

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County

Agenda for August 30, 2012

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Corporal Zane Nestor to discuss EMJS grant for radios and repeaters

9:30 Tony Lyons with Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association and James Martin, county IT specialist to discuss centralized internet connections in the courthouse

10:00 District Attorney Carol Chambers and Doris Houser to discuss the 2013 budget for the 18th Judicial District

11:00 Open sealed bids for the replacement of the roof on the annex building and the Victims' Advocacy Center

1. Approve the minutes from the August 20, 2012 meeting
2. Old business
3. New business
4. Approve August 2012 payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on August 30, 2012. The following attended: Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Gary Beedy and Ted Lyons, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. County Administrator Roxie Devers was absent and excused, and Will Bublitz with The Limon Leader and Eastern Colorado Plainsman attended the meeting until 11:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Beedy then made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2012, as submitted. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

While waiting for Corporal Zane Nestor, Mr. Burgess said he thought the commissioners should take some time, possibly later today, to look at the fairgrounds and see what items they might want to consider repairing, adding, or changing for the new budget year. He also said he'd received information from Jo Downey that the Lincoln County Enterprise Zone for the fairgrounds had not been approved in May, as they believed, but will be on the agenda for their September 13 meeting.

Zane Nestor arrived with a list of what equipment is needed, what funds were approved through the EMTS grant, and how much will be required in additional funding to comply with the new narrow-band requirements effective January 1, 2013. Since \$24,717 was received through the grant, approximately \$57,000 remains to upgrade all the repeaters and radios.

Mr. Beedy asked Zane if he had spoken with the E911 Authority Board about contributing funds, and Zane said he'd contacted Gary Ensign but had not heard back from him. A call was placed to Mr. Ensign, who said he had not had time to get the full board together for a meeting, but his personal opinion was that they would be happy to subsidize at least a portion of the cost. He believed it would not be entirely equitable for 911 funds to pay the entire amount, especially if the Road & Bridge department and the sheriff's office would be using the equipment, as well as E911, and added that the Authority Board is charged with being good stewards of the budget and they would just need to make sure the money will be spent on E911 and emergency response. He added that if Zane would get him a proposal, including where the funds are to be dispersed, he will contact the other members of the board and they will set up a meeting to discuss it.

Between appointments, Mr. Burgess said that he felt the commissioners had not done a good enough job of informing the public that NextEra and Blattner Construction will be fixing all the roads that are being torn up by the wind farm construction. He added that their intention is to put four inches of gravel on those roads, primarily County Road 28 west and Roads 3N and 3T, when they are finished with the wind farm. Mr. Beedy said he wasn't sure which roads they were even supposed to be taking care of, but the county still needs to keep the roads safe, regardless.

At 9:30 a.m., Tony Lyons and George Moats, the Network Analyst with Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, and James Martin, county IT specialist, met with the Board to discuss centralized internet connections in the courthouse. Mr. Martin explained that they will pull out the old modems and replace the equipment. The change would enable cross traffic communications between the offices, but not without permission, as well eliminate a lot of the outdated hardware. Mr. Moats said that Eastern Slope has a fiber optic cable that runs to the courthouse, so they would need to put the new equipment in a centralized location, and then Mr. Martin would need to run cable to the separate offices. ESRTA would then match a service to each office, depending on their individual needs.

Mr. Beedy asked for a cost estimate and it was determined that the entire project would most likely cost between \$500 and \$1,000.

Tony Lyons felt that the best centralized location would be the small room in the Clerk's office. He added that, ideally, the state would decide at some point to get rid of the T-1 lines that they use and go with Ethernet.

When Mr. Lyons asked how long it would take, he was told approximately two weeks. Mr. Lyons made a motion to proceed with centralized internet connections in the courthouse. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Since the three-hour power outage on August 24 had damaged a couple of the computer switches and caused several other problems, Mr. Beedy asked if the commissioners should look into getting the courthouse on a back-up generator, adding that he was surprised that it wasn't already on one. Mr. Lyons agreed, and Mr. Beedy suggested discussing it at the next department head meeting.

Once the others had gone, the discussion regarding the generator continued, Mr. Beedy stating that the county would need to remain operational in the event a bad storm knocked the power out for an extended period of time. Mr. Burgess said his main concern would be heat and water if it happened in the wintertime, and Mr. Beedy asked if it would be best to get a natural gas powered generator, or diesel. The others agreed that natural gas would be best and Mr. Lyons offered to contact Stand-by Power to have them come out and look into it.

As there was still time before the next appointment, the commissioners gave their reports, as Ms. Lengel said she would not be at the following day's meeting and the more they could get done would greatly benefit her deputy.

Mr. Beedy reported attending the Child Welfare Allocation meetings on August 21 and 22, stating that no decisions had been made, although there was plenty discussion about what should be done with the allocation formulas. He also checked on the new shop on August 29, and stated he will participate in the Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled meeting by phone conference this evening.

Mr. Lyons reported meeting with Kerry Halde on August 22, stating that another two wells will be drilled. He also checked on the roads and the seismograph area. He commented that the increased traffic combined with the dry weather have definitely caused some bad roads. On August 23, he attended the hospital board meeting, and on the Twenty-ninth he checked on County Roads 35 and 2J where they put rotomill down. He said it seems to be holding up fairly well.

Mr. Burgess reported being at the courthouse most of the past two weeks since the start of the parking lot project. They poured concrete on August 27, and Roy Brossman also started taking out the bridge on County Road 3T the same day. He completed that portion yesterday, and Mr. Burgess said he helped Julie Joffe at the fairgrounds. A landfill employee had also been hurt while doing some work, so Mr. Burgess said he would try to get the Workers' Compensation paperwork together.

Mr. Burgess asked the others if they thought they should try and replace more of the courthouse parking lot this year if there was time. Mr. Lyons and Mr. Beedy both felt there would not be enough time or manpower to do anymore this year.

At 10:00 a.m., District Attorney Carol Chambers and Doris Houser arrived to discuss the 2013 budget request for the 18th Judicial District. Ms. Chambers said there were no changes from the 2012 budget, adding that of the \$114,000 budgeted, over \$7,000 was returned to the county last month. She also commented that health insurance will go up twenty-one percent, but they hope to be able to absorb that into the current request. Lastly, Ms. Chambers said that the new District Attorney may need to request a supplemental appropriation because of the Holmes/theater shooting case, but that they had asked for federal funding and were waiting to hear how much they might get. If the district adds attorneys for a particular case, the request must be approved through the county commissioners, but Ms. Chambers said they would let the Board know if that were the case. She added that the biggest expense will be for "experts" in the case, and was not sure if federal funds would cover that cost.

The commissioners approved the August 2012 payroll and expense vouchers for the month until 11:00 a.m., when Shawn Smith arrived for the bid opening. Travis Nall was also in attendance.

Mr. Burgess first opened the bids from Shawn Smith Construction; for removal and replacement of the Victims Advocate Center roof, the price was \$10,285.05. The cost to remove and replace the annex roof with asphalt Malarky shingles would be \$17,838.75, and to replace it with steel would be \$27,956.25.

The other bidder, Affordable Exteriors Roofing and Gutter, submitted a bid for the Victims Advocate Center of \$8,450. Their bid for replacing the annex roof with shingles was \$14,200, while replacing it with 26-gauge steel was \$12,800.

The group was concerned with the differences, but Mr. Burgess said it appeared that the low bidder was Affordable Exteriors Roofing and Gutter; however, they would review the bids more closely to determine if all factors were met. Shawn Smith did state that his bids include the gutters, downspouts and fascia, as required.

Mr. Burgess said that two separate contractors had told him using shingles would be better than replacing the annex roof with steel again, and Mr. Beedy felt they should perhaps ask for references from the low bidder, since no one appeared to know him.

Mr. Burgess then said that he'd received a complaint that they had let the grass die at the annex and wanted to know while Shawn was there what it would cost to get the drainage situation fixed. Shawn told them that to remove the old concrete, raise the sidewalk, and pour a new sidewalk on both sides would cost \$3,200. Mr. Beedy asked if that would fix the drainage problems and Shawn said it would make all water flow north and west of the building. Mr. Beedy also asked if there would be a problem with laying the cement so close to the brick veneer, but Shawn said there would not.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to hire Shawn Smith Construction to complete the drainage work at the annex for a total cost of \$3,200. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Shawn said he could start the project next week.

Mr. Burgess told Shawn that Julie Joffe had requested he help her winterize things at the fairgrounds, and Shawn said he could do that, asking if they wanted to completely winterize the women's restroom beneath the grandstands. All agreed they should, but not until October 1. Shawn was also asked to install an exhaust fan in that same restroom. Shawn told the Board that the panels for the Ellis Allen building doors had finally come in.

Once Shawn and Travis had gone, Mr. Burgess asked the other commissioners if they felt they should replace the north parking lot at the annex building while the cement contractor is still in the area. They decided to take a look at it when they go to lunch.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to increase Julie Joffe's salary to \$1,250 per month beginning on September 1, 2012, since she is now doing all the cleaning at the fairgrounds, as well as her other duties. Mr. Beedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman