

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for February 27, 2020

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:00 Chris Monks, District 1 Road Foreman, to discuss the CDL Clearing House
- 9:30 Robert Kraxberger, Human Services Supervisor, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 10:00 Emily Poss with the Country Living Learning Center to provide an update on daycare
- 11:30 Robin Halley, CSU Extension Director, to provide an Extension Office update

1. Approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting
2. Review the January 2020, 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
3. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha
4. Review and discuss House Bill 1059 concerning the Valuation of Energy Storage Equipment
5. Review and act upon a contract amendment from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment concerning Emergency Preparedness Response
6. Review an Application for a Special Events Permit from Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council for PRD Networking evening on June 9, 2020
7. Review an Application for a Special Events Permit from Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council for the Aaron Watson concert on August 8, 2020
8. County Commissioner reports
9. County Attorney's report
10. County Administrator's report
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2020. The following attended: Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Ed E. Schiffers 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 approximately 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and asked Chris Monks to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Monks then discussed the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, which involves a new federal rule requiring motor carriers to submit queries and report drug and alcohol violations. Jon Wagner, with CTSI, discussed the new regulations at the recent Road & Bridge MSHA training. The online database helps identify drivers from performing safety-sensitive functions due to a drug and alcohol program violation. The county would need to register with the clearinghouse and query the site at least annually for drug and alcohol program violation information. Mr. Monks said they would have to query the clearinghouse whenever they hired a new employee as well. He'd done some checking around and learned that several other counties have registered but haven't participated fully in the program. According to Jon Wagner, there hadn't been any fines imposed yet, but that could soon change. Mr. Piper claimed that it appeared to be mandatory and said that Paula Weeks sent him information on the List Serve. Mr. Monks added that employees were encouraged to log into the site to make sure there was no one else listed with their same name. That would be an ongoing task, and several of the road crew complained about it after their MSHA training. Mr. Monks said it was up to the commissioners to decide how they wanted to handle it. Mr. Burgess felt that they would have to do it, but decided to table any further discussion until Mr. Kimble could do some research.

Mr. Monks also said he'd contracted three more loads of fuel for \$1.97/gallon.

Mr. Kimble brought up County Rd 2W, stating that Heather Brickey finally sent a map that she'd promised to forward back in January. Their maintenance crew works when the weather allows, and Mr. Kimble said they planned on fixing everything by April 1. Mr. Monks said the map listed all of the repairs they'd discussed, so he felt it would probably be okay if they ever got it finished. He didn't think that April 1 was a realistic deadline.

At 9:30 a.m., Robert Kraxberger, with the Department of Human Services, met with the Board to give the monthly report. The Board reviewed the financials and employee timesheets as well as the Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, and the monthly director's reports.

At 10:00 a.m., Emily Poss, with the County Living Learning Center, met with the Board to provide an update on daycare. She introduced the daycare's director, Kayla Buzzard, who moved to Lincoln County specifically for this purpose. Mrs. Poss said the facility is doing very well and excitedly reported that they made a profit last month. When they opened on October 17, they had seven participants. They are now up to twenty-four and often have to turn people

away. They hope to open another area for a transition room, so they should be able to obtain a license for another four kids. Mrs. Poss added that they currently have six employees and several volunteers.

Mr. Burgess asked about training for the teachers, and Mrs. Poss explained that the Early Childhood Council has funding, so it will pay for the classes in full as long as the teacher passes them. They have to pass four courses, which take about a year to complete.

In response to the question of whether or not they still plan to build another facility, Mrs. Poss said that they do. However, they're having problems getting help from Economic Development in obtaining their operating grant. Mr. Schifferns and Mr. Burgess both said they'd speak with the director, Troy McCue.

When Mr. Burgess asked to what capacity they want the daycare to grow, Ms. Buzzard told him they could easily double what they have now.

Mrs. Poss commented that it's difficult only to pay minimum wage, so the hope is that the operating grant would help them increase those wages.

They've received community support in several ways, and Osborne's Supermarket will even honor their "yellow cards" if people drop them off at the daycare. Mrs. Poss said they get many of their supplies locally. They ask parents to bring diapers and food for their children because they don't have a certified kitchen, nor anyone to work there even if they did.

The commissioner had no other questions but said they would speak with Troy McCue on the daycare's behalf.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 18, 2020, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the January 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. Also reviewed was the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha.

Mr. Piper went to get County Assessor Jeremiah Higgins and Renita Thelen, who wanted to attend the discussion regarding HB20-1059: Valuation of Energy Storage Equipment. Mr. Higgins spoke with members of the assessor's association, and so far, they don't seem to be too concerned. They believe it won't move forward, but if it does, they will take a position of opposition. He added that it appeared to only apply to solar energy at this point. Mr. Higgins said his concern would be whether or not the batteries were hazardous or explosive in any way. Mr. Burgess felt that the commissioners should send a letter opposing the legislation, so Mr. Stone made a motion to sign a letter opposing HB20-1059. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Piper explained that the Board already approved and signed the contract amendment in agenda item number five, but the state misplaced it. He called Public Health Director Jobeth Mills to ask if the commissioners needed to backdate the document, but she said they were still within the timeframe of approval. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve Contract Amendment #1 for \$112,057 with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding Emergency Preparedness Response. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Piper asked Wendy Pottorff to come in and update the Board on the Mobile Innovation Lab sponsored by Boulder Valley School District that they'd discussed having at the county fair. At first, they'd told her it would cost over \$2,000 to bring it out, but she recently received an email that they would provide it free of charge on Friday, August 7. Mr. Burgess asked if there would be time to put the information in the fair book. Mr. Stone told Mrs. Pottorff to contact Amy Solomon to find out.

After reviewing the documentation, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve an application for a Special Events Permit from the Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council for a PRD networking evening on June 8, 2020. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve an application for a Special Events Permit from the Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council for the Aaron Watson concert at the county fair on August 8, 2020. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess reported that he'd had several phone calls from residents concerning the opening of section lines. He responded that property should not be landlocked; however, all section lines shouldn't be open, either. Mr. Burgess spent quite a bit of time trying to figure out how to handle the issue under litigation that would benefit all parties. He also asked Bruce Walters to order 1,000 tons of rock for chip-sealing roads and discussed updating flagging certificates with him. Chris Monks called Mr. Burgess about renting a walk-behind, sheep-foot roller for the pipes they want to put in on County Road 2W. He asked Mr. Burgess if District 2 would be interested in using it while they had it rented, so Mr. Burgess talked to Mr. Walters about it. Landfill Manager Mick Jaques called Mr. Burgess to tell him that the burn permit was extended for the rest of the year, so they would try and burn at the landfill if they got some moisture. Lastly, Mr. Burgess reported attending the pre-con meeting in Limon on February 26.

Mr. Schifferns reported receiving a call from an attorney on February 19. He checked roads on the Twentieth and received several of the same phone calls that Mr. Burgess did. On February 24, Mr. Schifferns talked to Chris Monks about the loader that is still giving District 1 problems. They are working on a deal to trade it off. He and Mr. Monks also discussed the CDL clearinghouse and culverts on County Road 2W.

Mr. Stone reported receiving calls regarding section lines on February 20, 21, and 22. He checked roads on February 23 and went by the Karval shop on February 24. Mr. Stone also

attended the Highway 71 pre-con meeting on February 26. Earlier this morning, he discussed buying a post-hole digger with Rick Ashcraft.

Mr. Kimble provided copies of the draft resolution to temporarily close a portion of County Road 34.2, between County Road 2G and County Road 2D, for a wildlife study. He sent the document to Jeff Belveal and Logan Wilkins, with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, for their review. They were comfortable with it but had to check with their administrators for approval. Mr. Piper said he'd scheduled the two to meet with the Board on March 18.

Mr. Piper reported that the cost for the labor to put in the new flooring in the clerk's and driver examiner's offices was \$1,931. The material was around \$1,600. Mr. Piper thought they might run slightly over-budget because the labor for carpet installation would be \$21,466, which left only about \$20,000 for the carpet.

Mr. Piper had received an email from Katie Zipperer, who wants to move the bookmobile office into one of the rooms formerly occupied by Morgan Community College. The move would allow them to obtain their own address instead of having to use the library's address. They wouldn't be able to move until July, and rent would not increase this year. Mr. Schifferns asked how much it would go up when it did increase, but Mr. Piper didn't know. The commissioners felt that Mrs. Zipperer should find out the cost before they agreed to the move.

Chris Monks called to ask if the commissioners wanted him to lock in three loads of fuel at \$2.10 per gallon for next year. The Board agreed.

Mr. Kimble asked to discuss the current litigation with the commissioners, so Mrs. Lundy left around 11:00 a.m.

At 11:45 a.m., CSU Extension Director Robin Halley met with the Board to provide an extension office update. He reported on 4-H enrollment, workshops, meetings, and training they'd attended, and that he'd be taking over the 4-H Counsel. CSU plans to complete a needs assessment and would like small county participation in a pilot program. He said he would like to volunteer if the commissioners had no objections, which they didn't. Mr. Halley also stated that they have to start reporting accurate demographics for programs such as Farm Safety Kids. He discussed changes in the state fair nomination process and explained the Colorado Department of Agriculture's "Request a Bug" program, which could help eradicate specific types of weeds.

Mr. Burgess asked if the county still had a Master Gardener, and Mr. Halley told him that Cheryl Thompson was working on it.

Lastly, Mr. Halley said that he'd like to find unbiased judges who don't know the contestants when it comes to judging the county fair. He felt that he might have to widen the circumference of his search for impartial judges, which might mean having to pay them more than \$50 plus mileage.

Mr. Halley left, and Mr. Piper informed the Board that he'd finished putting together the benefits presentation for the county employees and would schedule a time for it.

There was no old or new business to discuss, so the Board approved the February payroll and expenses for the month.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m. Although the commissioners were attending a workshop the following day, the next regular meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on March 5, 2020.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman