

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for August 28, 2020

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Mike Weber with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to meet with the Commissioners
- 10:00 Open sealed bids for used county equipment
- 10:15 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to provide an LCH monthly report
- 10:30 Patricia Phillips, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 11:00 Renita Thelen with the Lincoln County Assessor's Office to present an update on the assessed valuation for Lincoln County
 - 1. Approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting
 - 2. Review and act upon a letter of support for the Morgan Community College Foundation's application for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative
 - 3. Review and act upon the Lincoln County, Colorado Consolidated Cost Allocation Plan and Indirect Cost Rate for the Year Ended December 31, 2019
 - 4. Review and act upon proposed Resolution #1024, a resolution to create the Karval Water Users Enterprise
 - 5. County Commissioner reports
 - 6. County Attorney's report
 - 7. County Administrator's report
 - 8. Old Business
 - 9. New Business
 - 10. Approve Payroll

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2020. The following attended in person: Chairman Steve Burgess, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Commissioner Ed E. Schifferns was absent and excused, and Commissioner Doug Stone joined via telephone.

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

Due to the absence of the other two board members, Mr. Burgess suggested they re-schedule the appointments with Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury and Deputy Assessor Renita Thelen to a later date. He and Mr. Stone also agreed to wait to adopt the proposed resolution to create the Karval Water Users Enterprise.

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

Mr. Stone made a motion to sign a letter of support for the Morgan Community College Foundation's application for the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Piper said they were applying for \$3,463.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the Lincoln County, Colorado, Consolidated Cost Allocation Plan and Indirect Cost Rate for the year ended December 31, 2019. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Piper explained the Cost Allocation Plan was part of the annual audit.

Mike Weber, with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable, arrived early for his 9:30 a.m. meeting with the commissioners, so Mr. Burgess asked him to come to the table at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Weber said that the ABR's goal is to provide better representation around the state for funding of Colorado water projects. They are currently traveling around and compiling a list of projects that counties, municipalities, ditch companies, and any other entity might have in mind. Part of their discussion is to provide information for what they've done in the past and what they hope to accomplish in the future. Mr. Weber said that of over five hundred water projects in 2015, Lincoln County was only represented in four of them, and there might have been several more of which they were unaware. Although it will take them a year to eighteen months to put together the list, the ABR plans to present the projects to the legislature annually for funding requests.

Mr. Burgess mentioned that Karval Water Users was working on obtaining funding for their water system, and Mr. Weber said he'd reach out to Patrick Leonard. Mr. Piper asked Mr. Weber if an unincorporated municipality would qualify for the money, and Mr. Weber responded that provided the fiscal agent has \$100,000 of insurance coverage, they would.

Mr. Kimble commented that the town of Hugo was currently in the process of putting in a wastewater treatment facility, and Mr. Weber said he was meeting with members of both Hugo

and Limon town boards later in the day. He went on to say that they don't intend to match project against project or funds against funds, they plan to request funding for *all* projects, not just a few. Lastly, Mr. Weber noted that Lincoln County has two available seats on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable if the commissioners knew of anyone they'd like to appoint.

Mr. Weber left, and Mr. Stone reported that he'd checked roads south of Karval on August 20. He and Rick Ashcraft went to Rocky Ford and Manzanola to look at chipping rock on August 24. While the latter was a smaller company and would take longer to get the product to the county, they were also cheaper. Mr. Stone listened in on the Public Health Zoom meeting on August 25, and later that afternoon, he and Mr. Burgess attended the meeting with Congressman Ken Buck. On August 26, Mr. Stone and Rick Ashcraft went to Denver to look at Buckner, Volvo, and CAT trucks. They'd like to trade in their 1999 and 2000 dump trucks, but Mr. Burgess said District 2 might be interested in them. He and Bruce Walters planned to go to Karval on Monday to look at them. Mr. Stone reported that he and Rick Ashcraft met with John Rowe on August 27, and he provided three bids for motor graders. Mr. Stone said they would probably trade one in that has quite a few hours on it. He also checked roads north of Karval that day.

Mr. Burgess reported going by the bridge removal project on County Road 39 south of County Road 3P on August 18. The road crew seemed to be making good progress. He attended the Economic Development meeting on August 19; the Foreign Trade Zone received an extension until December of 2021. Mr. Burgess contacted Jarred Jaques to work on the shop walls at the landfill, and he can start the project in two-to-three-weeks. Emergency Manager Ken Stroud called Mr. Burgess to let him know that District 2 didn't have any 800 MHz radios, but the sheriff had a unit they could install in the road foreman's pickup. Mr. Stroud told him he'd look into getting some refurbished handheld units and obtain a price for them. Also, the new message board arrived, so now the county has two. Mr. Burgess also participated in the PDC phone conference on August 19. On August 20, Ken Stroud called him again to let him know they'd use a magnetic antenna for the radio in the foreman's pickup. That way, they could move the unit when necessary. Mr. Stroud had contacted Len Stone regarding installation. Mr. Burgess reported that he'd gone out to look at the bridge on County Road 39; the crew had demolished it and had the area ready to install the pipe and backfill the following week. Andy Lorensen with Human Services called Mr. Burgess to ask if he'd stop by the following day to sign some paperwork, which he did on August 21. On the Twenty-second, Public Health Director Jobeth Mills called with concerns about something happening at the fairgrounds. She and John Palmer worked it out. Mr. Burgess checked the area at County Road 3X west of County Road 38 on August 24. He wanted to make sure the party who put up the fence in the county's right-of-way removed it. The farmer had moved the fence four feet off the roadway, but the road crew could still not mow the shoulder. Mr. Burgess felt the commissioners needed to develop a plan addressing fencing and farming in the county right-of-way. District 2 had mechanical problems with the CAT backhoe, so the shop mechanic went to Genoa to look at it. Mary Andersen called with questions about business funding for non-profits, and Mr. Burgess told her to contact the town of Limon Administrator Greg Tacha or Mr. Piper. He also went by the landfill, and Mark McMullen was there, giving some training. Mr. Burgess picked up a map of the landfill to mark where the sheriff would like to put the gun range. He attended the Economic Development

annual meeting in Hugo and reported a good turnout. Bruce Walters called Mr. Burgess on August 27, needing more poles for the pipe project, so Mr. Burgess contacted John Craig. He stopped by the project and then got a call from Rick Ashcraft about the dump trucks they wanted to trade. He also took their CAT backhoe to Denver for repairs.

Mr. Kimble reported that the county needed an agreement between the Karval Water Users project parties. Mr. Piper asked if they should also have a letter from the entire KWU board requesting they proceed, and Mr. Kimble said it wouldn't be a bad idea. He offered to draft an agreement. Mr. Kimble said he also planned to start working on the road policy again, so he'd look at the thirty-foot easement section.

Mr. Piper reported that there would be no Board of Equalization hearings this year, as far as he knew. The assessed valuation was also up two million dollars from last year. The CHP annual meeting regarding insurance premiums will be a Zoom meeting on September 10.

As for the CARES funding, Mr. Piper said that the other counties had given a portion of the allocation to businesses that spent money on COVID-related expenses, such as sneeze guards, thermometers, or other PPE. So far, they've not used the funding to reimburse revenue loss. There is another meeting on September 3, so Mr. Piper said he hoped to know more at the next commissioner meeting.

There was no old business, but Mr. Burgess said that Ken Stroud told him the 911 fees would see a significant increase next year. Also, Sheriff Nestor would like to hire another office person to help with the overflow of paperwork each deputy now has to complete because of the new police reform legislation. The sheriff has a plan for funding the position.

At 10:00 a.m., Mr. Burgess opened the sealed bids for several county-owned vehicles. Highest bids were as follows: 1972 GMC dump truck—Mike Mellott for \$933.38; 2001 Dodge 2WD pickup—Mark Bronson for \$563.03; 2001 Dodge 4WD pickup—Mark Bronson for \$563.33; 2003 Ford pickup—Mark Bronson for \$663.03; and the riding lawnmower—Ethan Durham for \$517. Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the above bids for the county-owned vehicles. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Stone left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Human Services Director Patricia Phillips arrived for her appointment at 10:30 a.m., while Mr. Burgess was approving the August 2020 payroll. She provided the financials, employee timesheets, and Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, and Director reports for the month.

Mrs. Phillips explained that the department was again overspent on their administrative expenses this year, but the state made them whole. However, the state also cut their allocation in several areas. She commented that she didn't understand the allocation formula when the areas with the highest increases, such as Child Welfare and Core Services, were also the programs the state cut the most funding from. Mrs. Phillips expressed her concerns with

the administrative overspending, stating that they have to have employees to take care of the Medicaid and their caseload, which is high compared to other counties. Several other counties seemed to be having the same problems. The state has resources to help, and Mrs. Phillips said she might have to take advantage of some of that to get them caught up, especially since she is short-staffed. She thought they might be able to find a way to use some of the CARES Act funding.

Mrs. Phillips left, and with no other business to discuss, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 2020.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman