

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for October 21, 2019

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Darcy Janssen, Northeast Regional EPR, to provide a regional update
- 10:30 Roxie Devers, Lincoln County Roundhouse Representative, and Chris Fox to present an Amended Contract with the State Historical Fund
- 11:00 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to provide a LCH monthly report
1. Approve the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting
  2. Review the September, 2019, reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
  3. Review the September, 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 September, 2019, reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool
  5. Review and act upon intergovernmental agreements concerning fixed rates between Lincoln County and the municipal towns that contract to use the Lincoln County Landfill
  6. Review and act upon a grant from the Electronic Recording Technology Fund for the Clerk and Recorder's Office
  7. Review and act upon a commercial lease between Tracy D. Grimes and Lincoln County Public Health and Lincoln County Department of Human Services regarding the shared office in Limon
  8. Discuss continuing the EZ Contribution Project
  9. Discuss a letter from the Phillips County Commissioners concerning District Attorney fees
  10. County Commissioner reports
  11. County Attorney's report
  12. County Administrator's report
  13. Old Business
  14. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 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 and Limon Leader attended as well.

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 October 7, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

At 9:30 a.m., Northeast Regional EPR Coordinator Darcy Janssen met with the Board to provide an update. Emergency Manager Ken Stroud also attended the discussion. Mrs. Janssen handed out a spreadsheet of primary activities, standards, and requirements associated with each of the various agencies involved with handling emergencies. She stated that EPR, Public Health, Department of Homeland Security, and emergency managers all have deliverables they must meet throughout the year. They coordinate and work together as much as possible, which also helps the local hospitals. Mrs. Janssen briefly discussed the Salamander Project, which is a credentialing project to help track accountability and cost. Through the use of Rapid Tag equipment, they will be able to track personnel and equipment used in emergencies. It will also show what training staff members completed. Mr. Stroud put in that the project is in the beginning stages at this time, and Mrs. Janssen added that it had been around for a couple of years in the larger areas of the state. The reason that it's now becoming available in more rural areas is due to the Healthcare Coalition funding.

Mrs. Janssen said they had a good turnout at the drive-through POD at the fairgrounds. They now have a better idea of how to handle a mass immunization or vaccination without exposing people to one another. She went on to say that there will be a statewide exercise in 2021, so these PODs help them to prepare for that. They hope to have one in each community next year. Since Lincoln County is a local transfer point for supplies, they need to know how to handle and distribute those supplies when they come into the fairgrounds. They will have to sort out what to distribute to the prison as well as to other required areas.

Mr. Burgess asked Mrs. Janssen if she knew if Public Health had enough flu vaccines, as he'd heard others were running out. She responded that she wasn't aware of any problems with acquiring the vaccine.

The Board reviewed the September 2019 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool.

Mr. Piper had prepared Intergovernmental Agreements with the town of Hugo and town of Limon concerning fixed rates for using the Lincoln County Landfill. He said he hadn't changed anything from the 2019 IGAs but could if the Board wanted to adjust the fees. Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the Intergovernmental Agreements with the towns for 2020 using the 2019 rates. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Lengel explained that the grant money from the Electronic Recording Technology Fund was to reimburse the county for the \$9,000 in maintenance and support fees she paid for the Clerk's recording system in 2019. Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the grant funds from the Electronic Recording Technology Fund. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed commercial lease agreements between Tracy D. Grimes and Lincoln County Public Health, and Tracy D. Grimes and the Lincoln County Department of Human Services for the use of the shared office space in Limon. Mr. Piper said all parties agreed that the leases should remain in effect and that it was an acceptable amount for rent. Mr. Stone made a motion to sign the lease agreements, Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Board discussed whether or not to continue with the Enterprise Zone at the fairgrounds. Mr. Piper received an email from Candace Payne stating that she would have to discontinue it in 2020 if there were no participation. If the county could provide a good reason to continue, she would need that in writing. Mr. Stone felt they should let it go, and the other commissioners agreed. Mr. Burgess said they could always reinstate it if necessary and made a motion to withdraw the county's application for the Enterprise Zone. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

After reviewing a letter from the Phillips County Commissioners concerning district attorney fees, the Board agreed that they couldn't do much since the counties are not in the same judicial district. Mr. Burgess commented that there was a conference call scheduled for November 22 to discuss the DA's budget, and they should all try and listen in on it.

Mr. Schiffers called for commissioner reports, and Mr. Stone reported that he checked roads east of State Road 71 on October 8. He attended the hospital's Denim and Diamonds gala on October 12. It was an enjoyable event with good attendance. Mr. Stone went to the music festival planning meeting at the fairgrounds on October 15 and also checked roads. He and Rick Ashcraft toured around and looked at roads on October 17. Road crews have almost finished the mowing. There was a fire on State Road 71 down south on October 18, so Mr. Stone went to check it out. He said it was extremely windy, but luckily, the wind blew the fire toward the oiled road. Mr. Stone also said that he received a call from a resident who lives off of Highway

94. Someone bought a small parcel of land, and they want to cross the resident's property to get to it. Mr. Stone felt it might come up again at some point.

Mr. Schifferns checked with Chris Monks on October 8 to see how their new road crewman was working out. He said he was doing a good job. Mr. Schifferns checked roads on October 9 and also stopped at the county shop. He received a complaint about a street light being out on the outskirts of Arriba. The caller didn't know if they should report it to the town or to the county. Mr. Schifferns contacted K. C. Electric. Mr. Schifferns called Mr. Stone on October 15 to see if he planned to attend the meeting at the fairgrounds. He checked roads again on October 16.

Mr. Burgess reported that he picked up the Gator at the shop and took it to the landfill after the commissioner meeting on October 7. He also called a resident who wanted to know if he planned to trade the last Rancho belly dump, which he didn't. On October 9, Mr. Burgess picked up some apples and bread from Colorado East and took them to the hospital. He also talked with Katie Zipperer about where to put her request for a computer in her 2020 budget. Mr. Burgess stopped by the POD exercise at the fairgrounds and went to stake out new perimeters for the Jamaco pit with Fred Lundy and Bruce Walters. He also showed Mr. Lundy where they want to put a new gravel pit north of Arriba. District Two road crewmen were laying gravel on County Road 4C. Mr. Burgess also got a letter from Joe Kiely about CDOT creating a freight office. On October 10, Mr. Burgess went to Fort Morgan for the Centennial Mental Health meeting. They brought up that all critical access hospitals are struggling and that reimbursement rates don't keep up with actual costs. He also had a call about a county employee. Mr. Burgess went to Denver on October 11 for the CCI legislative committee meeting. He brought up the issue of DOC circumventing local community corrections boards and wanted to know if the county is required to have one. They also want to pass legislation to increase fines and penalties for traffic infractions, which hasn't happened since 1975. Mr. Burgess participated in a conference call on October 14 concerning the District Attorney's budget. The Ports-to-Plains meeting started in Williston, ND, that day as well. Mr. Burgess attended the meeting on October 16 and 17 and said that the money they have for projects is unbelievable. The state stepped up with significant highway improvements, and the county and towns built housing for employees, new schools, a rec center, a daycare facility, and a new hospital. Lastly, Mr. Burgess said he had more questions about the pension plan.

At 10:30 a.m., Lincoln County Roundhouse Representative Roxie Devers and Chris Fox, President of Roundhouse Preservation, Inc., met with the Board to present an amended contract with the State Historical Fund. Mr. Kimble reviewed the contract and asked if the only change was the extension of the deadline from December 13, 2019, to December 13, 2020. Mrs. Devers told him that was correct. Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve Contract Amendment #2017-01-028B with the State Historical Fund for an extension of the contract. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Devers said she almost asked the commissioners to stop all work because Spectrum isn't getting her the paperwork she needs. She asked for a simple form in June and still hasn't received it, and what paperwork she did get was wrong. Mrs. Devers also got an email that

they would be put on the inactive list because they hadn't asked for any money; however, Spectrum hasn't submitted any bills. She told the person who took over when Chris Cella left that the county would pay invoices on October 31. She also explained that the project could be audited, so she needed something from them to complete her paperwork. Mr. Burgess asked if the commissioners needed to call someone, and Mr. Kimble added that it sounded like they were in breach of their contract. Mrs. Devers said they are working on the building, they're just not doing the paperwork, so she hated to have them stop. She added that they wouldn't be able to apply for TAP funds if they were inactive. Mr. Burgess felt that Mr. Kimble should write a letter to the owner of Spectrum General Contractors regarding the fact that the company hasn't submitted the proper paperwork to CDOT. Mr. Kimble said he'd pull out the file and draft a letter. Mrs. Devers commented that she also never got another payroll since Spectrum completed the work on the roof. Mr. Burgess said that they'd let the company continue to work until they asked for money; at that point, the Board can tell them they need the proper paperwork before the county would make any payments.

Chris Fox asked the commissioners if the county could clean out Bay 1 for the Big Boy Locomotive stop on November 23 and 24. They would like to give tours of the roundhouse on those days and set up a place for hot drinks and soup. If the county could clear off the floor and level it with some road base, it would help with the overall presentation and cleanliness of the place. He asked if they could also turn on the power, but Mr. Burgess said there is no power to the facility yet. Mrs. Devers added that Spectrum had it on when they were here using it, but shut it off when they finished the last time. Mr. Fox said they'd need a generator then, and Mr. Burgess told him to contact Kip Parker at Veris Environmental.

The group discussed if the county could do anything to the interior of the building without the Historical Society's permission. Mrs. Devers said that they didn't care about the inside; it was the outside that was the historical part of the structure. Mr. Fox added that finishing this last phase on the doors and windows would complete the historical portion of the project.

At 11:00 a.m., Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury met with the Board to provide a monthly report. Mr. Stansbury wanted the Board to know that there would be a meeting with the insurance commissioner at the depot the following day if they wanted to attend. He shared a letter regarding the hospital's perspective on the state's proposed "public option" draft plan. Mr. Stansbury also reported that the Denim and Diamonds gala should net at least \$30,000 and that they promised five percent of the proceeds to the veterans' memorial fund. There was a sizable crowd, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

After Mr. Stansbury left, Mr. Kimble reported that he'd sent a proposed resolution on oil and gas to the commissioners for their review. Since the county doesn't have oil and gas regulations, he wasn't sure if they could pass such a resolution. He added that he had a conference call coming up on Wednesday and would learn more then.

Mr. Piper reported that he had to increase the credit limit on the county credit card for the COG bus driver to \$300 due to company policy.

Mr. Piper spoke briefly about a letter from DOLA received by Hugo Town Clerk Maria Nestor. The letter indicated that the law regarding an entity bringing in more than 5.5% of their tax revenue from the previous year didn't apply to those that de-Bruced. Mr. Kimble said that prior to TABOR, entities could keep their excess tax revenue. He added that he was waiting for information from the bond attorney, who would know the answer. Mr. Piper said he'd go ahead with the budget planning including a 5.5% increase.

Mr. Piper said he'd assumed the commissioners would have to approve a supplemental appropriation for the General Fund due to the million-dollar loan to the hospital. However, there was a chance that they might not have to.

As for old business, Mr. Piper said he'd found that the commissioners changed the 1,500-hour rule to 1,820, which would coincide with a thirty-five-hour-workweek. After some discussion, Mr. Burgess made a motion to leave the rule of 1,820 hours in the pension plan rather than change it to 1,500 hours as previously decided. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schiffers adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is at 9:00 a.m. on October 30, 2019.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ed E. Schiffers, Chairman