

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for May 13, 2020

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO CALL IN, ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC WILL BE MUTED UNTIL THE COMMISSIONERS ASK FOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE CALL IN NUMBER AND THE ACCESS CODE.

- **Call in number: 1 (312) 757-3121**
- **Access Code: 925-290-933**

1:00 Call to order

1:00 Logan Wilkins with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to discuss the reopening of campsites

1. Old Business
2. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on May 13, 2020, via conference call. On the call were Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioner Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel, Public Health Director Jobeth Mills, and Lincoln County Emergency Manager Ken Stroud. Colorado Parks and Wildlife district manager Logan Wilkins and area wildlife manager Frank McGee participated in the initial discussion about reopening campsites in the state wildlife areas in Lincoln County.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order, and Mr. Wilkins said they wanted to talk to the commissioners to see if they had any concerns about reopening Kinney Lake, Karval Lake, and the other state wildlife areas. Mr. McGee put in that the governor gave permission the previous day, but if the commissioners didn't want to reopen Lincoln County, they wouldn't.

Public Health Director Jobeth Mills' concern was any restrooms at the locations, but since most people are maintaining social distancing, she didn't have any issues with allowing camping again.

Mr. Stone spoke up to say that he was worried about the fire danger because there hadn't been much moisture, and he asked that they restrict campfires. Mr. Burgess agreed but also stated that there would be no way to close the restrooms.

Mr. Wilkins said they are always cognizant of any fire ban restrictions and require campers to adhere to the rules. Mr. Burgess said he wasn't aware of any right now, but they should check with the sheriff.

Emergency Manager Ken Stroud commented that there were no fire bans in place currently. He added that CPW has always been very good about making sure people follow fire restrictions.

Mr. Piper had talked to Sheriff Nestor earlier, and the sheriff said he had no concerns with reopening the campgrounds.

Mr. Wilkins and Mr. McGee dropped off the call, and Mr. Burgess asked if anyone had old or new business to discuss.

Mr. Stone said he'd forgotten the CSU call the night before, and Mr. Burgess said they'd discussed the fair again. He'd also talked to CSU Extension Agent Robin Halley earlier this morning. Mrs. Mills said she wasn't opposed to writing another request for a variance for the fair if the state approves the one she sent asking for gatherings of more than fifty. She felt the kids needed to have a sale instead of doing it remotely.

Mr. Burgess said that the "Safer at Home" order expires on May 26, so they would wait and see what the governor decided at that time. Mrs. Mills said she'd heard from the state shortly before the commissioner meeting. They needed more data for her request for variance on the gatherings, but she also told them she wanted to apply for a variance allowing local restaurants

to reopen and serve 30% of their capacity. One restaurant owner wasn't ready to open yet, and Mrs. Mills said she told them that was fine—they could do whatever they were comfortable with in that aspect.

Mr. Burgess reported receiving a phone call about how dry everything is, so he contacted the FSA office to see if they were working on drought declarations, which they are. He learned that a letter of support is no longer necessary, but he told them to let the commissioners know if they could help in any way.

Mrs. Mills asked if Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stone were okay with her submitting the variance request, and Mr. Stone made a motion to allow Public Health Director Jobeth Mills to apply for a variance from the state allowing local restaurants to reopen and serve in-person meals at 30% of their capacity. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess gave a brief synopsis of the department head meeting he'd attended earlier that morning so that Mr. Stone knew what the group discussed. He said he talked about the addition to the personnel policy regarding county employees attending emergency calls and the drop-box for the front of the courthouse. He asked Mrs. Lengel if she'd talked to Sheriff Nestor about the camera system. Mrs. Lengel said she had and would discuss it further with James Martin, but he felt he might be able to tie it into the system in her office. Since statute requires that the clerk has to maintain election records for twenty-five months, Mr. Martin felt it might be best if the feed went directly into the clerk's office. Sheriff Nestor agreed with that, as did the commissioners.

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2020.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Steve Burgess, Chairman