

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for September 6, 2019

- 8:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 10:00 Receive and review sealed bids for the 2015 Dodge 1500
- 10:30 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to provide a LCH monthly report
- 1:00 Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) for personnel matters regarding conducting interviews for the Janitorial position
1. Approve the minutes from the August 30, 2019 meeting
 2. Review the employee time sheets for County Administrator Jacob Piper, Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy, Landfill Manager Mickey Jaques, Office of Emergency Management Director Ken Stroud, Public Health Director Jobeth Mills, Weed Control Director Wayne Shade, and Extension Office employees
 3. Review and act upon an updated contract for WIC for the fiscal year 2019-2020
 4. Review and act upon Resolution #993, a resolution supporting the designation of the Ports-To-Plains and a portion of the Heartland Expressway Corridors as a future interstate in Colorado
 5. County Commissioner reports
 6. County Administrator's report
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 9. Approve expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. on September 6, 2019. The following attended: Vice-chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioner Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Chairman Ed E. Schifferns arrived at 8:45 a.m., as did Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman and Limon Leader.

Mr. Burgess called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 30, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried.

The Board reviewed the employee timesheets from the administrator, land use administrator, landfill manager, emergency manager, public health director, weed coordinator, and employees of the extension office.

Mr. Burgess suggested waiting for Mr. Schifferns for agenda items three and four. Mr. Stone gave his commissioner report, stating that he'd checked roads south on County Road 109, and from Highway 94 to the county line, on September 3. On September 5, the road crew put down oil on County Road 109 by the lake. District 1 helped them.

Mr. Burgess reported receiving the repair estimates for the MACK truck and Ranco trailer; \$29,091.20 and \$2,912.99, respectively. On September 4, he spoke with Bruce Walters and Chris Monks about getting the units fixed. Chris said he'd try and set up something in Denver for checking out the truck's frame and engine. Chris also said they'd like to have Districts 1 and 4 to split the cost of a new tire changer and move theirs to the landfill. Mr. Burgess attended a Baby Bear Hugs meeting on September 5, as well as a hospital board meeting, where he asked about the final 2018 audit. LCH is still waiting on a waiver letter from the bank. Mr. Burgess met with Chris Monks about the bridge reports. He thought Stan Kimble wrote a letter addressing the issue, so he said he'd stop and speak with him next Monday. Mr. Stone commented that he thought Rick Ashcraft fixed the railings on the bridge in District 3 and sent pictures to someone, but he wasn't sure. Mr. Burgess also reported that McCormick Excavation was having a hard time getting liquid asphalt delivered to Limon and Stratton. District 2 would like to lay another 900 ton yet this year, but Mr. Burgess didn't know if it would be possible.

Mr. Piper reported that he planned to attend an upcoming meeting regarding the courts opening on some weekends. He said he would do a cost study to find out how much the county would pay in utilities and court security if that were to happen. Mr. Piper also asked if the Board would mind changing some of their December meetings, which was not a problem.

The commissioners approved the remaining expense vouchers for August 2019.

COUNTY GENERAL

Road Deputy Salary \$3,693.10

Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,685.60

Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,063.00
Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,426.40
Chief Deputy Salary \$3,958.00
Metal Detector Salary \$722.50
Corporal III Salary \$3,640.00
Commissioner Salary \$4,745.00
Road Sergeant Salary \$3,538.00
Road Deputy Salary \$3,520.00
Treasurer Salary \$5,037.42
Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,446.16
Road Deputy Salary, \$3,758.40
Metal Detector Salary \$680.00
Chief Deputy Salary \$3,598.00
Clerk I Salary \$3,008.00
Road Deputy Salary \$3,460.00
Clerk I Salary \$3,183.00
Deputy I Salary \$3,400.00
Assessor Salary \$5,037.42
Driver Examiner Salary \$3,255.00
Deputy I Salary \$3,108.00
Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,400.00
Correctional Officer I Salary, \$3,003.00
Part Time Indexer Salary \$1,075.25
Attorney Salary \$2,150.00
Clerk Salary \$5,037.42
Part-Time Fairgrounds Salary \$3,291.50
Coroner Salary \$1,138.58
Clerk I Salary \$2,616.00
Land Use Administrator Salary \$3,478.00
Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,553.88
Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,183.00
Maintenance Salary \$3,303.00
Undersheriff Salary \$4,078.00
Sheriff Salary \$5,647.00
VA Service Officer Salary \$525.00
Corporal Salary \$3,375.00
Fairgrounds Manager Salary \$2,000.00
Administrator Salary \$4,590.00
Clerk I Salary \$3,183.00
Corporal Salary \$3,495.00
Janitor Salary \$422.94
Commissioner Salary \$5,037.42
4-H Program Assistant Salary \$4,886.59
Weed Coordinator Salary \$3,812.00

Office Manager II Salary \$5,467.88
Commissioner Salary \$4,745.00
OEM Salary \$1,769.00
Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,123.00
Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,379.80
Chief Deputy Salary \$3,326.00
Appraisal Clerk Salary \$2,981.00
Victim Assistant Salary \$3,423.00
Surveyor Salary \$126.50
Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,123.00
Admin Assist Salary \$3,940.00
Metal Detector Salary \$1,657.50
Captain Salary \$3,838.00
Road Deputy Salary \$3,520.00

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00
Road Foreman Salary \$3,958.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00
Mechanic Salary \$3,752.00
Road Crew Salary \$4,020.50
Road Crew Salary \$3,423.42
Road Crew Salary \$3,573.09
Road Crew Salary \$3,243.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,003.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,063.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,243.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,483.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,063.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00
Road Crew Salary \$352.00
Part Time Road Crew Salary \$2,654.10
Road Crew Salary \$3,123.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,183.00
Road Foreman Salary \$4,418.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,363.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,063.00
Road Crew Salary \$1,056.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,603.00
Shop Secretary Salary \$3,543.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,183.00

Road Foreman Salary \$3,838.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,063.00
Road Crew Salary \$3,123.00

LANDFILL

Operator Salary \$3,363.00
Part Time Clerk Salary \$1,437.50
Manager Salary \$3,958.00

LIBRARY

Bookmobile Salary \$408.07
Bookmobile Salary \$1,071.33

PUBLIC HEALTH

Part Time Tobacco Educator Salary \$206.38
Doctor Salary \$100.00
Regional EPR Coordinator Salary \$4,250.00
Office Manager Salary \$3,135.00
WIC Educator Salary \$3,375.00
Director Salary \$3,678.00
EPR Salary \$1,769.00

HUMAN SERVICES

Child Support Legal Admin Salary \$3,525.00
Caseworker III Salary \$4,124.00
Financial Administrator Salary \$3,415.00
Lead IMT V Salary \$3,447.00
Assistance Pmts Supervisor Salary \$3,910.00
Child Welfare Supervisor Salary \$5,052.00
Caseworker III Salary \$4,039.00
Admin Assistance III Salary \$3,018.00
Director Salary \$5,877.00
IMT II Salary \$3,018.00
Caseworker IV Salary \$4,403.00
Part Time Intern Salary \$1,491.00
Case Aide II Salary \$2,908.00
Caseworker II Salary \$3,816.00

LINCOLN COUNTY PAYABLES

39922 21st Century Equipment, Parts \$2,040.32
39923 21st Century Equipment, Tractor \$69,000.00
39924 Tess Allen, Judge \$113.90
39925 AlSCO, Parts \$78.11
39926 American Environmental Consulting, Services \$3,162.66
39927 Auto Chlor, Supplies \$120.50
39928 Zeb Baylie, Superintendent \$300.00
39929 LaRay Patton, Superintendent \$244.20
39930 Big R Stores, Supplies \$36.99
39931 Black Hills Energy, Utilities \$67.36
39932 Blue Tarp, Supplies \$213.48
39933 Dawn Brent, Superintendent \$225.00
39934 Steve Burgess, Mileage \$364.95
39935 CCTA, Conference \$225.00
39936 CDPHE, Certificates \$256.75
39937 CenturyLink, Phone \$261.25
39938 ChemaTox, Testing \$161.00
39939 Colorado SOS, Training \$20.00
39940 CCFS, Contract \$7,828.40
39941 Susan Corliss, Judge \$113.90
39942 Corporate Billing, Parts \$403.81
39943 Jim Covington, Mileage \$327.60
39944 Crimestar, Software \$6,300.00
39945 Danielle Dascalos, Marketing \$1,350.00
39946 Lore Denson, Judge \$88.70
39947 Division of Oil & Public Safety, Services \$280.00
39948 DJ Petroleum, Fuel \$2,601.50
39949 DLT Solutions, Contract \$1,107.40
39950 Express Toll, Travel \$6.70
39951 Eastern Colorado Hay Company, Hay \$484.00
39952 Farm Bureau, Meals \$41.50
39953 Filter Tech Systems, Karval Water Users Media Payment \$4,386.50
39954 FNBH, Fee \$48.40
39955 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$83.08
39956 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$21.53
39957 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$133.18
39958 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$1,048.00
39959 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$1,485.69
39960 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$46.00
39961 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$1,128.15
39962 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$1,140.59
39963 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$1,103.71
39964 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$148.24
39965 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$5.45

39966 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$15.12
39967 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$15.20
39968 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$72.50
39969 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$87.34
39970 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$354.27
39971 Chandra Fisher, Judge \$75.00
39972 Flagler Coop, Fuel \$16,840.80
39973 Flatland Plumbing, Parts \$98.00
39974 Town of Genoa, Water \$131.94
39975 George's Repair Shop, Repairs \$1,971.75
39976 Tracy Grimes, Rent \$530.00
39977 Lulu Marie Hatheway, Judge \$142.70
39978 Heart Rock Bison, Meals \$61.50
39979 Becky Herron, Judge \$63.50
39980 Hillyard, Parts \$825.84
39981 Honnen Equipment, Parts \$573.90
39982 HIP, Meals \$6.00
39983 Hugo Lumber, Supplies \$5.98
39984 Julia Hurdelbrink, Judge \$50.00
39985 IVS, Ballot Envelopes/Postage \$1,421.54
39986 Trey James, Superintendent \$300.00
39987 Darcy Janssen, Mileage \$403.00
39988 Gisele Jefferson, Judge \$141.80
39989 Jefferson County, Services \$500.00
39990 Kiowa County Independent, Ads \$275.00
39991 KCCHHS, 3rd Qtr Payment \$2,270.50
39992 Kit Carson County, Code Red Services \$4,392.50
39993 Laurie Kjosness, Judge \$171.50
39994 Pete Kjosness, Judge \$171.50
39995 Law Enforcement Systems, Supplies \$201.00
39996 Corinne Lengel, Mileage \$158.40
39997 Limon Public Schools, Bleachers \$5,000.00
39998 Limon Plumbing Supply, Parts \$6.94
39999 LCH, Promotion \$1,667.00
40000 LC Clerk, Registration \$9.09
40001 LC Extension Fund, Donations \$149.95
40002 LC Road & Bridge, Fuel \$149.33
40003 Kelly Linnebur, Mileage \$129.90
40004 Andy Lorensen, Mileage \$65.25
40005 Megan Loutzenheiser, Judge \$75.00
40006 Kris Lukins, Coroner Assist \$20.00
40007 Frances Maskus, Superintendent \$300.00
40008 Keith Maxey, Judge \$192.00
40009 Pat McHone, Cleaning \$184.25

40010 Mary Merewether, Superintendent \$300.00
40011 Merritt Trailers, Parts \$653.48
40012 MHC Kenworth, Parts \$802.60
40013 MVEA, Utilities \$408.20
40014 Sean Nielson, Coroner Assist \$10.00
40015 Lisa Nielson, Coroner Assist \$40.00
40016 Norstar Industries, Parts \$320.90
40017 DA 18th Judicial District, 3rd Qtr Payment \$33,111.00
40018 Office Works, Chair \$475.00
40019 Nicholas Ortner, Judge \$308.40
40020 Osborne's, Supplies \$4.78
40021 PayFlex, Fee \$100.00
40022 Sheila Pelster, Superintendent Help \$138.75
40023 Kelsey Pope, Judge \$71.15
40024 Prairie Mountain Media, Supplies \$156.43
40025 Pro Ag Solutions, Chemical \$1,430.00
40026 Productivity Plus Account, Parts \$345.75
40027 PSI Digital, Supplies \$249.17
40028 Quill, Supplies \$1,803.82
40029 Rob's Septic Service, Rentals \$2,555.00
40030 Dale Rostron, Coroner Assist \$75.00
40031 Emily Rudder, Superintendent \$300.00
40032 Kay Rudder, Judge \$73.40
40033 Sancie Ruppel, Judge \$254.67
40034 Adana Scarpino, Refund \$32.46
40035 Sirchie, Testing \$464.20
40036 Southland Medical, Supplies \$1,279.62
40037 Southern Health Partners, Contract \$13,866.78
40038 S&S Heating & A/C, Repairs \$98.70
40039 State of Colorado, September MV Renewals \$228.16
40040 Jeff Sterkel, Judge \$395.40
40041 Scott Stinnett, Judge \$50.00
40042 Heather Stinnett, Judge \$132.80
40043 Ty Stogsdill, Superintendent \$300.00
40044 Stone Oil Company, Fuel \$1,178.21
40045 Doug Stone, Mileage \$181.80
40046 Vanessa Tranel, Judge \$171.50
40047 Triad Computer Services, Contract \$2,600.00
40048 Try-Me Spraying, Chemical \$11,643.00
40049 Tyler Technologies, Conversions \$1,375.00
40050 United Methodist Women, Meals \$25.50
40051 UPS, Postage \$11.94
40052 US Corrections, Transport \$1,725.00
40053 Verizon Wireless, Phone \$107.99

40054 Vern's TV, Supplies \$81.96
40055 Viaero Wireless, Phone \$42.20
40056 Wagner Equipment, Parts/Repairs \$14,578.91
40057 Maxine Wezel, Superintendent \$300.00
40058 Barbara Williams, Superintendent Help \$149.85
40059 Denise Williams, Superintendent Help \$149.85
40060 Xerox, Lease \$251.56
40061 XESI, Lease \$324.52

40068 21st Century, Parts \$579.66
40069 21st Century, Tractor \$23,500.00
40070 21st Century, Tractor \$65,000.00
40071 AlphaCard, Supplies \$178.50
40072 Apex Software, Software \$470.00
40073 Black Hills Energy, Utilities \$373.74
40074 Blue Tarp, Supplies \$264.84
40075 Brazos Trailer Sales, Belly Dump \$60,150.00
40076 Cole Britton, Travel \$41.71
40077 John Carver MD, Fees \$2,600.00
40078 Cash Wa, Supplies \$121.70
40079 CenturyLink, Phone \$245.84
40080 Collie Land LP, Gravel \$477.00
40081 DirecTV, TV \$203.98
40082 Disa, Testing \$60.00
40083 DJ Petroleum, Fuel \$83.49
40084 Eastern Colorado Plainsman, Renewal \$25.00
40085 ESRTA, Phone \$3,045.55
40086 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$528.12
40087 Hoffman Drug, Supplies \$64.95
40088 Hugo Ambulance Service, EMSAC Conference \$2,463.14
40089 Hugo Lumber, Supplies \$1,064.27
40090 Inland Truck Parts, Parts \$117.98
40091 Karval Water Users, Water \$136.00
40092 KC Electric, Utilities \$8,000.71
40093 KCCHHS, Quarterly Payments \$943.40
40094 Leo's Electrical, Services \$700.00
40095 LAFPD, EMS Equipment \$9,000.00
40096 Limon Leader, Ads \$589.11
40097 LCH, AED Supplies \$1,995.00
40098 LCH, Testing \$24.00
40099 LC Road & Bridge, Fuel \$4,116.13
40100 Martin Marietta, Road Oil \$2,547.00
40101 MHC Kenworth, Parts \$69.92
40102 Mile Saver Shopper, Ads \$56.25

40103 Jobeth Mills, Travel \$158.85
40104 Nebraska Safety & Fire, Inspections \$1,654.00
40105 New Pig, Parts \$105.88
40106 Osborne's, Supplies \$266.78
40107 Sheila Pelster, Fair Help \$88.80
40108 Pro Ag Solutions, Parts \$188.43
40109 Quill, Supplies \$651.04
40110 Ray Allen Mfg., Supplies \$140.70
40111 S&S Fumigation, Services \$75.00
40112 Robert Safranek, Gravel \$1,746.00
40113 Rosann Safranek, Gravel \$1,746.00
40114 Christine Schinzel, Mileage \$58.50
40115 Shideler Electric, Repairs \$831.74
40116 Stone Communication, Parts \$355.50
40117 Ken Stroud, Reimbursement \$94.34
40118 Transwest, Repairs \$202.50
40119 UPS, Postage \$11.26
40120 Viaero Wireless, Phone \$410.92
40121 Wex Bank, Fuel \$340.65
40122 Barbara Williams, Fair Help \$88.80
40123 Denise Williams, Fair Help \$88.80
40124 Witt Boys, Parts \$1,467.84
40125 Xerox, Lease \$551.02
40126 Katie Zipperer, Mileage \$153.00

LINCOLN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES PAYABLES

68685 ESRTA, Phone \$767.09
68686 Farm Gas, Fuel \$30.38
68687 IEFT, Subscription \$65.00
68688 LC DHS, Reimbursement \$778.56
68689 LC Road & Bridge, Fuel \$378.45
68690 Office Depot, Supplies \$62.66
68691 Petty Cash, Reimbursement \$20.54
68692 SB Mediation, Services \$2,504.00
68693 Xerox, Lease \$175.00
68694 CenturyLink, Phone \$93.45
68695 CKLECC, Contract \$430.90
68696 Country Living Learning Center, Donation \$17,076.03
68697 Client, Reimbursement \$143.53
68698 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$663.89
68699 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$164.99
68700 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$12.99
68701 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$244.98

68702 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$342.61
 68703 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$47.99
 68704 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$24.74
 68705 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$3.47
 68706 FNB of Omaha, Charges \$205.65
 68707 Tracy Grimes, Rent \$400.00
 68708 Adeliada Holden, Professional Services \$1,100.00
 68709 I-70 Scout Publishing, Subscription \$44.00
 68710 LC DHS, Reimbursement \$2,676.72
 68711 LC Treasurer, Rent \$1,882.00
 68712 Office Depot, Supplies \$139.70
 68713 Rose Padilla, Contract \$125.00
 68714 Scranton Specht & Associates, Legal \$3,850.10
 68715 Client, Refund \$807.00
 68716 Mary Solze, Contract \$128.38
 68717 Verizon Wireless, Phone \$647.70
 68718 Viaero Wireless, Phone \$48.02
 68719 XESI, Lease \$181.08
 68720 LC Treasurer, Withholdings \$13,588.68
 68721 CHP, Insurance \$23,707.43
 68722 SEI Private Trust, Retirement \$3,539.10
 68723 Great West Life & Annuity, Deferred Comp \$1,770.00
 68724 PayFlex, Cafeteria Plan \$200.00
 68725 AFLAC, Premiums \$794.69

Mr. Schifferns arrived, so the Board reviewed the updated WIC contract for FY 2019/2020. Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the WIC contract for \$37,638 for the period of October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess also made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the designation of the Ports-to-Plains and a portion of the Heartland Expressway Corridors as a future interstate in Colorado. Mr. Stone 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 September 6 2019, there were present:

Ed Schifferns, Chairman	Present
Steve Burgess, Vice Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner	Present
Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Absent & Excused
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 #993 It was moved by Commissioner Burgess and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PORTS-TO-PLAINS AND A PORTION OF THE HEARTLAND EXPRESSWAY CORRIDORS AS A FUTURE INTERSTATE IN COLORADO.

WHEREAS, Congress has already designated the Ports-to-Plains and Heartland Expressway Corridors in Colorado as High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the Ports-to-Plains corridor in Colorado has been developed as a Super-2 profile and is already in need of expansion as indicated by the identified need of passing lanes for safety; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. 287 portion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor between the Colorado / Oklahoma border and Limon has seen an over 49% increase in daily traffic counts, including almost 62% increase in daily truck counts, between 1999 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, on an average trucks account for 47.55% of the total daily traffic but portions are as high as 59% trucks; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Expressway corridor in Colorado has seen little in the way of improvements since designation by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 71 Freight Truck Diversion Study, being completed by the Colorado Department of Transportation, is indicating that the Heartland Expressway, Colorado Highway 71, can potentially divert between 8% and 10% of freight traffic from Interstate 25 using only increased speed on Highway 71 and a Front Range congestion factor; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1079 was passed by the Texas Legislature and signed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott directing the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive study of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor study evaluating the feasibility of, and the costs and logistical matters associated with, improvements that create a four-lane divided highway which meets interstate highway standards to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico Governor and Transportation Cabinet Secretary are evaluating future interstate designation for its portion of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor across northern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a future interstate across northern New Mexico would connect to Interstate 25; and

WHEREAS, a future Interstate designation would be a significant new economic development tool for communities along these corridors. Site selectors for manufacturers, warehousing and distribution recommend sites along an interstate highway and travel services businesses such as hotels, truck stops, convenience stores and restaurants, which can have a dramatic impact on small communities will also expand; and

WHEREAS, a future interstate would connect Colorado to major Texas population and economic centers including Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Laredo, Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and Houston in addition to numerous smaller communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Colorado Freight Plan, updated in 2017, indicated that Dallas, TX was one of the leading Colorado trading partners in value of trade and are expected to remain significant trading partners in the future; and

WHEREAS, access to the largest inland port in the United States in Laredo, Texas is improved through the future development of an interstate; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, 82.6% of Colorado trade with Mexico passed through border crossings along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor including Laredo, Eagle Pass and Del Rio; and

WHEREAS, travel on the nation's Interstate Highways is about twice as safe as travel on all other roadways. Given the large energy-related and agriculture-related trucks using this corridor, and the mix of personal, tourist, and truck traffic, safety will be greatly improved by the extension of the interstate. Fatalities and injuries will be reduced; and

WHEREAS, while designation as a future interstate is the first step in a very long process before the completion of an interstate highway, that does not lessen the importance designating an interstate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County:

Section I. That the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County supports the designation of the existing Ports-to-Plains and the portion of the Heartland Expressway between Interstate 70 and Interstate 76 as a Future Interstate by Congress and urges the Colorado Congressional delegation, the governor, the Colorado legislature and the Colorado Department of Transportation to support such designation.

Section 2. This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Section 3. If any portion or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the same are severable.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Schiffers, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners
of Lincoln County

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Mr. Burgess said the Board needed to address the landfill rates in respect to the municipalities since they'd be working on their 2020 budgets soon. Landfill Secretary/Bookkeeper Brenda Howe is keeping track of the weight of their loads to see if they are comparable to the \$20/ton on the rate schedule. Mr. Burgess said he'd prefer not to increase the fees if they can determine that the loads average out okay. The commissioners placed a call to the landfill and asked Manager Mick Jaques about it. Mr. Jaques said the loads from the town of Limon vary from seven-to-ten-ton, but they charge \$140 each time because that is what the contract states. Mr. Burgess said he'd stop by and pick up the information that Ms. Howe compiled.

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Schiffers opened the one bid the county received for the 2015 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup. Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the bid of \$10,577 from Trevor Burgess. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m., Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury met with the Board to give his monthly report. The new CFO, Angela Kobel, accompanied him. The hospital's goal is to have no more than sixty days of outstanding receivables, which they are still working to achieve. Mr. Stansbury said that Medicare pulled \$250,000 from them, and they are currently trying to get it back. He asked the Board to request help if they should meet with Senator Gardner or Congressman Buck, commenting that the way Medicare treats rural hospitals must stop. Mr. Stansbury went on to report that they show a loss of \$380,000 YTD, which was \$1.5 million last year at this time.

Mr. Stansbury shared the 2018 draft audit, stating that they are still working with the bank to restructure their loan. The lawyers were re-writing their bond covenants, and even though they approved the waiver the hospital requested, they still haven't signed the letter. Mr. Stansbury said their accountant would sign off on the audit as soon as they received it.

Ms. Kobel said they are starting the process for the 2020 budget and asked if the commissioners wanted them to present it once they had it finished. Mr. Stansbury put in that they could give the commissioners as much detail as they wanted. Mr. Piper said the Board would like to see how the hospital's budget feeds into the county budget. He was also concerned with how to handle the repayment of the loan. Mr. Stansbury told him that they would like to have the one-half mill withheld each time the county made a tax payment to the hospital. Mr. Piper noted that the commissioners would adopt the county budget on December 5, and Mr. Stansbury scheduled November 18 to meet with the Board to present the hospital's budget.

Ms. Kobel gave a short update regarding the revenue cycle, informing the group that they created a patient-financial counselor position, which is a neutral party between the patient and the billing office. The person will assist with program enrollment, work with patients regarding out-of-pocket expenses and payment plans, help patients resolve errors or questions with their bills, and listen to their concerns. Ms. Kobel said they are also designing a new statement that will be easier for the patient to understand. As for the third party billing agency, or FPRS, Ms. Kobel explained that they realized they needed to move away from their services. A company called Resolution is ready to take over the process, but they are still looking at other alternatives. Mr. Schifferns asked if that meant they would return to in-house billing, and Ms. Kobel responded that they are still trying to figure out the balance.

Mr. Stansbury reported that their strategic goals still include reducing expenses, improving the quality of service, increasing revenue, and maintaining transparency.

Mr. Stansbury said that they sometimes have problems with vendors not believing they are associated with a government entity, so the resolution they'd requested the commissioners to adopt would help with that. If the commissioners agreed to adopt it, they would be able to provide it when the question arose.

Mr. Stansbury and Ms. Kobel left, and the group adjourned for lunch.

At 12:45 p.m., Mr. Burgess made a motion to go into executive session, per 24-6-402 (4) (f) (I) C.R.S. for personnel matters; conducting interviews for the janitor position. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Those attending the executive session were Mr. Schifferns, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Stone, Mr. Piper, Mrs. Lengel, and the applicants. Mrs. Lengel recorded the session, and the recording will remain on file in the Clerk's vault for the statutory ninety days.

The Board came out of executive session at 3:40 p.m., and Mr. Burgess made a motion to offer the janitor position to Patricia Boyd. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Piper placed a call to Ms. Boyd, who declined the offer because she felt that the job didn't pay enough.

Mr. Stone then made a motion to offer the janitor position to Teena Ludwig. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Piper called Ms. Ludwig, who accepted the offer and agreed to start on Monday, September 9.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schifferns adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m. The next meeting will be the annual budget hearings starting at 9:00 a.m. on September 18, 2019.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman