

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for February 28, 2018

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Ken Stroud, Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, and Chris Monks, District One Road Foreman, to discuss the acquisition of another variable message board
- 10:00 Patricia Phillips, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 11:00 Travis Taylor, CSU Extension Director, to discuss the CSU Extension Director position
1. Approve the minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting
 2. Review and act upon a de-obligation letter for the Community Development Block Grant
 3. Review and act upon a Farm Delivery Policy from the Limon Big R Store regarding the purchase of panels for the new building at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds
 4. County Commissioner reports
 5. County Attorney's report
 6. County Administrator's report
 7. Old business
 8. New business
 9. Approve additional payroll and expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 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. Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended until 11:45 a.m.

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

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 27, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to sign a letter to the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade requesting official de-obligation of the undisbursed funds in Community Development Block Grant contract #14-591 that ended June 30, 2018. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the Farm Delivery Policy from Big R accepting the \$200 drop fee waiver. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns called for commissioner reports, and Mr. Stone stated that he stopped by the shop on February 21. The District 3 crew hauled gravel southwest of Highway 71 that day. It snowed on Saturday, February 23, so Rick Ashcraft plowed snow. The areas blew back in on February 24, so they plowed again, and Mr. Stone checked roads. He attended the Strategic Roundtable meeting at the Hugo depot on February 25, and the road crew plowed snow again that day. Mr. Stone reported that there are electric poles down by the new substation near County Road X, but they plan to bore under the roads for placement of the lines. On February 27, Mr. Stone talked to Rick Ashcraft about trading in their old John Deere mower for a new one. A sales associate will come out and talk to them. He also asked Mr. Burgess about ordering new placards for county vehicles.

Both Emergency Manager Ken Stroud and District 1 Road Foreman Chris Monks arrived around 9:15 a.m. to discuss the purchase of another portable electronic message board. Mr. Stroud provided a 2019 NEAHR Homeland Security Grant project proposal, stating that he would submit the application if the commissioners agreed. He felt the NE Region could possibly fund the Public Works project 100% of the \$17,842.00 cost. Mr. Stroud added that if the total grant weren't approved, other county departments were willing to help pay the excess, and Mr. Monks said that Sheriff Nestor was in favor of getting another sign. Mrs. Lengel commented that since she'd used the message board for the General Election, she would be willing to contribute as well.

Mr. Burgess said he'd asked Mr. Monks to check with the Flagler Coop about 2020 fuel prices and asked if they wanted to contract for at least six loads. The cost per gallon was \$2.30 when Mr. Monks last checked, and they would have to put about \$.10 per gallon down to lock in the

rate. Mr. Monks said the county contracted for twelve loads in 2019 when they traditionally do nine. He suggested that if the Board wants to do it, they should get one load per district. Mr. Burgess asked him to find out the current price and let them know.

The group discussed the problems with County Road 2W that Xcel Energy or Mortensen Construction still haven't fixed to comply with the Road Use Agreement and whether or not it would be beneficial for the county to do the work. Mr. Monks said they don't have the time, since they have other projects waiting, and he told Jerry Kelly that if he had to fix the road, the county would charge them three times the rate. They've measured several times; Mr. Monks told Mr. Kelly that it has to be at least twenty-eight feet wide, and Mr. Monks has kept documentation since September. Mr. Kimble said there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday. Mr. Burgess did some calculations and said it would probably cost the county at least \$75,000 to \$100,000 as well as about three weeks. Mr. Monks felt it would be closer to \$150,000 and said there was no way they could have it done in three weeks. He also had no idea where they would get enough gravel to cover six miles of road. Mr. Kimble said his position next Tuesday would be to tell them that Xcel either needs to fix the road to comply with the Road Use Agreement, thus releasing their bond or the county would act against it.

Mr. Stroud informed the Board that he'd asked Mr. Kimble to review an MOU regarding providing digital ham radios purchased by his predecessor to a few select members of the group to which he belongs. Mr. Kimble stated that the MOU looked fine to him and added that several government entities enlist ham radio operators for emergency purposes because those people are happy to do it.

At 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Pat Phillips met with the Board to present her monthly report. She stated that they've already overspent their fiscal admin budget, but TANF can be used to offset the costs. She said she didn't plan to sell any TANF this year but might sell some of their CCAP to other counties if they need it. Those funds cannot be used to offset other programs. The Board reviewed the employee timesheets and the January financial report, as well as the Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, and director's reports from February.

After Mrs. Phillips left, Mr. Burgess reported stopping by the landfill after the meeting on February 19. He also talked to Bruce Walters and picked up the information on the catwalks for the landfill scales. He checked on the bridge they are replacing in District 2 on February 20, and they got the pipes in on February 21. Their Komatsu dozer shut down on them, so they contacted the company about fixing it. Mr. Burgess also attended the Economic Development meeting on February 21. Jim Shideler called him on February 22 to ask about cash in place of a bond if he got the electrical bid on the show barn. District 2 had snow on February 23, 24, and 25. He attended the Strategic Roundtable on February 25, put together the new landfill rates, and talked to Travis Miller about how CDOT handles bonding. Mr. Burgess checked roads on February 26, went by the landfill, and spoke to Robert Safranek about a curtain to block the wind for the new show barn. Mr. Safranek will get some information and prices. Mike Vaughn called to tell him the new tractor they ordered should be in within ten days. Mr. Burgess attended the Prairie Development Corporation last evening and talked to John Palmer earlier

this morning about placing the wash racks. The commissioners agreed to go out to the fairgrounds after lunch to see what Mr. Palmer suggested.

Mr. Schifferns reported going by the fairgrounds on February 19, checking roads on February 20, and calling Rod Pelton and Mr. Burgess on February 21 to discuss the legislation to replace the electoral vote with the popular vote. He and Mr. Burgess also called the governor's office and discussed whether to sign a letter voicing their opinion regarding the legislation. Mr. Schifferns got a call from Raymond Enderson regarding a vehicle purchase the fire department wants to make. Mr. Schifferns thought that Sheriff Nestor might be able to help through one of the programs he used but learned that fire departments are ineligible. District 1 plowed snow on February 23. Mr. Schifferns got a call from Rob Boyd on February 25 asking for information on the sand pit and how the hospital was doing, and he attended the Strategic Roundtable that day as well. On February 26, Mr. Schifferns talked to Chris Monks about the Road Use Agreement with Xcel, and he stopped by the fairgrounds on the Twenty-seventh.

Mr. Kimble reported that the Land Use Board approved the Cheyenne Ridge transmission line application with conditions, one of which was that their route must be locked down. He told their attorney to send proof. If the commissioners wanted to schedule a public hearing for the end of March they could, but Mr. Kimble said it wasn't necessary since there didn't appear to be any opposition to the project. The zoning resolution doesn't require a public hearing.

Mr. Kimble also reported that the health department wants to change the law regarding landfills and explained that they are on a mission to make sure they are not polluting air or water. State officials will begin examining closed landfills to see if the closures were done correctly and are in the process of creating an inventory. Mr. Kimble said it appears the state is attempting to close them all down and force everyone to use transfer stations.

Mr. Piper received a Notice of Claim from Frank Azar that he passed on for Mr. Kimble's review. The party claimed injury because of icy conditions on Highway 40. Mr. Burgess said it isn't even a county road; it's a state highway, but Mr. Kimble suggested that Mr. Piper forward the paperwork to the county's insurance carrier.

Fremont County passed a resolution concerning sanctuary counties and Amendment 2, and Mr. Kimble provided a copy of the document. The commissioners agreed that they would like to adopt a similar resolution, and Mr. Piper will put something together.

Mr. Kimble said that he didn't see a problem with the bid winner providing a check instead of a bond as long as the county could cash it and hold the money in a separate fund. Mr. Burgess said they would have to inform the other bidders that they could do that as well.

At 11:00 a.m., CSU Extension Director Travis Taylor met with the Board to discuss his position. He provided a job description for the commissioners to review and said that there was a possibility that CSU could fill the position by July 1, which is unusual. They need to submit the finalized job description as soon as possible so that they could ideally advertise in May. He

stated that the county contributes \$14,100 for a formula-funded agent, and CSU makes up the remainder of his salary. Mr. Schifferns asked if the county needed two people, and Mr. Taylor said that back in 2000 there were actually six employees in the Extension office; two of whom were CSU-funded. He felt they would only be able to cover the 4-H program if they cut either his or Christine Schinzel's position.

Mr. Schifferns asked what Lincoln County would have to do to join Golden Plains, and Mr. Taylor responded that it was a question for the regional director as he was still learning how it all works. Mr. Stone asked if he thought it would be a good thing, but Mr. Taylor didn't know. Mr. Kimble asked what the opposition was to join a group back in 2000, and Mr. Taylor said it was the concern of a loss of identity. He added that it would probably cost a little more and the commissioners would have to see if there were an area willing to take on another county. Mr. Schifferns asked if the kids would suffer if they decided to go with a group, but Mr. Taylor said the county would still have the 4-H position, so they shouldn't. He would also still be the livestock programming agent if Lincoln County should decide to join Golden Plains.

Mr. Taylor stated that Ms. Schinzel had the qualifications to take over his job, but she hadn't indicated whether or not she would apply, and he wanted the commissioners to think about the fact that they might have two openings instead of just one.

The group discussed scales for weighing pigs, building a ramp, and whether or not they would need internet in the new show barn. Mr. Taylor said that the scales would have to be certified by the Department of Agriculture, they would need to build a ramp, and they would not need internet capabilities. He also informed the Board that Farm Bureau would like to sponsor and pay for a portable announcer's booth, and they are currently working on the specifications. The Limon FFA chapter volunteered to build it. Mr. Stone felt they should consider buying a portable shed to use for paperwork and storage.

Mr. Taylor said he finally found a cargo trailer they could use for their shooting sports, and although a little too big, the price was right, so he bought it. He asked if they could keep it at the county shop, and Mr. Burgess told him to check with Chris Monks.

Before Juliet Lundy left, Mr. Taylor asked that the newspaper not refer to the new building at the fairgrounds as a sale barn. He said it was either a show barn or a livestock events building, and the commissioners agreed to call it a show barn.

Mr. Schifferns asked Mr. Taylor if he had noticed any problems with the cleaning at the annex, and he stated that it was better in the past month than previously.

Mr. Taylor left, and Mr. Kimble informed the Board that he'd put together a job description for the county surveyor based on state statute. He said he'd email it to the commissioners so they could discuss it at their next meeting.

Mr. Piper provided proposals from Titan LED Lighting Solutions for the Ellis Allen building; \$8,985.29, the Hugo shop; \$1,340.86, and the courthouse parking lot; \$15,148.56. The commissioners agreed they would approve the proposal for the county shop but felt the other two areas could wait.

Mr. Kimble provided a packet of information from the hospital for the 2011 loan process for when the Limon clinic was built, which they hadn't been able to find previously. Mr. Kimble said he'd made a copy and asked Mr. Piper to keep the packet.

Mr. Schifferns called for any other business, and the group discussed the proposed landfill rates and when they would go into effect. The commissioners approved a few additional expense vouchers for February, and then Mr. Schifferns adjourned the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2019.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman