

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for June 18, 2020

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:00 Jim Covington, Lincoln County Treasurer to discuss matters regarding interest on property tax
- 9:15 Darlene Carpio, Regional Director for Senator Cory Gardner, to provide a legislative update
- 9:45 Jobeth Mills, Lincoln County Public Health Director, to discuss an Emergency Preparedness Response contract
- 10:00 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to provide a LCH monthly report
- 10:30 Gillian Laycock with the Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council, to discuss the potential concert which is preliminarily scheduled for the last day of the Lincoln County Fair
- 11:00 Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response with the Office of the Attorney General, to call in to present on the opioid epidemic
- 1:00 Fred Lundy, Land Use Administrator, to present the report from the June 17, 2020 Land Use Board Meeting
- 2:00 Anita Smith to discuss the Ranch Rodeo
1. Approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 meeting
  2. Review the May 2020, reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff and County Treasurer
  3. Review the May 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
  4. Review and act upon the Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board Contract
  5. Review and act upon an Employee Credit Card Request for Patrick Leonard, Lincoln County Weed Control Coordinator
  6. Review and act upon Resolution #1015, a resolution for the renewal of the ambulance service license for the Community Ambulance Service, Incorporated, located in Arriba, Flagler, and Seibert, Colorado
  7. County Commissioner reports
  8. County Attorney's report
  9. County Administrator's report
  10. Old Business
  11. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 18, 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 2:00 p.m. Darlene Carpio and Kaitlyn Maker with Senator Cory Gardner's office stayed until Kevin Stansbury left, and Chris Huelskamp attended until about 10:30 a.m.

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

County Treasurer Jim Covington met briefly with the Board to discuss HB20-1421, which passed through the legislature in three days. It deals with delinquent interest on property tax and requires approval from the county treasurer. Mr. Covington saw no reason to participate since the new law would mainly benefit larger counties.

At 9:15 a.m., Darlene Carpio introduced Kaitlyn Maker, an intern in the Yuma office, and then asked if the commissioners felt that the county would benefit from the CARES Act money through DOLA. Mr. Piper told her he was working on IGAs with the municipalities and that the county's interest was in the business grant program. He added that he hoped to learn more next week when the northeast administrators meet with Greg Etl. Mr. Kimble commented that the receiving municipality would bear the liability arising from any money inappropriately spent or any state law violation.

Ms. Carpio informed the group that the senator got approval for the new Space Command Center in Colorado Springs, which should create many new job opportunities.

Senator Gardner's Great American Outdoors Act passed through the Senate yesterday, which would dedicate billions in revenue paid to the federal government from oil and gas exploration fees through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The money, permanently funded, would cover maintenance projects in the country's national parks and fish and wildlife areas. According to Ms. Carpio, Lincoln County received over \$61,000 in 1970 for the Kinney Lake area and just under \$2,000 for tennis court improvements in Hugo in 1977.

Mr. Burgess said he participated in a Zoom meeting with Washington, D.C. Congressman Jodie Arrington from Texas. They plan to introduce HR 7151, a bill to designate the Ports-to-Plains, Heartland Express, and Teddy Roosevelt highways as interstate, a total of 1,390 miles from Texas to Canada. Ms. Carpio said she'd speak with Joe Kiely as she hadn't talked to him since February.

Ms. Carpio told the Board that there are opportunities for federal dollars available to the county, such as funding for solar or battery backup power for tornado sirens. The county might also qualify to purchase a new ambulance if it could show a necessity because of COVID-19.

Mr. Stone had submitted a slight correction to the minutes from the June 4, 2020, meeting via email, so Mr. Schiffers made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

While the Board reviewed the May 2020 reports from the Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer, Sheriff Tom Nestor and Emergency Manager Ken Stroud joined the meeting.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the \$42,300 Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement Board contract for the grant period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve a county credit card with a limit of \$3,000 for Weed Coordinator Patrick Leonard. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 9:45 a.m., the Board adjourned as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvened as the Lincoln County Board of Public Health. Director Jobeth Mills asked for signatures on two public health contracts, the EPR contract for \$108,597, and the CORE contract for \$28,259. Although the state decreased the EPR contract by a little over \$3,400, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Stroud both said it wouldn't affect them too much. Mr. Schiffers made a motion to approve Contract Amendment #2 for Emergency Preparedness Response. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the \$28,259 Public Health CORE Contract Amendment #4 for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Mills updated the group on the COVID-19 variance she'd applied for, and Mr. Burgess provided information from the latest governor's order.

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting as the Board of Public Health and reconvened it as the Board of County Commissioners. Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury arrived at that time as well. Mr. Burgess asked him if they could move his appointment back to discuss the concert at the fair before Mrs. Mills left, and Mr. Stansbury agreed.

Mr. Burgess asked Chris Huelskamp to come to the table and discuss the Aaron Watson concert at the fairgrounds on August 8, 2020. As she'd requested that they include her in the discussion, Mr. Piper called Gillian Laycock, with the Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council. Mr. Huelskamp said they have a plan in place for a safe and successful concert if they could get the Board's approval to go ahead with it. Plan A would be to carry on as they did in 2019 with the concert in the new building. Plan B involved modifications addressing concerns related to COVID-19.

Mr. Huelskamp explained that initially, they discussed having people watch from their vehicles, but then thought they could paint 24' x 24' squares on the ground in a grid pattern, allowing no more than ten people per square. Based on the governor's new guidelines, doing so would allow attendance of nearly 1,200. Mrs. Mills said that they would need to have hand sanitizing stations, require social distancing, and encourage people to wear masks. She added that any food vendors would have to have minimal staffing and provide individual condiment and utensil packets.

Mr. Stone commented that Plan B would require a lot more work, and Mr. Huelskamp responded they'd plan for the worst and hope for the best. Mrs. Mills also said that if they were to get the variance for 250 people per square acre, the plan would work. Mr. Huelskamp added that they would put information on their ticketing website as well as make as many announcements as possible. Mrs. Mills told the group that if the event caused an outbreak, at least they could show that they'd attempted to control the spread with the recommendations they'd outlined.

Mr. Stone said he was in favor of going forward with the concert, and Sheriff Nestor asked if they'd considered the campers. Mrs. Mills told him that she and Extension Agent Robin Halley discussed not allowing campers at the fair at all this year.

Megan Mosher arrived as Mrs. Mills asked Mr. Huelskamp if they would have a way to contact people if an outbreak occurred. He said it would be impossible for any cash ticket sales, but they would have contact information for people who purchased tickets online.

Mrs. Mills explained that since the county is doing well with controlling the virus, there was no reason not to go forward with the concert provided the group took proper precautions.

Mr. Burgess said that all the commissioners could do was to agree to allow the concert, but if things changed or there was another outbreak, they might have to readdress their decision.

Megan Mosher asked about alcohol sales, and Mrs. Mills said that social distancing becomes a bigger issue anytime alcohol is involved. Still, since bars are starting to open again, it might be okay. Gillian Laycock spoke up to say that she'd be more concerned with people drinking in their vehicles if there weren't a beer garden. She felt they would have more control as the responsible party because they can stop serving people. Sheriff Nestor commented that he would hate to have everyone drinking in their vehicles as it would create a whole new problem on another scale for law enforcement.

Mr. Stone told the group that not everyone would be in favor of the commissioners approving the concert and asked that they make sure to follow the guidelines and take every possible precaution.

Megan Mosher asked if it would be better to have people park their vehicles somewhere else and walk to the event or else, they could provide a shuttle of some kind. The sheriff said he

would prefer that people have designated drivers instead of walking, which could be dangerous.

Tim Anderson arrived at 10:25 a.m. as the commissioners gave their approval to hold the Aaron Watson concert on August 8, 2020, at the Lincoln County Fair.

The Board met with Kevin Stansbury at 10:30 a.m., who gave updates on the hospital's April financials, the projected audit, and COVID-19. He spoke briefly of the Medicare Accelerated Payment Program and possible impacts of repealing the Gallagher Amendment, slated for the November ballot.

Mr. Stansbury talked to someone regarding grant funding for a clinic in Deer Trail and asked for \$500,000 to construct a building. Ms. Carpio told him about the funding that might be available for another ambulance if they could show it as a necessity due to COVID-19.

Lastly, Mr. Stansbury said they'd discussed the need for a community-wide peer review program, adding he had talked with Town of Limon Administrator Greg Tacha and Limon FPD Secretary Teresa O'Dwyer. They hope to improve pre-hospital care and broaden the approach to EMS delivery.

Mr. Piper asked if Mr. Stansbury knew if the county could deposit the CARES Act money into interest-bearing accounts. Ms. Carpio said her understanding was that they'd have to use the funding on COVID-related expenses, so she wouldn't think it could earn interest. Mr. Stansbury responded that they'd deposited any money the hospital received into a savings account and were tracking their expenses, but he wasn't sure if they were supposed to be earning interest.

Ms. Carpio and Miss Maker left, and Anita Smith and LaRay Patton met with the Board at 11:00 a.m. Heidi Williams, Director of Opioid Response with the Office of the Attorney General, canceled her presentation on the opioid epidemic.

On behalf of the Hugo Roping Club, Mrs. Smith said she was there to ask the commissioners if they would allow the group to hold gymkhanas this summer. Mr. Stone and Mr. Burgess both said that they didn't have a problem with it if they worked with John Palmer to clean and sanitize as much as possible. Mr. Burgess also suggested they work closely with Jobeth Mills and try and follow social distancing protocol. Mr. Stone also explained about serving concessions and said that they didn't usually have more than 25-30 people attend an event, so there shouldn't be any issues with adhering to the guidelines. Mrs. Smith told them there were only eight events on the schedule.

A call to Jobeth Mills confirmed that the Roping Club could move forward with their summer events provided they filled out and signed off on the checklist that she would email to them. Mrs. Smith asked if they needed a liability waiver that included information about COVID-19 for parents to sign, and Mrs. Mills told her it would be a good idea. She also reiterated several procedures for food sales and cleaning/sanitizing.

After Mrs. Mills hung up, Mrs. Smith asked the commissioners if they felt the organization still needed to continue purchasing the annual liability insurance that covers spectators. If the county already carries insurance, they could use the money they saved for arena improvements or lighting. Mr. Piper told her that the county's insurance covers participants and spectators only when it's a county function, so they would probably have to continue getting theirs.

Mrs. Smith asked about holding Lincoln County Night during the fair. Mr. Burgess said that they could plan on it right now, but if the virus spread or something else changed, the commissioners might have to reconsider. Lastly, Mrs. Smith asked if they could continue the open riding clinics every Tuesday until the end of July. They average twenty-five attendees each time. The Board agreed that they could go on with the events.

After Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Patton left, the Board reviewed the May 2020 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. While doing so, Mrs. Lengel discussed the prospect of paying bills once a month instead of twice. She and the auditor, deputy treasurer, and finance director met earlier in the week to determine the best method of balancing the accounts payable between the two offices. Mr. Farmer asked why the county prepared two check runs every month, and no one really had an answer. He suggested processing checks around the Fifth of the month, which would allow the finance director to post the payments and the deputy treasurer to transfer the funds in the same month. Mr. Burgess said they could try it, but he'd like for the Board to approve the expenditures first instead of at the end of the meeting so that the checks would go out the same day.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to adopt a resolution renewing the application from Community Ambulance Service, Inc., to license the ambulance service and permit its ambulances as basic life support vehicles. 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 June 18, 2020, there were present:

Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schifferns Vice Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner	Present
Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Present
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 # 1015** It was moved by Commissioner Schifferns and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Colorado Emergency Medical Services Act, Section 25-315.101, et seq., C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish requirements for the inspection, licensure, and operation of ambulance services, ambulance personnel, and ambulance vehicles operating in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Commissioners adopted Resolution #651 and thereby established rules and regulations governing the licensure of ambulance services operating within Lincoln County; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Ambulance Service, with ambulances based in Flagler and Seibert in Kit Carson County and Arriba in Lincoln County, has presented the Board of County Commissioners with an application to license the ambulance service and to permit their ambulances as basic life support vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Board of County Commissioners determined that the documentation presented met the rules and regulations established under Resolution #651;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that Community Ambulance Service is hereby authorized to provide ambulance service in Lincoln County with basic life support ambulances.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Burgess, Yes; Commissioner Schifferns, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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Mr. Stone reported that he stopped and talked to Rick Ashcraft on his way home from the commissioner meeting on June 4. They discussed the road crew hauling dirt to the shoulder where they laid oil. On the Fifth, Mr. Stone talked to Chris Monks, Mr. Schifferns, and Mr. Burgess about an issue they had with a fence. Mr. Monks later told him he'd taken care of the problem. Mr. Stone attended the Eastern TPR meeting on June 8, where he learned that cities and counties could see a \$30 million shortfall of funds due to COVID-19. Cuts would come via reducing capital projects and not scheduling new projects but hopefully completing current jobs. Mr. Stone checked roads on June 9, the road crew hauled sand on June 10, and he checked roads again on June 12. He also attended the Karval Water Users board meeting. Dave Frisch, with GMS Consulting Engineers, was there to offer his services for replacing old

meters and valves on the town's current water system. They also need a backup well. Mr. Frisch wanted to set up a meeting with the commissioners and Greg Etl to discuss their options. On June 15, Mr. Stone talked to Rick Ashcraft about the CPW using the county rights-of-way for pull-offs during hunting season. Janell Reid sent a text message to the commissioners that same day, expressing her concerns with the county reopening during the pandemic. Mr. Stone also reported that he attended the Colorado East Community Action Agency meeting on June 16. TEFAP remains stable, with distribution occurring the first Thursday of each month. Although the store was closed between March 25 and May 11, they didn't lay anyone off, and they received several grants and COVID funds. Mr. Stone attended a CSU Zoom meeting that afternoon. The state fair and county fairs are still in the planning process, and everyone is waiting to see what restrictions the governor might impose.

Mr. Schifferns reported receiving a call on June 5 from a resident requesting help with a road damaged by the wind. Mr. Schifferns called Chris Monks, who took care of it. On June 7, Mr. Schifferns spoke with Ken Stroud and told him he appreciated the weather bulletins that he sent out. Mr. Schifferns checked roads on June 8. He also talked to the sheriff about the new armored vehicle. Fred Lundy brought him the information regarding the Arriba Wind Farm on June 12, and Mr. Schifferns also talked to Robin Halley about the fair. He spoke with Mr. Piper about CARES funding on June 15, and on the Seventeenth, he received thanks from the resident they'd helped on June 5. Mr. Schifferns also spoke with Colleen Luft, who took over Project Smile. District 1 finished up some paving on June 18.

Mr. Burgess reported attending a Baby Bear Hugs Zoom meeting on June 4. They're still planning on having a fundraiser at the golf tournament in Limon next month. On a hospital Zoom meeting, Mr. Burgess learned that the profit and loss look good with all the CARES funding and other money coming in. They are doing a lot of telemedicine, and visits in April were down. All three commissioners received text messages about a fence going in too close to the county road. On June 5, Mr. Burgess received a call from Mr. Schifferns about a fence problem in his area. Mr. Piper also called to ask if he could sign the contract with Spectrum for the painting on the roundhouse, and Mr. Burgess told him to go ahead. Mr. Burgess participated in another Baby Bear Hugs Zoom meeting on June 8 with all staff and board members. They will start wearing waist packs as part of their uniform when they make home visits that will include COVID-19 essential items. Mr. Burgess also talked with Chris Monks about their loader. Wagner CAT planned to come out and do appraisals on the loaders the county wanted to trade in.

On June 9, Mr. Burgess listened to the Public Health Zoom meeting. There are no new coronavirus cases, and Jobeth Mills was trying to get a variance of 250 people per acre. There are forty-five acres at the fairgrounds. Chris Monks called on June 10 to inform Mr. Burgess that the 938 and 950 loaders weren't worth what they'd hoped. He was in the process of getting prices on a chipper for all three districts. Mr. Burgess went to Genoa and talked with Bruce Walters about the loaders and said they would get prices on John Deere, Volvo, and Komatsu models. If McCormick gets the paving done for District 1 next week, Mr. Burgess said that District 2 would start paving. On June 11, Chris Monks called about buying a 1999 WH

Spread King chipper with a 3116 Cat engine and rate control system. The machine had 250 hours on it. They were asking \$123,000.00 delivered to Hugo; \$120,000.00 for the chipper and \$2,300.00 for delivery. It was coming from Geffs, Inc., in Pocatello, ID. The county could pay \$62,300.00 on delivery and \$60,000.00 the first of November. The company allowed a \$5,000.00 trade-in value. Mr. Burgess talked to the other two commissioners who agreed to the purchase, which would come from the District 4 budget. Mr. Burgess also let Mr. Piper know what they'd decided. Later, Mr. Burgess participated in a Zoom meeting with the Limon Chamber of Commerce. They were planning on having the 4th of July celebration, including a 5K run, a two-person golf tournament with 8" holes, movies, and fireworks. People would have to stay in their vehicles for the fireworks show, as no one would be allowed on the football field or in the grandstands. The Chamber also still planned on having the car show and summer concerts and would coordinate with Jobeth Mills to work out the details. John Forestall called Mr. Burgess on June 13, wanting him to sign a document saying that they bought tire bales, which would allow them to get a state rebate of \$12.50 per bale. Mr. Burgess told him that he'd sign it. John Palmer called Mr. Burgess on June 15, asking him to return the dumpsters to the fairgrounds if they weren't using them, so he contacted Bruce Walters to do it. During a Zoom meeting for Ports-to-Plains with Washington, D.C. congressman Jodie Arrington from Texas, he learned about HR7151. They plan to introduce legislation to designate the Ports-to-Plains, Heartland Express, and Teddy Roosevelt highways as interstate for a total of 1,390 miles from Texas to Canada. Mr. Burgess read the Arriba Wind Farm application book he got from Fred Lundy. Chris Monks called; they were having trouble with A&E trucks using county roads. Mr. Burgess went by the CDOT engineer's office and picked up the notes from the project. The records state that they must use interstate highways or state highways and must have written permission from the project engineer to use any other roads. Mr. Burgess checked the roundhouse on June 16. The clean-up project looked good, but there was still some debris left in the two north bays. Mr. Burgess talked with Robin Halley and Jobeth Mills about guidance for outdoor events and participated in the weekly Public Health Zoom meeting and another about fairs. He and Bruce Walters looked at some used tires for a tanker trailer, but they weren't in particularly good condition. Mr. Burgess picked up steel in Seibert for the shop on June 17 and attended the Economic Development meeting on June 18.

Mr. Kimble reported that he'd sent an email regarding releasing the Xcel Energy bond for County Road 2W, but then Chris Monks said they couldn't do it until they completed an official "drive-over."

Mr. Piper reported that the commissioners would need to have a Board of Equalization hearing; the assessor received one protest from the 285 NOV's they sent out. On a phone call with the CCI Steering Committee, Gini Pingnot said the state balanced the budget with the Homestead Exemption included, which would be good news for the elderly.

Mr. Piper also informed the Board that the county had until July 7 to decide eligible expenditures for the CARES Act money. He felt that the coroner could probably use more storage freezers, which should be a covered expense. Most counties are handling the funds themselves rather than distributing to the individual municipalities, which Mr. Piper thought

would be easier. Each town would still have to have a selection committee, as would the county, to determine appropriate uses for the funds. Mr. Stone wanted to know if those who had already received the PPP loan were eligible. Mr. Kimble said he would assume so since PPP loans were strictly for wages. Lastly, Dan Merewether asked on behalf of the Genoa Tower if they could buy the county's scaffolding. Mr. Burgess felt that the county should keep it but said it would be fine if they borrowed it for a while.

At 1:00 p.m., Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy met with the Board to present the report from the June 17, 2020, Land Use Board meeting. Taylor Henderson and Brian Davis, with the Arriba Wind Farm, Economic Development Director Troy McCue, Chris Monks, and Bruce Walters, also attended the discussion.

Mr. Kimble first asked Mr. Monks about County Road 2W and County Road 45, and Chris said no one had told him they'd finished the work yet. Mr. Kimble said he'd try and contact Heather Brickey again.

Mr. Lundy informed the commissioners that the land use board approved Development Permit 20-02: Arriba Wind Farm, with the restrictions outlined in his staff report, at the special use permit hearing on June 17. Mr. Henderson commented that the application was for the first phase of the project, which should be operational between 2022 and 2023.

During a discussion referencing objections received by mineral right owners, Mr. Lundy stated there was no evidence that would prevent mineral right owners from accessing their resources. He then provided examples of areas in the county that included both oil wells and wind farms in proximity.

Mr. Lundy said that NGC would pay the use tax at the beginning of each phase, based on the number of towers, and that amount would become the building permit fee. The company would have to obtain a permit for the transmission line and a separate building permit for each parcel.

Mr. Burgess wanted to know if they would use county roads or build their own. Mr. Henderson responded that they hoped to minimize road traffic, but they weren't sure yet how much of the leased property they would be able to use. Mr. Burgess expressed concern about one of the bridges they would likely use to transport tower components, stating that it wasn't in the best of shape for heavy loads. Mr. Henderson was happy to talk to the road foremen and said they might be able to include a solution in the Road Use Agreement. He added that since it's a main thoroughfare, they'd want to fix it collaboratively and asked if the county had a dollar figure of what it would take. Mr. Burgess said they'd have to build a detour, take out the bridge, and replace it with something else, probably culverts. He'd estimated \$750,000 for the half-pipes the last time they discussed it. Mr. Henderson said it didn't bode well with them to cause issues in the community, so if they could make improvements ahead of time, they'd like to do that. At this point, however, he couldn't fully commit to the haul routes they'd be using. Mr. Burgess told him that the routes designated in the Road Use Agreement would be the only

roads they could use, and the county would impose hefty fines to anyone caught using a different route.

Mr. Kimble informed the commissioners that they could accept or reject the land use board's decision to approve the application, or if they did nothing at all, it would pass automatically in thirty days.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve Development Permit 20-02: Arriba Wind Farm. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Henderson, Mr. Davis, and Mr. McCue left, and the group discussed allowing the company to use the right-of-way for their transmission lines. Mr. Kimble said that statute dictates that utility companies have that right, and Mr. Monks said they didn't want issues of ice falling onto county roads if the wires were too close. He wanted to know who would be responsible if something happened, and Mr. Kimble said it would not be the county's fault. Mr. Lundy commented that they didn't have many alternatives since the right-of-way is NGC's only means of reaching the Shortgrass substation. Even if they did use the right-of-way, they'd have to pay the landowners for the usage, which might put them in breach of their other agreements.

Mr. Lundy and the road foremen left, and Mrs. Lengel said she'd received \$9,333 from the state for reimbursement of the Presidential Primary Election. She'd submitted the grant for the new drop-box in front of the courthouse, roughly another \$1,500, and the Secretary of State's office indicated that CARES Act funding would also pay for the phone headsets she'd purchased for her staff. Mr. Schifferns said they needed to get the drop-box in as soon as possible, and Mr. Piper told him that John Mohan said he'd try and install it by the end of the week. Mr. Piper sent Mr. Mohan a text message, and he came over to visit with the Board about several items.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on June 29, 2020.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Steve Burgess, Chairman