

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for January 30, 2020

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:30 Kathy Swanson to discuss a presentation on human trafficking

1. Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting
2. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha
3. Review and act upon Resolution Number 1006, a resolution authorizing participation in the Rural Jump-Start Program
4. Review and act upon the mileage statistics and totals for Lincoln County regarding the Highway Users Tax Fund
5. Review and act upon the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance Grant Application
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 30, 2020. The following attended: Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Ed E. Schifferns and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended until 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Lengel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cathie Swanson arrived early for her 9:30 a.m. appointment to discuss a presentation on human trafficking. She commented that while she wears several different hats, she wanted to speak to the Board in her capacity with Farm Bureau and the Colorado State Women's Leadership Committee. Although she is also a member of the state's human trafficking council, she wasn't representing them today.

Mrs. Swanson provided brochures from Global Connection International describing their mobile, educational exhibit that they've taken around the state in their efforts to spread awareness. GCI has attended fairs, rodeos, NASCAR races, conventions, and a variety of local community gatherings, as well as appearing at numerous schools in Colorado and Nebraska. Mrs. Swanson asked if the commissioners would be willing to have the unit come to the fair or Ranch Rodeo this year. She added that Farm Bureau would cover the associated fees, which consist of lodging and meals. Mr. Burgess told her to speak with Fairgrounds Manager John Palmer, but the commissioners all agreed that having more things for people to see and do at the fair helped increase attendance. Mrs. Swanson could also speak with Tina Waite or LaRay Patton regarding the Ranch Rodeo.

When Mrs. Swanson left, Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 14, 2020, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha while discussing proposed HB20-1081, the multilingual ballot access bill. Mr. Burgess commented that CCI opposes the legislation, but Mrs. Lengel said that during her legislative call on Monday, the county clerks chose an amend position at this time. Although several counties are opposed to the bill, the association felt there might be the possibility of making amendments. Mrs. Lengel went on to explain that passage of the bill would require the county clerks in the covered counties to provide multilingual ballot access if the county has at least 2.5% of its citizens over the age of eighteen who speak English less than very well. The percentage is based on the 2017 five-year estimates of the Census survey. The threshold is currently 3%, and Lincoln County doesn't qualify unless that threshold decreases. Some of the clerks' concerns, beyond the cost involved, include having to provide certified interpreters to verify the ballot content, obtaining those interpreters if they are not readily available in the communities, and lawsuits resulting from incorrect ballot content. Mrs. Lengel added that the bill also obligated the Secretary of State to establish a multilingual hotline to assist voters in

translating ballot language. The state must do so by the November election, and clerks would have to make sample ballots available at that time as well.

Mr. Stone made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Rural Jump-Start Program. Mr. Schifferns 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 January 30, 2020 there were present:

Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Ed Schifferns, Vice Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner	Present
Stan Kimble, County Attorney	Absent & Excused
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 #1006** It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Schifferns to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY AND STATE OF COLORADO AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE RURAL JUMP-START PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County recognizes that it would be beneficial to increase economic development in the county; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state of Colorado has enacted the Rural Jump-Start Zone program (CRS 39-30.5-106) for the express purpose of encouraging economic development in the rural areas of Colorado; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County has determined that it is in the best interests of the county to participate in the Rural Jump-Start program,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County: it shall be authorized that Lincoln County will participate in the Rural Jump-Start program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in the course of this participation, Lincoln County does hereby agree to provide incentive payments, exemptions, or refunds, as appropriate, for 100% of the county business personal property tax imposed on all new businesses that are approved by the Colorado Economic Development Commission to participate in the Rural Jump-Start program, for as long as the Colorado Economic Development Commission designates these

new businesses as approved for the Rural Jump-Start program, understanding that such tax relief is limited by statute to eight years for each new business.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Burgess, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Schiffers, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Mr. Schiffers made a motion to sign the Highway Users Tax Fund mileage statistics and totals for Lincoln County. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Impact Assistance Grant Application. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess called for old business, and Mr. Schiffers asked if the electrician finished the Maglock project, which he had.

Mr. Burgess had stopped in at Hugo Lumber before the meeting to check on the carpet and flooring progress. He commented that they would save considerable money on freight if they ordered all the carpet now. While there, he called Mrs. Lengel to verify the carpet color for the hallway and to see if she'd had a chance to look at the baseboard that Court Clerk Kim Graham selected. Mrs. Lengel had not, but said they had picked out the flooring they wanted for her office entryway. She hadn't even considered needing the new baseboard.

Mr. Piper said he thought they'd fixed the copy machine in their office, so there was no need at this time to buy a new one since he hadn't included it in his budget. James Martin thought they had a contract on the copier with Xesi, which is a part of Xerox. Mr. Piper said he'd contact them and see if they might replace the machine.

Mr. Piper also provided information from janitor Teena Ludwig for a new steam cleaner. The Board agreed to allow her to purchase the Bissell cleaner for \$189.

Mr. Burgess said that at the CCI meeting, he learned that NACO is tracking data through a new app called TestIT, which measures broadband speed.

As the commissioners approved the January 2020 payroll and expense vouchers, Darlene Carpio, Regional Director for Senator Cory Gardner, arrived to meet with them.

Regarding the presidential impeachment, Senator Gardner gave an update yesterday that he didn't believe they needed the eighteenth witness, as they'd already heard over one hundred hours of testimony from seventeen witnesses. On a positive note, the senator published an article regarding deeds accomplished in Washington for Colorado and its constituents in 2019. Ms. Carpio cited the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a federal program established in 1964 that uses fees and royalties paid by oil and gas companies drilling in federal waters to pay for onshore conservation programs. Signing the bill into law assured a permanent source of funding. Also, in 2019, the BLM moved to Grand Junction, and Senator Gardner introduced the 988 hotline, which is similar to 911, for suicide and mental health issues. The FCC liked the idea so much that they created the line and moved forward with implementation. Two of the eight initiatives for veterans introduced by Senator Gardner made it through committee, and the President signed the TRACE Act this month, which was the senator's proposal on robocalls. Phone companies will now have to authenticate calls to ensure that they are not computer-generated.

Ms. Carpio stated proudly that ten of Senator Gardner's proposals made it into law during his tenure, which is quite admirable for a junior member. She also touched on the importance of Opportunity Zones, which are generally very successful for economic development in rural areas.

About a year ago, administration repealed Waters of the U.S., which they replaced with the Navigable Waters Protection Rule defining waters of the United States. Probably the most significant to rural areas is that the final rule determines that rainfall, groundwater, ditches (including most farm and roadside ditches), converted cropland, stock ponds, and waste treatment systems would no longer be under federal control.

The President also signed the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement) into law, which increases growth, jobs, and trade.

Lastly, Ms. Carpio said that she would be meeting with High School counselors in an effort to raise awareness of the benefits and opportunities associated with applying to and attending military academies.

The commissioners finished approving expense vouchers, and then, at 11:25 a.m., Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2020.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Steve Burgess, Chairman