

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County

Agenda for January 30, 2012

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:05 Road Foremen Chris Monks and David Seymour to discuss work being done in their respective districts and to start planning bridge maintenance work to be started in 2012

1. Approve the minutes from the January 17, 2012 meeting
2. Review a letter from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment requesting additional information before renewal of the landfill's stormwater permit certification
3. Review the December 2011 reports of revenues and expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, Lodging/Tourism, E911, Landfill, Library, Road & Bridge and the individual road districts
4. Recommend two individuals for the Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial to appoint as the county's 2012 representatives to the 18th Judicial District Senate Bill 94 Juvenile Services Planning Committee. Patricia Phillips and Theresa Jensen have agreed to serve.
5. Review and sign the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association Agreement for Sanction and Approval for the 2012 rodeos at the county fair and discuss attendance at the association's annual convention
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, 2012. The following attended: Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Gary Beedy and Ted Lyons, County Administrator Roxie Devers, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which County Assessor Jeremiah Higgins and County Treasurer Jim Covington met with the Board to discuss the CCI computer system and office procedures. Mr. Covington said that due to a problem with the system, his tax notices were not printed on time and therefore he had asked Mr. Burgess if he could hire some part time people to get them out by the statutory deadline. Mr. Burgess told him to go ahead as he does have money in his budget to cover it. Mr. Covington added that they had not had to work on Saturday and feels the notices should go out today. When asked what the problem had been, he responded that CCI was testing every column on the notice and when they ran into issues, they would have to go back and fix them, resulting in the delay. Jeremiah Higgins put in that they both wanted to assure the commissioners that they still believe in the system and have to take into account the fact that so much money was saved with the initial installation. Originally, CCI wanted almost \$400,000, but they talked them down to \$241,080 to be paid over a six-year period. Tyler Technologies, one of their competitors, had requested \$738,000 to begin with. Mr. Higgins said that if there tends to be more problems or it seems that they are being overcharged, he and Mr. Covington will return to the commissioners to discuss it. He added that they don't feel comfortable asking the company for any monetary compensation at this time, as they did get such a good deal initially.

After Mr. Covington and Mr. Higgins left, Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 17, 2012, as submitted. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment requesting additional information before renewal of the landfill's stormwater permit certification, and the December 2011 reports of revenues and expenditures for the County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, Lodging/Tourism, E911, Landfill, Library, and Road & Bridge funds, as well as for the individual road districts.

Mr. Beedy then made a motion to recommend Patricia Phillips and Theresa Jensen for the Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial District to appoint as the county's 2012 representatives to the 18th Judicial District Senate Bill 94 Juvenile Services Planning Committee, since they had agreed to serve. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board then reviewed the Colorado Professional Rodeo Association Agreement for Sanction and Approval for the 2012 rodeos at the county fair, and Mr. Beedy made a motion to pay the \$125 Sanction fee. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Devers said that Fairgrounds Manager Randy Monks had requested attendance at the CPRA annual conference and would like to take his daughter with him, as he had done last year. The

commissioners recalled that he had paid for the hotel rooms the previous year, and the county had paid for the registration fees to the conference. Ms. Devers said he wanted to spend two nights, at \$40 per night. The registration fee is \$35 per person. Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve payment of the two \$35 registration fees and one hotel room for one night at \$40. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess called for old business and said that he'd taken some carpet samples to Court Clerk Kim Graham, who had asked if the commissioners intended to re-carpet all of the court side of the building that was in need of replacement, or just the jury assembly room. The Board decided it would be best to do the insulation first and then work on the carpet replacement.

Since there was extra time on the agenda due to moving the meeting with the road foremen to later in the day, the commissioners gave their reports.

Mr. Beedy reported attending the Colorado East Community Action committee meeting on January 19, where they approved a three-year budget through CSBG grants. They are also taking over the RSVP exercise and cooking co-op programs, and applying for a grant to purchase the old door factory in Limon. Their hope is to move the Stratton office to Limon, should the grant go through. Mr. Beedy also attended the CHP board meeting by phone that same morning, and then attended CCI in the afternoon and again on January 20. He reported that CCI chose to support a bill to expand Medicaid benefits to adults without children and added that there is also a Child Care bill, which they opposed. He added that it seems that the wind energy non-severability is moving forward and may not meet with much problem.

At that time, Sheriff Tom Nestor and Undersheriff Gordon Nall stopped in to let the Board know that the department would need to cover calls in the town of Hugo as the marshal has taken a different position, beginning on Wednesday. The sheriff said they plan on hiring a chief as well as a marshal but in the interim, the sheriff's office will have to handle any calls within the city limits.

The Sheriff also wanted the Board to be aware that he had received a bill from Lincoln Community Hospital for \$32,000; apparently the contract payment that was never billed for the months of August through December 2011. He said future billing has since been taken care of, but it was an oversight that needs to be corrected. He is also having LCH check into costs for ER care, as every time an inmate is taken to the emergency room they get a bill for roughly \$5,000.

When asked if Shawn Smith had started on the showers in the jail yet, the sheriff said he had not, but said they might have to get a new water softener soon.

After they had gone, Mr. Beedy continued with his report, stating that he'd met with David Seymour on January 23 regarding roads and the building layout for the new shop in Karval, and on the Twenty-sixth he attended the Works Allocation Committee meeting. The main focus was to determine how to handle budget cuts, and even though it seems that the reduction to Lincoln County is much less than originally anticipated, cuts for 2013 will be far higher. After

the Colorado Works Allocation meeting, he talked with a couple of representatives from the Child Welfare Allocation Committee about the formula being developed for Core Services and Child Welfare, which would have a \$200,000 to \$300,000 reduction in Lincoln County's Core Services Funding. At this time, the Child Welfare amount would not change much with the current proposals. He said that one of the commissioners should attend the meeting on February 15.

Mr. Lyons reported receiving a call from Kerry Halde on January 17 regarding dirt blowing when trucks go by Ralph Magnus's place, so he said they would extend the rotomill. On the Eighteenth, he attended the Southeast Colorado Recycling meeting and reported they did buy the property and building. On January 19, he met with Mr. Halde, received a call from Bert Clay who was concerned with some cement chunks left on Highway 63, and checked the road between Boyero and Clifford. Mr. Lyons also reported visiting the Cage Ranch, and speaking with Cheyenne County Commissioner Bob Paintin regarding a gravel pit near Gene Vick's place. He spoke with Ken Morrison about Cheyenne County having a gravel pit in Lincoln County and determined that if it happens, they could work something out to where Cheyenne County has to maintain the portion of the road they use to haul gravel. On January 25, Mr. Lyons said he worked on RC&D issues, stating that the office will most likely be closed down, as Jill Ball resigned. On the Twenty-sixth, he attended the hospital board meeting and reported that in the month of December the hospital lost \$51,668 and the nursing home lost \$122,003.

Mr. Burgess reported meeting with Greg from Gregory G's Sandblasting and Insulation on January 19. They will insulate the rest of the courthouse walls and will put the insulation between the brick and the fiberboard this time to avoid any wiring. Also, holes won't have to be made in interior walls, which will save Travis Nall a lot of time by not having to refill them. He also said they drilled a test hole in Hell Creek on County Road 38 where they would like to replace another bridge in District Two this year. They also took some samples on January 20 and Mr. Burgess said this will be much different from the bridge they replaced in 2011. He also took the bookmobile to Jaques for an estimate to paint it, but he can't fit it in his shop, so Mr. Burgess said he would check with Witts, who have a paint shop in Flagler. On January 21, he attended the last RSVP recognition dinner, on the Twenty-fourth he went to Flagler to move things out of the RSVP office, and also worked on drawings for the District Three shop. On January 27, he had a call from Chris Monks who needed more crushing material. It so happened that the town of Limon was finished with their crusher, so they moved it to Genoa.

Mr. Burgess called for new business and Ms. Lengel said she had received an estimate from Evergreen Systems & Technology, LLC in the amount of \$1,787.07 to rewire her office and add internet access/e-mail to the driver examiner's office. A call was placed to James Martin to ask what would all be covered in the amount. He explained that he would rewire the entire office to provide four ports at each computer station, as well as replace all wiring to update it, as well as add the driver examiner's office so that he can get e-mail. James did say that the quote would be \$300 less, due to the fact that he had also included public wireless access for those researchers in the vault, which was no longer necessary. Ms. Lengel asked him for a new estimate for just the hardware.

Mr. Beedy made a motion to allow rewiring of the Clerk's office for approximately \$1,500 by Evergreen Systems and Technology, LLC. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Lengel also requested an increase to the limit on her county credit card, as there are times when she has to buy stamped envelopes, which can be well over \$1,000. If she has any other charges, she has to wait to order envelopes. She asked if the limit could be increased to the limit the County Treasurer has. Mr. Beedy made a motion to increase the credit limit on the County Clerk's county credit card to \$3,000. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board approved the January 2012 payroll and several expense vouchers for the month until the lunch break.

When the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Road Foremen Chris Monks and David Seymour met with the Board to discuss work being done in their respective districts and to start planning bridge maintenance work to be started in 2012. Mr. Burgess explained that the commissioners had set aside two mills, or approximately \$180,000, for special bridge projects this year, so they would like to find out where the priorities lie. Mr. Beedy added that he felt maintenance such as patching concrete and repairing decks, trusses, girders, and abutment piers would be a place to start. They also discussed hiring someone to take care of those things that regular road crews don't usually have time to do. The decision was made to compile a list of priorities and discuss it again on February 7.

Mr. Lyons said there had been recent concern between the districts of how the road oil money is distributed, and his feeling was that the commissioners need to put traffic counters out on as many roads as possible, all at the same time, as the counters would designate the major traffic routes. Chris Monks said it would be nice to have a two-or-three year plan as well. Mr. Beedy commented that other counties meet with oil and gas groups that may be doing exploration in their areas to see if they have an idea of what county roads they may be using. Mr. Burgess said if they need to order more counters, they should do so.

When asked what road crews were working on, David said District Three has mostly been graveling roads. He commented that they have had numerous problems with a dozer that works for a while and then quits, and that they had trouble with it last summer as well. Mr. Burgess asked Chris if they had started crushing yet but he responded that they were just setting up the crusher. His districts have been cleaning up the Hugo yard and any other places that need clean-up, as well as graveling County Road 2G, and hauling rock and sand to Highway 63 and the old highway. He added that they have been hauling rock from Lamar when the weather is nice.

When the foremen left, the commissioners finished approving the expense vouchers for January 2012, and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2012.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman