

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for November 18, 2019

- 1:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 1:30 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to present the preliminary Hospital 2020 Budget
- 2:30 Wayne Shade, Lincoln County Weed Control Coordinator, to discuss weed control matters
1. Approve the minutes from the November 8, 2019 meeting
 2. Review October, 2019, reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
 3. Review the October, 2019, 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 October, 2019, reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool
 5. Review a request from the 18th Judicial District Juvenile Services Planning Committee regarding the Lincoln County Commissioners' recommendation for the 2020 Committee Members
 6. Discuss a potential resolution regarding banning the introduction of wolves into Lincoln County
 7. Review the preliminary 2020 Lincoln County Budget
 8. County Commissioner reports
 9. County Attorney's report
 10. County Administrator's report
 11. Old Business
 12. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on November 18, 2019. The following attended: Chairman Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioner Steve Burgess, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Commissioner Doug Stone was absent and excused, and Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended until approximately 3:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 8, 2018, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried.

The Board reviewed the October 2019 reports from the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer. Also reviewed were the October 2019 Statements of Revenues and Expenditures for the General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, and Road & Bridge funds, as well as for the individual road districts.

At 1:30 p.m., Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury, and CFO Angela Kobel, met with the Board to present the preliminary 2020 hospital budget. Hospital board members Gary Ensign, Jack Cross, and Greg King, as well as LCH Chief Operating Officer and Nursing Home Administrator Erika Saffer, attended the discussion as well. Although the operating budget might change slightly, Mr. Stansbury said that what the commissioners had before them should be very close to the final budget. They plan to raise prices by five percent and expect a two percent increase overall in contractual adjustments. Mr. Burgess asked if they intended to offer a salary increase to employees, and Mr. Stansbury responded that their hope was to give an additional five percent. With that in mind, Mr. Stansbury asked if the commissioners would consider raising the hospital's allotted mill levy from 2.5 to 3 mills. Mr. Burgess said the way he understood state statute, the county could give up to three mills without a vote of the people, but anything higher would require an election. Mr. Kimble asked about the loan repayment since it was supposed to equate to half a mill. Mr. Burgess said the hospital would still make the loan payment with the extra half a mill.

Mr. Stansbury went on to say that priorities for 2020 included fixing the Electronic Health Record, developing a Strategic Financial Plan, and growth.

Lastly, Mr. Stansbury referred to a letter regarding a request to meet with the Department of Human Services concerning paperwork completion.

After the group left, the Board reviewed the October 2019 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool. Mr. Piper said he'd submitted the remaining claims for the sheriff's office vehicle, but in the meantime, one of the DHS employees hit a deer. Mr. Burgess said they'd still need to send in the claims for the truck in District 2 also.

The Board reviewed a request from the 18th Judicial District Juvenile Services Planning Committee regarding the commissioners' recommendation for the 2020 committee members. Mr. Burgess made a motion to appoint Andrew Lorensen to the committee. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess asked if they needed to wait for Mr. Stone to discuss the potential resolution to ban the introduction of wolves into Lincoln County since he'd gone to that meeting. Mr. Piper asked if any other county had drafted a resolution yet that they could mirror. Mr. Kimble said he'd check into it.

The Board reviewed the preliminary 2020 Lincoln County budget until 2:30 p.m. when Weed Coordinator Wayne Shade arrived for his appointment. Mr. Shade informed the group he planned to retire and had enough leave time to get him through March. He said that his replacement, if not already a qualified supervisor, should at least be a qualified operator. Mr. Burgess asked if he'd be willing to help train his replacement, and Mr. Shade said he planned to leave right after Thanksgiving but would be back in Colorado by the first of April. Since they would need bids for chemicals before the first of the year, Mr. Burgess told Mr. Shade he'd get with him to see what they needed.

The discussion returned to the 2020 budget after Mr. Shade left. When Mr. Burgess said they'd have to find half a mill for the hospital, Mr. Piper suggested it would make the most sense to take it from the General Fund.

Mr. Schifferns called for commissioner reports and said he'd checked roads on November 9. On the Eleventh, he visited with Chris Monks about the dirt work at the roundhouse. He spoke with Mr. Monks again on November 15 about delivering some dirt and about road signs. Earlier this morning, Mr. Schifferns attended the Eastern TPR meeting in Limon.

Mr. Burgess reported going by the landfill on November 8 to look at the enclosed work area. John Mohan was also there to get some ideas on how to proceed. On November 11, Mr. Burgess participated in a Baby Bear Hugs conference call. They discussed the budget for the coming year. Mr. Burgess took the pickup that Wayne Shade had back to Genoa on November 12. He also met with Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy and District 2 road foreman Bruce Walters about gravel pits. He and the three road foremen met with Colorado Barricade at the county shop to discuss new road signs. He also got a call from the Ford dealer in Greeley that their new pickup was in even though he didn't think they'd even ordered it yet. On November 13, Mr. Burgess attended the economic development meeting at Mountain View Electric and the wolf introduction meeting at the fairgrounds. Bruce Walters took the Mack truck to Denver so they could perform the warranty work on the clutch and later called Mr. Burgess to inform him that the old Mack truck shelled out the turbo. Mr. Burgess met with Weed Coordinator Wayne Shade that afternoon. He also let Gini Pingnot with CTSI know about the health care and wolf introduction issues. Mr. Burgess attended the Centennial Mental Health meeting in Fort Morgan on November 14. He also went to the hospital board meeting that night, where he asked Gary Ensign and Linda Orrell if they would stay on the board.

Both Steve Beedy and Linda Orrell also agreed to remain on the tourism board. On November 15, Mr. Burgess talked to John Palmer about getting orange fencing for the roundhouse the weekend the Big Boy locomotive comes through town. Mr. Palmer said he'd lay out three rolls for them. Mr. Burgess also contacted the company that is seeding and mulching the Flagler project. On November 16, Mr. Burgess picked up a contract for proposed transmission lines, checked roads north of Arriba and Genoa, and went to Denver to pick up parts for the Mack truck. Earlier this morning, Mr. Burgess attended the Eastern TPR meeting in Limon. He also talked to John Mohan, who will help prepare the roundhouse for this weekend's event. Lastly, Mr. Burgess said that the net profit of the hospital Diamonds and Denim event was \$38,710.

Mr. Kimble reported that he'd nothing new on the road agreement discussed at the last meeting he'd attended, but something was supposed to happen this week. He planned to attend the county attorney conference on Thursday and Friday and said he hoped to meet with the hospital and oil and gas attorneys. Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy forwarded a Mission Change White Paper from the Oil and Gas Commission to Mr. Kimble, who said he'd look it over. He said he was also interested in discussions about jail medical liability at his upcoming conference.

Mr. Piper reported that the backflow repair for the sprinklers didn't work, so the company said they wouldn't charge for it. John Mohan thought it would hold until next year, but Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Piper to make sure of that. He said it could end up costing a lot more than the estimated \$6,000 to fix it if something else happened.

There was no old or new business to discuss, so Mr. Schifferns adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on November 27, 2019.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman