

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for June 29, 2018

- 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
- 10:00 Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) for personnel matters regarding positions within the Department of Human Services
- 10:30 Patricia Phillips, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 11:00 Public Sale of County Owned Mineral Rights, located in Section Seven, Township Eleven South, Range Fifty-Two West of the 6th P.M. Lincoln County Colorado; pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-11-302
1. Approve the minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting
 2. County Commissioner reports
 3. County Attorney's report
 4. County Administrator's report
 5. Old business
 6. New business
 7. Approve additional payroll and expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 29, 2018. The following attended: Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed Schifferns and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Juliet Lundy with The Eastern Colorado Plainsman and Limon Leader attended as well.

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

Lincoln County Economic Development Executive Director Troy McCue met with the Board to present the monthly report, stating that his primary focus lately has been on housing, mainly in Hugo and Limon. James Russell, who is winding down his SBDC consultancy in July, attended the Opportunity Zones forum and asked several questions regarding housing issues. Mr. McCue explained what he could do about the Opportunity Zone fund, although he admitted he still has a lot to learn. Basically, EDC would set up an investor group that could receive funds for people who want to defer capital gains. The zone covers a designated census tract, chosen by the IRS, which is roughly an eleven-by-twenty mile rectangle in the county. Unfortunately, Mr. McCue said it excludes the county seat of Hugo as well as Arriba, Karval, and many other unincorporated portions of the county. The fund runs from 2019 through 2026, and Mr. McCue thought they could use it for housing opportunities.

Mr. McCue reported on other activities around the county and then stated that Black Hills Energy awarded a \$12,200 grant to Arriba to assist with firehouse expansion. With the \$30,000 from Cooper Clarke, another \$10,000 from the Co-op, and the local fire department match, Mr. McCue thought they would be well on their way to completing a good portion of their project. They want to add two bays onto the firehouse.

The company putting in the 60,000 square foot warehouse facility signed a contract on the property in Limon, and Mr. McCue said it would bring eight-to-ten well-paying jobs to the community.

The new VISTA Volunteer, James Dingwall, starts on July 31, and Mr. McCue said he found him a place to live in Limon. He reported on SBDC activities and then noted that Marlene Steele got the Lincoln Theater on the historical buildings list at one time, so they will have someone come out and complete an assessment of the building regarding improvements. Mr. McCue said they received a \$15,000 non-competitive grant from History Colorado to do that assessment. Mr. Burgess commented that upgrades should include restroom facilities for the disabled, but Mr. McCue said it would depend on what the historical study showed as to what they could do.

Mr. Stone asked about the lack of workforce for the new Micro-tel in Limon, and Mr. McCue said they have talked about that a lot. It's challenging to find locals to fill the jobs, particularly the cleaning jobs. He said it was disappointing that only six people showed up for the job fair when they had fifteen job openings at the hotel. Mr. McCue added that Superior Builders sold the home they had their office in and moved into the vacant area where My Mother's Footsteps was. They sold their old office to the Micro-tel investment group who will use it to provide housing for their employees.

Lastly, Mr. McCue said they need to do a targeted market study for both Hugo and Limon regarding housing. They also need to do a countywide housing assessment, but that one will take at least six months.

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Burgess made a motion to go into executive session, per 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) C.R.S., to discuss personnel matters regarding positions within the Department of Human Services. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Those remaining for the session were Mr. Stone, Mr. Schifferns, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Piper, Mr. Kimble, DHS Director Patricia Phillips, Andy Lorensen, Kelly Johnson, and Mrs. Lengel. The session was recorded, and the recording will remain on file in the Clerk's vault for the statutory ninety days.

After coming out of executive session, Mr. Burgess made a motion to allow Mrs. Phillips to advertise for one caseworker and to create a cost analysis on her other requests and present it to the Board. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Phillips stated that her caseworkers are earning a lot of administrative (comp) time and she doesn't really know what to do about it. They spend much of their time traveling for various reasons related to their casework and then still have to come back and do all the work required in the office. The Y-Time system automatically deletes their time if they reach the maximum number of hours allowed for sick or annual leave, but it doesn't track comp time in the same manner. Mr. Burgess said they would need to address it.

Mr. Burgess asked about the LEAP program now being handled through Goodwill, and Mrs. Phillips confirmed that DHS was no longer doing all of it. Applicants still turn their applications into DHS, but then the department turns them over to Goodwill who does the processing and remits the payments to wherever they need to go. Mrs. Phillips said they still handle emergency situations, such as if someone gets shut off, but they work with Goodwill and the client in those instances.

Mr. Stone commented that he is sure Colorado East has a LEAP program, and Mrs. Phillips said she'd check with them to see if it's the same type of thing that they do at DHS. Mr. Burgess asked if it was a state mandate that they go through Goodwill, but Mrs. Phillips responded that Goodwill offered to take it over, so most of the counties in the state have agreed to let them.

Mr. Burgess also asked about the Employment First program, and Mrs. Phillips explained that it's for able-bodied people on food stamps without dependents. They are required to do specific work-related tasks, so DHS determines what those are. Examples are turning in employment applications to several businesses, going to the Work Force Center, or having the person obtain their GED; whatever is keeping them from getting a job. They have even purchased clothing or paid for transportation or training. Mr. Burgess asked if the county had to give them work if they couldn't find anything, and Mrs. Phillips said that was true. Mr. Burgess wanted to know how it could ever be set up with a county budget, and Mrs. Phillips agreed that it was part of the problem. There isn't usually enough money given to DHS for how expensive the program is to operate, so anything over and above the allocation is county

dollars. She added that Lincoln County hadn't done it for several years as DHS has always opted out. This year they were told they couldn't opt out, but then later were informed through an email that they could. In that case, the state would have to run the program and contract with providers in the county, ultimately covering the cost. Mrs. Phillips commented that she felt they should continue to opt out and let the state find out how difficult it is to run that type of program in a small county.

The Board reviewed the financial reports, timesheets, and Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, and director's reports, and then Kelly Johnson asked what she should do about her extra comp time before she left the county. She told the commissioners she would stay on with DHS through September if that would be helpful to a new caseworker, but she does have quite a bit of comp time, as well as annual and sick leave to use. Mr. Piper stated that the county personnel policy dictates that employees should use comp time within thirty days of accrual or lose it. The commissioners agreed to discuss it further later on, and Mrs. Phillips said she would provide the requested cost analysis to them as soon as possible.

At 11:00 a.m., County Treasurer Jim Covington stopped in for the public sale of county-owned mineral rights located in Section Seven, Township Eleven South, Range Fifty-two West of the 6th P.M., pursuant to 30-11-302, C.R.S. No one else attended the sale. Mr. Covington read the legal notice posted in the newspaper, asked for bids, and hearing none concluded that ownership of the mineral rights would stay with the county. The cost of advertising was \$191.25.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 28, 2018, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns reported that he checked roads on June 20 and that the work on the bridge at Clifford is almost complete. There were reports of water running over the roads after the recent rain, so the road crew fixed those spots. The chipper broke down on June 27, so they didn't get to finish that project. Mr. Burgess said he'd talked with Chris Monks this morning and they had it fixed.

Mr. Burgess looked at the pipe on County Road 39 after the commissioner meeting on June 18. It appears to be a continuous sixty-foot section of six-inch pipe. They will try and take it out after harvest. Robert Rueb also called to tell him that KC Electric is responsible for the electricity at the fairgrounds up to the meter. The county is responsible for shutting it off, but KC can have someone there if they tell them when. On June 19, Mr. Burgess attended the Resources Unlimited meeting where he heard about the LEAP and Employment First programs and the low attendance at the Micro-tel job fair. He attended the Economic Development meeting on June 20. The air compressor in District Two caught fire, so he will pick one up in Kansas, as the cost for one from Witt Boys was over \$2,500. He can get a five-horse powered compressor in Kansas for \$1,385. The one that burned up is fifteen years old, and he didn't think it was economical to try and put a new motor in it. He had a report of rain causing water over the county roads on June 24 and got a call on June 26 about the landfill not taking trash

because of the rain and mud. He stopped at the landfill and talked to Mick Jaques about increasing the sides of the lifts. He added that they need to speak with Mark McMullen about finding an alternative cover other than dirt. They are still having problems with the MACK truck, so the shop mechanic took a look at it. Mr. Burgess attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new La Quinta Inn in Limon on June 27 and also had an employee resign. He received a positive comment from Mary Anderson the previous evening about Megan Mosher and the webpage she built. Mr. Burgess also said a resident stopped and apologized to Bruce Walters for a complaint he'd made and thanked the crew for the work they'd done on County Road 63. Lastly, Mr. Burgess said they would start chip-sealing north of Arriba on Monday.

Mr. Stone checked roads west of State Road 71 on June 20. They got rain on June 23 and 24 but it washed across oiled roads so didn't cause any damage. The District Three road crew chipped three miles of County Road 109 north and east of Karval on June 25, and then chip-sealed south on County Road 109 the next day. Mr. Stone attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new La Quinta Inn on June 27. The previous evening, he received a call asking where the dump truck was for trash. The caller contacted the sheriff's office, and they told him no one should be burning trash. Mr. Stone called the sheriff's office, and they told *him* that residents can now burn in barrels, so he called the person back to let them know that.

Mr. Kimble asked if the Board got his email and the proposed letter regarding a pile of trash on a property in south Limon. If the commissioners approved, he would send it to the property owner, Dale Cochran, which would give him the opportunity to clean up the place. The Board agreed that he should send the letter.

Mr. Piper reported that he made up a contract for Adrian McDaugale to work part-time at the fairgrounds so that he isn't paid overtime since he also works for Road & Bridge. Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the Employment Contract with Adrian McDaugale, and Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess asked if anyone knew if campgrounds or trailer parks such as KOA Campground pay the lodging tax as motels do. No one could answer the question.

The commissioners approved additional expense vouchers for June, and then with no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on July 6, 2018.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman