

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County

Agenda for January 31, 2012

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:05 Public Health Director Marti Wooton to give her monthly report

9:30 Sue Kelly to discuss the vacancy in Public Health

10:00 Human Services Director Colette Barksdale to give her monthly report

1:30 The Board will work on the proposed Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest

1. Approve the minutes from the January 30, 2011 meeting
2. Review a letter from Joe Carrica, Field Administrator for the Colorado Department of Human Services, stating that Lincoln County has budgeted sufficient funds to meet the Maintenance of Effort required for the Colorado Works and the Colorado Child Care Assistance program
3. Review the Financial Status and the Quarterly Employment reports for the quarter ending 12/31/2011 for the Community Development Block Grant
4. County Commissioners' reports
5. County Administrator's report
6. County Attorney's report
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2012. The following attended: Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Gary Beedy (until 3:30 p.m.) and Ted Lyons, County Administrator Roxie Devers, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. County Attorney Stan Kimble attended in the afternoon.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Health Director Marti Wooton met with the Board to give her monthly report. Sue Kelly was also in attendance.

Ms. Wooton informed the Board that Public Health will focus on Colorado's 10 Winnable Battles over the next few years; key public health and environmental issues where they feel progress can be made, such as clean air and water, infectious disease and injury prevention, mental health and substance abuse, obesity, oral health, safe food, tobacco, and unintended pregnancy. She added that grant funding will be proposed through CDPHE.

Ms. Wooton was also pleased to report that Lincoln County Public Health is now a Rural Solutions Board Member and felt that the membership would provide an avenue where they can continue to work on chronic disease. She said they would like to use Mary Ann Hays as an educator.

She had also received an e-mail from Sally Henry with AHEC who told her the Dental grant money should be arriving soon, and then Ms. Wooton reported that communicable diseases had been rather severe by Lincoln County standards over the past month and described a couple problem areas. She added that it seemed to be in the final stages and everyone had worked well to get things under control.

Ms. Wooton described an EPR exercise to be held in conjunction with Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties in April, and then proudly announced that Lincoln County had received PPHR (Project Public Health Ready) recognition through NACCHO (the National Association of County and City Health Officials). She explained that it was quite an accomplishment, and to show her appreciation to Patricia Miller, who basically did all the work to achieve the goal, she asked if it would be acceptable to send Ms. Miller to the recognition ceremony and 2012 Public Health Preparedness Summit in Anaheim, CA from February 21 through February 24. She had estimated the cost at a little less than \$1,500 for conference registration, air fare, hotel, transportation, and meals and added that there is money in the EPR grant to cover the cost.

Mr. Beedy made a motion to authorize up to \$1,500 to be paid out of the EPR grant to send Public Health employee Patricia Miller to the 2012 Public Health Preparedness Summit in Anaheim, CA, from February 21 through February 24. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Burgess commended Ms. Wooton for wanting to honor her employee by sending her rather than going herself, and Ms. Wooton stated that Ms. Miller had done all the work and had done a wonderful job.

Ms. Wooton said that she would be attending the one day PHNAC conference later this month and stated she would really like for Sue Kelly to attend with her if she is hired as the part time public health director.

Finally, Ms. Wooton asked that the Public Health Master Contract be signed by the Board. Mr. Beedy made a motion to sign the contract, Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The Board then discussed the Public Health Director position with Sue Kelly, who stated that she does not want to work full time, but believes that she can accomplish what is necessary in three days a week, if another part-time nurse is hired. She explained that she left public health over twenty years ago because at that time it was more of an administrative position, and she wanted more patient care. However, she is now at the stage of her life where she believes an administrative role is more to her liking. She cautioned that she wants to keep flexibility of hours, but her initial thought was to work three days per week, although it may be two days one week or five the next. She understood that some weeks are busier than others and that was why she felt being flexible would be the best option.

Ms. Wooton said she would like to advertise again for a part-time nurse for the other two days per week, preferably an LPN who could also help with EPR.

Ms. Kelly said she prefers to work on an hourly basis and felt that twenty-four hours per week would be sufficient. When asked what she had in mind for salary, Ms. Kelly responded that she had believed that \$24 per hour would be a good starting place. After some calculations, Mr. Burgess determined that it would come to \$29,952 per year.

Ms. Wooton said she would stay through April 30 at the latest.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to hire Sue Kelly as a part-time contract Public Health Director at \$24 per hour, 24-hours per week, for a total of \$29,952 per year, beginning February 15, 2012. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

After Ms. Wooton and Ms. Kelly left, Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 30, 2012, as submitted. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Colette Barksdale met with the Board to give her monthly report. Robert Kraxberger and Patsy Hatfield attended as well. While the commissioners reviewed time sheets and financial reports, Ms. Barksdale said the Child Support Enforcement stats have improved and they are reaching their goals, and then added that bid packets have come out for Early Childhood Council grants. She will send a letter of intent for KLECC and commented that grant applications need to be in by March 14.

Ms. Barksdale then updated the commissioners on the Child Welfare Allocation, including information concerning a letter she intends to send to ECEC BOCES discontinuing funding, due to decreased funding to DHS. She explained that she had attended a meeting the previous week where the proposal was to cut Core funding by 73%, meaning Lincoln County would drop from \$355,000 to approximately \$100,000. She added that she had voted against all of the proposals, as none of them were much better, especially since half of Lincoln County staff is paid out of Core Services. Mr. Beedy said he didn't think Core Service funds could be used to pay for staff, but Ms. Barksdale said they can as long as the employee is doing direct services. She continued by stating that she felt clearer heads would eventually prevail and the state will not allow this to happen, so perhaps the funding cuts wouldn't be quite so drastic. However, she does believe they will lose at least fifteen percent this year, which amounts to \$50,000, and possibly another fifteen percent next year. Therefore, since the ECEC BOCES program costs them \$48,000, she felt there was no alternative but to discontinue that funding. She added that they are aware it is coming.

Patsy Hatfield then explained her position in the department with accounting and funding, providing several handouts showing the past ten years of income and expense. Mr. Beedy asked if she could break out the line items in a way other departments do for comparisons, but Ms. Barksdale said that Ms. Hatfield uses QuickBooks and doesn't know for sure if there is a way to do that.

Ms. Devers asked why they had gone so far over budget in the County Administration line item in 2011 as it showed an overage of almost \$44,000. Ms. Barksdale responded that she would have to look into it, but said they use something called Random Moment Sampling and that everything comes out of County Admin but then is split out into the proper categories later on. She added that once the auditor comes out, they may have an adjustment to do.

Ms. Hatfield's retirement was briefly discussed, and Mr. Beedy advised that Ms. Barksdale hire someone as soon as possible, as he would recommend having someone on board for close-out and when the auditor is here. He also suggested running the applicants through the Work Force Center for testing and screening to see if they know Excel, QuickBooks, etc. Ms. Barksdale said she would probably start the process in March.

Mr. Beedy then asked her if she knew of the Boot Strap classes that Colorado East is offering regarding anyone who is facing financial difficulties. Apparently the classes are a tool to help people learn how to work through financial issues. Ms. Barksdale said that she had heard of them, and said it could possibly be done through a TANF community grant.

Once the Human Services group had gone, the Board reviewed a letter from Joe Carrica, Field Administrator for the Colorado Department of Human Services, stating that Lincoln County has budgeted sufficient funds to meet the Maintenance of Effort required for the Colorado Works and the Colorado Child Care Assistance programs. Also reviewed were the Financial Status and the Quarterly Employment reports for the quarter ending 12/31/2011 for the Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Burgess asked if either of the commissioners had anything else to report and Mr. Beedy said that the State Rail Draft Plan is out and people wanting to view it can go to www.coloradodot.info/projects/PassengerFreightRailPlan .

Mr. Burgess reported that they had started crushing the asphalt and concrete at Genoa and he had also called Farber, where the bookmobile was purchased, and the place where they originally got the decals is no longer in business. He ended up calling Patti Davis to see if she could make decals for the bookmobile and she said she would have to look at it.

Mr. Lyons and Ms. Devers had nothing to report.

Mr. Burgess commented that he had typed up a letter concerning the fact that he and Mr. Lyons had entered into an agreement to appoint Chris Monks as the Road Supervisor for both Districts One and Two, and also that they had made agreements to purchase equipment using funds from both districts together, to be shared. In the event a new commissioner for either district would not be agreeable with the arrangement, equipment would need to be appraised. Mr. Beedy felt that since it is all county-owned equipment, there was really no need for the letter, and once he had read it, Mr. Kimble commented that it basically seemed to be an in-house agreement more than anything else.

Mr. Burgess had also received a proposal from Gregory G's Sandblasting & Insulation to insulate the outside walls of the courthouse, jail, and judicial center, which had not yet been insulated, in the amount of \$44,310. Mr. Burgess said the sheriff was not in favor of doing any interior walls, nor was anyone else.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to spend \$44,310 to have Gregory G's Sandblasting and Insulation install insulation in the above-mentioned areas. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Beedy said he'd spoken with Travis Nall, who wanted to know if they planned on insulating above the jury assembly room before installing new carpet, which they agreed should be done. Ms. Devers also commented that they might want to install wireless internet access at that same time. The Board agreed to that as well and asked her to obtain a quote from James Martin.

Ms. Devers brought up the fact that Chris Monks is now the secretary of the CARSE (Colorado Association of Road Supervisors and Engineers) board and was trying to open a checking account at the bank. Apparently, the bank requires a Federal ID number, and the organization doesn't have one of their own. In the past, it seems that CCI's FEIN has been used but they weren't sure they should continue to do that. Mr. Burgess said that if CCI wouldn't continue to allow it, they could use the county's number to open the account.

At 1:30 p.m., Land Use Administrator Ken Morrison arrived for the discussion regarding work on the proposed Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest. Mr. Kimble

said that the 1041 regs went into effect a long time ago; the point of this exercise was to update, delete, modify or add pertinent information to what was already in place. He added that whichever regulation is more restrictive is the prevailing regulation. Mr. Morrison felt that if the regulations are adopted, he would like to see that the 1041 hearings coincide with conditional use permit hearings.

To clarify, Mr. Kimble said that the regulations set areas of state interest. Then, when an application comes in, the Board would be required to determine if the proposal falls under the regulations and, if so, which area. All similar applications would have to be treated the same; the Board could not choose to approve one application and deny another. Mr. Burgess asked if use of land would be changed or restricted with the adoption of the regulations, but Mr. Kimble assured him it would not; the county would simply be protecting what they already have.

Mr. Beedy commented that the next wind farm or any transmission lines would most likely be the first to fall under the regulations, and Ms. Devers added that the regs simply force the issue that the Board has to listen to concerns of the landowners. She predicted that landowners will come to the commissioners to request help in preventing large corporations from doing things landowners don't want done. Mr. Kimble agreed, adding that the purpose is not to pile more rules and restrictions onto the landowners but, rather, to make the more powerful entities comply with county guidelines. He added that if the commissioners choose to adopt the regulations, law requires a hearing be held.

Once the Board had finished working on the regulations, Mr. Burgess asked Sheriff Nestor to come back over to discuss taking calls in the town of Hugo, since Mr. Kimble was present and might have some advice. Mr. Burgess asked if the county could bill the town for the sheriff's time, and Mr. Kimble suggested they insist that an Intergovernmental Agreement be signed to establish compensation and duties. Sheriff Nestor said he assumed it may be about two months that they will have to cover the calls, but added that he wants the town to make the right decision and not rush into something, just to have coverage. He added that he does have some sample IGAs that he can look at, and Mr. Lyons asked that he keep track of any overtime that is incurred during the time they spend patrolling and taking calls in the town of Hugo.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2012.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman