteen acres in the E2 of Section 7, Township 11, Range 52 West on which the county owns the mineral rights. He asked the commissioners if they would be willing to sell the interest so that he can put the mineral rights back with the property. Mr. Burgess asked if someone is currently leasing the minerals, but no one is, and Mr. Rowen didn't know what they were worth. The Board agreed to look into it and let him know. Once he had gone, the Board

had LaRay Patton come over and talk to them about it. She suggested asking someone in the assessor's office and offered to go and check with them.

The Board reviewed proposed Amended Resolution #684 defining the rules and regulations for beer gardens on any county-owned property. They agreed to table further conversation until the April 30 meeting when Mr. Kimble would be there. They tabled the discussion of an application for a Special Events Permit from the Hugo Improvement Partnership for the Prairie Music Festival for the same reason.

The commissioners also reviewed an updated application to charge at the landfill from Prosper Farms, LLC. Although the plastic material for wrapping grain no longer appeared on the application, the commissioners had trouble with allowing "farm trash." The Board agreed to revise the application again to exclude any plastic material for wrapping grain or hay and that the landfill manager has the right to refuse any loads. Mr. Piper said he would update the application and return it to Prosper Farms for a signature.

The Board discussed an email from Heike Petersen who is resigning from the ECSDD board. She suggested Cindy Tacha as her replacement, so Mr. Piper called her, and Mrs. Tacha agreed to the appointment.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to appoint Cindy Tacha to the Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled board. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns reminded the others of his discussion with Raymond Enderson regarding the sections of property where the owners opted out of the Arriba fire district. He said they would need to remember that for Monday's hearing since he wouldn't be at the meeting. Mr. Piper put in that he'd received another request for exemption as well.

Mr. Piper said Gary Ensign called him and declined the position of membership on the E911 board. They will need to ask Ken Stroud if he has any other suggestions.

As for new business, Mr. Burgess said he has a credit of \$4,000 with CAT because of the grader trade-in. He asked Mr. Stone if he would take the credit and put \$4,000 toward the District Two mower purchase from his budget. Mr. Stone thought it would work.

Mr. Burgess also talked to Chris Monks who told him that if they wanted to buy MACK trucks for next year they should order now as delivery is nine or ten months out.

Mrs. Patton returned to inform the Board that the assessor's office didn't have much information on the going price of minerals since residents aren't required to report the sale price. They assess minerals at \$2 per acre, but the assessor believes that is too low. Mr. Stone commented that land is worth \$300-\$350 an acre. Mrs. Patton added that there is currently no oil activity in the area. She thought that Mr. Rowen wanted to lease to a solar energy company

but couldn't without owning 100% of the property and minerals. The commissioners thanked Mrs. Patton and agreed to ask Mr. Rowen for \$100 an acre, or \$1,500. Mr. Piper will let him know.

Mr. Piper said he'd been contacted by residents who would like the county to post some "Slow—Children Playing" or bus stop signs on County Road 109 south of Hugo.

While approving the April payroll and several expense vouchers, the commissioners received a phone call from Sheriff Tom Nestor who gave them information regarding a court order. The Board placed a call to County Attorney Stan Kimble to see if they needed to discuss the order further in executive session. Mr. Kimble said the issue is not necessarily a personnel problem, and the Board would be okay discussing it in open session, but it was up to them. He stated they have to enforce the court order and considered options for how to handle the scheduling.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on April 30, 2018.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman