# Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County Agenda for January 17, 2019

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:00 Jobeth Mills, Public Health Director, to present the December, 2018 Public Health Agency's monthly report
- 9:30 Fred Lundy, Land Use Administrator, to present the 2018 Annual Land Use report
- 10:00 Keith Westfall to be appointed and sworn in as the Lincoln County Surveyor
- 10:30 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to present the LCEDC monthly report
- 11:00 Ken Stroud, Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, to present the 2019 EMPG Grant
- 11:30 Patricia Phillips, Human Services Director, to discuss the impacts of the government shutdown on the Department of Human Services
- 1:00 Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations with Lincoln Community Hospital
  - 1. Approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting
  - 2. Review employee timesheet for Landfill Manager Mickey Jaques
  - 3. Review the December, 2018, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Road and Bridge and Individual Road Districts
  - 4. Review the December, 2018, reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool
  - 5. Appoint a 2019 County Contact for County Technical Services Inc.
  - 6. Review and Act Upon a letter from the Hugo Fire Protection District requesting a transfer of ambulance licensure from the Hugo volunteer fire and ambulance service
  - 7. County Commissioner reports
  - 8. County Attorney's report
  - 9. County Administrator's report
  - 10. Old Business
  - 11. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2019. The following attended: Chairman Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

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

Public Health Director Jobeth Mills gave her report from December, stating that her computer crashed, so she was unable to provide paper copies to the Board. James Martin will look into the problem with the computer's Z drive. Mrs. Mills voiced her concerns with the WIC program due to the government shutdown but said they should be okay until the end of February. If the shutdown goes beyond that, the word is that the WIC program will end. Mrs. Mills added that they currently have 145 people on WIC, which is way above average.

She also reported that office manager Kelly Linnebur is working with Ken Stroud to take over the Medical Reserve Corps program, which tracks medical volunteers throughout the county. In the event of a disaster, locating residents who have medical training is easier if they register with the MRC. Training is essential, so ICS100 and ICS700 courses are offered on January 26. Mrs. Mills said if more people express interest, they will provide the classes again.

As for immunizations, Mrs. Mills reported that the department received an additional \$4,000 above the initial contract amount, so she ordered more shingles vaccine. The nine doses she has on hand were \$1,500. They plan to hold a countywide seminar in opioid usage on March 30, and she also scheduled a drug expert from Dallas to come out. There are other sources of funding available so that she won't have to put in any county dollars for him to speak. Mrs. Mills said she wants to provide vaccinations such as Hepatitis A to local law enforcement officers since they come in contact with numerous threats when dealing with arrests and inmates.

Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy arrived for his 9:30 a.m. appointment with the Board, but Mr. Kimble said he'd like to discuss an email he'd sent to the commissioners earlier concerning the hospital, as he needed to contact his office and respond to it. The commissioners had not all seen the email, so Mr. Kimble provided copies of a Tri-party Supplemental Agreement between the Lincoln Community Hospital Board of Trustees, Farm Credit of Southern Colorado, FLCA, and CoBank, ACB. He said that one of the hospital attorneys made several changes to the document for the better. Mr. Kimble pointed out that the agreement referred to withholding property tax revenue to provide for the repayment of the million dollar loan if the Board decided to grant the hospital's request, and that nothing in the agreement or any indenture documents would prohibit the county from doing so. Mr. Kimble told the attorneys that the commissioners wouldn't loan any money if it would tie up the 2.5 mills given to the hospital on an annual basis. He explained to the Board that it appeared the bank used the discretionary mills as security back in 2011 when they issued the bonds for the new clinic, which was illegal.

Mr. Lundy then gave the annual Land Use report, stating that although his social security and ads and notices line items were over-budget at the end of the year, overall his 2018 budget was under the limit. He did increase the advertising line item for 2019, mainly since the Land Use Board asked that he ask the paper to publish each agenda item separately when they post the notice for a meeting. He explained that building and development permits brought in quite a bit of revenue, but he hopes to bring in more now that he is collecting the 2% use tax that was uncollected in the past. The office issued twenty-seven permits, six of which were development permits, and thirty-seven oil and gas permits.

The group discussed subdivision regulations for a one hundred and sixty-acre parcel that Eric and Rhianna Poss want to build a house on. In the past, residents have applied for an exemption if their lender requires it for loan purposes. Mr. Lundy said the assessor told him they shouldn't have to do that if they aren't subdividing it, but Mr. Burgess said they've always done it in the past. Mr. Kimble added that it would seem the lender would want a deed for the three-and-a-half acres that the house would sit on in case there were ever foreclosure proceedings. Mr. Lundy argued that the 3.5 acres would only exist in the mortgage, but Mr. Kimble disagreed, stating that if the bank filed a Deed of Trust identifying the parcel, the bank could own that parcel if they foreclosed. He added that he would put the question out on the County List Serve to see what he could learn. Meanwhile, the commissioners agreed that they felt the Posses needed to apply for an exemption from subdivision regulations.

Mr. Lundy left when Keith Westfall arrived for his appointment and swearing-in as the county surveyor. However, Judge Fisher was detained, so the commissioners moved on to other agenda items while waiting for him.

Mr. Burgess had found a mistake in the minutes from the previous meeting, so made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 8, 2019, as amended. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed Landfill Manager Mick Jaques' time sheet and the December 2018 statements of revenues and expenditures for the County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, and Road & Bridge funds, as well as for the individual road districts. Mr. Piper stated they would have to do supplemental appropriations for Library and Public Health as both funds were over-budget at the end of the year.

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Kimble said that Mr. Schifferns could perform Mr. Westfall's swearing-in if Judge Fisher were still unavailable, which he did.

Mr. Westfall left, and Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Troy McCue gave the monthly report for LCEDC. Vista Volunteer James Dingwall attended the meeting as well. Mr. McCue said they completed the housing needs assessment, and it is on the website. He also provided updates of his activities throughout December. Mr. Dingwall completed the first half of VISTA year two and is busy setting up a countywide roundtable to include all

communities. He has met with individual staff members and community leaders for their input and planned the event for mid-to-late February. He will send out the latest version of the Strategic Plan document for review and would like to develop a shared action plan. They discussed wanting to hold an open session where people weren't afraid to say what they felt so would like to dispense with minutes if possible. Mr. Kimble said all of the commissioners could attend if they called it a work session, although they would still have to post an agenda for the meeting. Mr. Dingwall said they'd asked Dave Stone to moderate the discussion and he agreed.

Emergency Management Director Ken Stroud met with the Board at 11:00 a.m. to present the 2019 EMPG grant. He stated he'd asked for additional funds to help cover the cost-of-living increase and benefits. Otherwise, nothing had changed. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the EMPG grant, and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess told Mr. Stroud that Sheriff Nestor has a Dodge pickup that they plan to get rid of and asked if he would like to replace his OEM vehicle. Mr. Stroud said he'd check with the sheriff and thanked the Board for thinking of him.

Director of Human Services Patricia Phillips met with the Board at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the impacts of the government shutdown on her department. The shutdown would affect food stamps the most since it's mainly a federal program. Mrs. Phillips said that the state worked something out with the feds so that participants would get their January benefits in February and their February benefits in January, but if the shutdown continues, there will be no benefits at all after February. She added that the people would have to understand that the benefit they receive in January isn't a bonus and that they would have to make it last until February. Her concern was that there might be a lot of people in need in March. Mrs. Phillips said she planned to contact Becky Carter with Colorado East Community Action Agency and suggest that DHS help stock their food banks with TANF funds.

More concerning was that that the state indicated they wouldn't have enough Admin funds to continue paying employees past February. Mrs. Phillips said she would see if they could use TANF funds to pay any of those costs, but if not, they might have to use their contingency funds. Mr. Piper asked if she meant their fund balance and added that it's relatively healthy at this time. Mrs. Phillips said if the shutdown lasts too long, they might have to use some of their county-only dollars. Mr. Burgess asked if the state would reimburse them, and she responded that was her understanding.

Mr. Burgess asked if one of the commissioners needed to attend the CCI meeting the following day, and Mrs. Phillips said it would be a good idea.

The meeting adjourned for lunch, and when it reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Mr. Burgess made a motion to go into executive session, per 24-6-402 (4) (e), C.R.S., to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations with Lincoln Community Hospital. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Those remaining for the discussion in addition to the commissioners, Mr. Kimble, Mr. Piper, and Mrs. Lengel were: County Treasurer

Jim Covington; hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury; hospital CFO David Usher; and members of the hospital board Keith James, Gary Ensign, Jack Cross, Linda Orrell, Greg King, and Lorie Coonts. Board president Colleen Luft was unable to attend. Mrs. Lengel recorded the session, and the recording will remain on file in the County Clerk's vault for the statutory ninety days.

When the Board came out of executive session, Mr. Stone made a motion to adopt a resolution in which Lincoln County would loan the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the County General Fund to Lincoln Community Hospital per the terms and conditions in the Memorandum of Understanding and Promissory Note attached to said resolution. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado held in Hugo, Colorado on January 17, 2019, there were present:

Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman	Present
Steve Burgess, Vice Chairman	Present
Doug Stone, Commissioner	Present
Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Present
Corinne Lengel, Clerk of the Board	Present
Jacob Piper, County Administrator	Present

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION #980** It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Burgess to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lincoln Community Hospital (LCH) is a Lincoln County Hospital created and operating under Colorado Revised Statutes 25-3-301, et. seq., as amended. As such, LCH may create no indebtedness except as provided by statute, in excess of revenue which may reasonably be expected to be available to LCH for repayment thereof in the fiscal year in which such indebtedness is to be created, and provided that the indebtedness has the approval of the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, LCH is currently in a state of financial strain and requires an immediate infusion of funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to resolve pending financial obligations that will better enable LCH to prioritize various strategic and operations needs necessary for LCH to maintain its financial viability;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that Lincoln County will loan the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the County General Fund to LCH per the terms and conditions of the attached signed Memorandum of Understanding.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Schifferns, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

	Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
ATTEST:	
Clerk of the Board	

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MOU", is made and entered into this 17th day of January, 2019, by and between the County of Lincoln, by and through its duly elected Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "BOCC", and the Lincoln Community Hospital, by and through the Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as "LCH".

The following facts are relevant to this agreement:

- 1. LCH is a Lincoln County Hospital created and operating under Colorado Revised Statutes 25-3-301, et. seq., as amended. As such, LCH may create no indebtedness except as provided by statute, in excess of revenue which may reasonably be expected to be available to LCH for repayment thereof in the fiscal year in which such indebtedness is to be created, and provided that the indebtedness has the approval of the BOCC.
- 2. LCH is currently in a state of financial strain and requires an immediate infusion of funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000.000.00) to resolve pending financial obligations that will better enable LCH to prioritize various strategic and operations needs necessary for LCH to maintain its financial viability.
- 3. The BOCC is willing to loan to LCH, from the County general fund, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), hereinafter referred to as the "Funds", under certain terms and conditions as set forth herein.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. The transfer of the Funds shall be in the form of a loan which shall be defined as a long-term note payable by LCH and a long-term receivable from LCH by the County general fund.

- 2. The loan would be a no interest loan for eleven (11) years from the date of conveyance. The loan shall be represented by a promissory note from LCH to the County. The promissory note shall provide for an eleven (11) year term. There shall be no required payment in the first year. Thereafter, for the next ten (10) years, the note shall be paid on a yearly basis by the County withholding one half (1/2) mil of tax moneys from the 2.5 mils of discretionary mils that the County traditionally has given to LCH. The last payment, in the form of a balloon payment, is to be made on or before the last day of the eleven (11) year term as reflected on the promissory note. In the event of nonpayment, the BOCC reserves the right to retire the loan through further reductions in allowable mils on an annual basis.
- 3. As further consideration for the loan, LCH agrees to provide the BOCC with supporting documentation describing the purposes, amounts, and entities, or persons, paid by LCH with the Funds.
- 4. As a further condition of payment of the Funds, LCH will provide to the BOCC, on a monthly basis no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the previous month, a full accrual basis financial accounting, including monthly statements, prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements will consist of a balance sheet and an income statement comparing current month end with the prior year month end statements and year to date information for the income statement compared to year to date prior year and year to date current year budget. LCH shall also provide the County with the "management budget" that is in process throughout the year in addition to budget approved by the County.
- 5. In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph 3 and 4 above LCH shall provide to the BOCC, on a monthly basis no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, for the previous month, a statement of cash inflow and cash outflows. The cash flow statement will be projected forward over a rolling six month period. The format shall be in a form that does not include non-cash adjustment. Projections will be compared with the actual so as to reflect any material difference in projected cash inflow and outflow.
- 6. To better reflect what services are making or losing money, LCH shall also prepare a spreadsheet showing revenue sources and expenses by natural classification and shall use the total column to prepare revenue and costs by revenue / cost centers. The revenues are to be shown in the revenue / cost centers that the revenues relate to. The expenses shall be divided between fixed costs, costs that are directly attributable to the revenue / cost center, and indirect costs. LCH shall also provide a definition as to how indirect costs are allocated. The spreadsheet shall be provided for 2019 and annually thereafter, or more frequently if requested by the County, on or before January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- 7. The BOCC shall be consulted prior to major policy decisions made by LCH. There shall be a monthly meeting between the BOCC and LCH wherein LCH presents its financial condition based on the accrual basis financial statements and the

cash inflow and cash outflow projections. The public will be invited to attend those meetings.

- 8. Within thirty (30) days of this MOU, LCH shall present to the BOCC a plan for the immediate reduction of significant costs from the LCH budget. Such plan or action shall include the following:
- a. During the term of the loan, there shall be no payment of bonuses to any employee or independent contractor of LCH without the Board of Trustees first informing and consulting with the BOCC.
- b. During the term of the loan there shall be no capital outlay (purchase of property, plant, or equipment) without the approval of the County in any amounts greater than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). In addition, no operating lease or lease-purchase agreements shall be entered into that are in amounts greater than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) without the consent of the County.
- 9. Should material improvement and progress in the financial condition of LCH not occur in 2019, as determined in the sole discretion of the BOCC, then prior to the approval of the County budget in 2019 for the year 2020, the LCH Board of Trustees agrees to evaluate and will take appropriate action necessary to facilitate an improvement in overall financial performance, including but not limited to a change in upper management to facilitate the needed financial performance and improvements in LCH.
- 10. LCH agrees to make good faith efforts to explore the creation of an independent entity, such as a special district or non-profit corporation during 2019.
- 11. The parties agree that the requirements set forth in this agreement are not an attempt by the County to manage LCH, but are designed to help insure that LCH is able to receive the Funds and to retire the indebtedness in accordance with C.R.S. 25-3-304(2). The County, through this MOU, endeavors to safeguard the interests of the citizens of Lincoln County by helping LCH to continue to render medical services with an emphasis on operating within their budget.

AGREED as of the date first above written.

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	LINCOLN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
	Signatures on File

## PROMISSORY NOTE

\$ 1,000,000.00 January 17, 2019

For Value Received, the Lincoln Community Hospital and Nursing Home, a County hospital as defined by statute, by and through the Board of Trustees, as signed below, of 111 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Hugo, Colorado 80821, hereinafter referred to as "Maker", promises to pay to the order of Lincoln County, a statutory county, of 103 Third Avenue, Hugo, Colorado 80821, hereinafter referred to as "Payee", in the manner set forth below, or at their above stated address or such other place or places as the Payee may direct from time to time in writing, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

This Promissory Note, hereinafter referred to as the "Note", shall not accrue interest and shall run from January 17, 2019, to January 16, 2030. The parties agree that the first year of this Note, commencing on January 17, 2019, and continuing through the year 2019, shall not require any payment from the Maker. Thereafter, commencing on January 17, 2020, the Parties agree that on a yearly basis, for ten (10) consecutive years, the Payee shall withhold one half (1/2) mils of discretionary tax payments to the Maker, such withholding to be considered as the payment for that year. At the end of the full term, Maker shall make a balloon payment to the Payee of all remaining balance

Any payment of principal shall be applied to the last payment or payments and shall not reduce the size of payments otherwise. While the withholding of one half (1/2) mil of the discretionary mils available to the Payee shall be considered to be the payment hereunder, until the balloon payment is due, the County does not waive the right to withhold additional mils of discretionary tax monies if it determines that such action is in the best interest of the citizens of Lincoln County, Colorado. As the mil levy will vary from year to year based on the yearly assessed valuation, the Payee shall furnish the Maker with a written record of the monies applied towards this Note.

In the event the Lincoln Community Hospital and Nursing Home, becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to operate, the Payee may declare a default of this Note. In such event, at the election of the Payee, or any subsequent legal holder of the Note, without presentment, notice, or demand, except as set forth below, the principal sum hereof shall at once become due and payable, time being the essence hereof. Further, upon default, a default rate of interest in the amount of the statutory interest rate in effect at that time shall be imposed on the unpaid principle. Prior to declaring a default of this Note, the Payee shall give at least five (5) days written notice of the default, by certified mail, to the Maker at its above stated address or such subsequent address as given to the Payee by the Maker in writing. The Maker shall then have an additional five (5) days to cure the default.

This Note shall not be secured by any of the Maker's assets, the parties understanding that until the final balloon payment, all payments shall consist of the withholding of discretionary mil levies as set forth above. Each obligated party to this Note, whether as Maker, endorser, guarantor, surety, or assignor, hereby waives presentment for dishonor and nonpayment of this Note, and all defenses on grounds of diligence in enforcement, release and non-perfection of payment hereof which may be hereafter given by the holder or holders hereof to them or either of them or to anyone who has assumed the payment of this Note, and it is specifically agreed that the obligations of each party to this Note, whether Maker, endorser, guarantor, surety, or assignor shall not be in any way affected or altered to the prejudice of the holder or any other person, firm or corporation, and each of them agrees to all of the terms hereof, and agrees that this is the joint and several obligation of the parties hereto. It is specifically understood that the Board Trustees, signed below, are not individually responsible for any portion of this Note and are simply acting on behalf of the Maker.

This Note may not be amended, modified, or changed, nor shall any waiver of any provision hereby be affected, except only by an instrument in writing and signed by the party against who enforcement or any waiver, amendment, change, modification or discharge is sought. No failure on the part of Payee to exercise, and no delay in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver of any such right; nor shall any single or partial exercise by Payee of any right hereunder preclude the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided for are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law. This Note is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. In this Note, the singular shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** Maker has caused this Note to be executed as of the date and year first above written.

**DUE:** January 17, 2020, and thereafter

**DATED:** January 17, 2019

## LINCOLN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

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The Board reviewed the December 2018 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool, and then agreed to leave Mr. Stone as the contact person for County Technical Services, Inc.

After reviewing a letter from the Hugo Fire Protection District requesting a transfer of ambulance licensure from the Hugo Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Service to their new name, Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone reported attending the fair board meeting on January 8. John Palmer told them that ninety-four events occurred at the fairgrounds in 2018, and he's already scheduled seventy for 2019. They chose Marvin and Estelle Thaller as grand marshals for the 2019 Fair and will contact them to see if they will accept. On January 11, Mr. Stone helped pull a vehicle back upright after it rolled over into a pasture off of County Road 109 north of Karval. He also checked roads that day. All three commissioners attended the Eastern TPR meeting in Limon on January 14, and on the Sixteenth, Mr. Stone stopped at the Karval shop to talk with Rick Ashcraft. District 3 crewmen have worked on graveling roads since the weather has been nicer. He asked Mr. Burgess how much he wanted for the water tank, and Mr. Burgess said they would give it to him.

Mr. Schifferns reported that he also attended the fair board meeting on the Eighth. He also got a call from a resident asking if the road crew could grade County Road 2E at County Road 63. He looked at the new addition to the Arriba firehouse on January 9 and also had a call concerning the hospital. Mr. Schifferns attended his last Southeast and East Central Recycling meeting on January 10. Mr. Stone will take his place at those meetings in the future since he is closer to the area. Mr. Schifferns said he got another call concerning Lincoln County policies regarding the hospital on January 11, and a call regarding the same thing from a relative of that party two days later. He attended the Eastern TPR meeting on the Fourteenth and stopped at the landfill on the way home. He also checked some roads. Earlier this morning, he went by the fairgrounds to check on the progress of the new building.

Mr. Burgess reported speaking with Landfill Manager Mick Jaques and District 2 hauled gravel on County Road 28 on January 8. On the Ninth, Mr. Burgess received a call that they would begin installing the scales at the landfill the following Monday. He attended the Centennial Mental Health meeting in Fort Morgan on January 10, and he received a phone call from hospital board member Gary Ensign that day as well. Mr. Burgess emailed Stan Kimble on January 11 and attended the Eastern TPR meeting on the Fourteenth. District 2 began crack-sealing County Road 109, and they started work on placing the scales at the landfill. Mr. Burgess went to the Resources Unlimited meeting on January 15 and reported that Structures Unlimited poured the concrete on the crossovers at the fairgrounds. Since Bart O'Dwyer donated the additional two inches of concrete, he will be able to get a tax credit back. Mr. Burgess also attended the bookmobile board meeting on the Fifteenth. Someone donated a motorhome to them, but it apparently had no title. He also stopped by the fairgrounds to check on progress earlier this morning.

Mr. Kimble reported that he met with OEM Ken Stroud about a policy for his department and had been working with the hospital attorneys the majority of the time.

Mr. Piper said he'd received a call from Dustin Singer regarding the 2020 Census. He recommended that towns and the county set up a board to work on getting residents to respond since the Census is so important. Mr. Singer wanted to meet with Mr. Piper and a commissioner on January 23.

Mr. Schifferns called for old business, and Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stone compared their lists for the panels for the fairgrounds. Mr. Stone said he'd work on getting them. Mr. Burgess commented that they also needed to work on the water lines and lighting, which prompted him to ask if they wanted to replace the lighting in the courthouse. He felt they should get electrical bids for the new fairgrounds building around the first part of February, and the group agreed to discuss the courthouse lighting during another meeting. Mr. Burgess asked if they wanted to consider increasing the rates at the landfill since they are paying so much for the scales, and the Board talked about it briefly.

The commissioners completed a six-month evaluation for Public Health Director Jobeth Mills, and then at 2:45 p.m., Mr. Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on January 30, 2019. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board	Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman