

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County

Agenda for February 28, 2013

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Approve the minutes from the February 27, 2013 meeting
2. County Commissioners' reports
3. County Administrator's report
4. County Attorney's report
5. Old business
6. New business
7. Approve additional expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2013. The following attended: Chairman Ted Lyons, Commissioners Greg King and Doug Stone, County Administrator Roxie Devers, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order and asked Mr. King to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Lyons asked for a correction to the February 27, 2013, minutes: the change of “property farmed” to “grassland owned”. Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 27, 2013, as amended. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. King reported attending the Lincoln County Economic Development meeting on February 22, and receiving a phone call from Brian Johnson with FSA yesterday letting him know that he had sent a certified letter to the property owner in the Becker blowing dirt complaint.

Mr. Stone reported going to the Karval shop on February 21. The crew was in the process of building a rock screening device out of cattle guards that will hopefully help keep larger rocks out of the gravel that gets put on county roads. He went back to the shop again on the Twenty-sixth and again last night. They had completed the project and will take the device out today and try it out.

Mr. Lyons stated that February 24 was the day he had received the phone call from Gary Withington about NextEra turning off the tower making the noise, on the Twenty-fifth he toured the area, and on the Twenty-sixth he stopped by the landfill and checked the flags on one of Halde’s oil wells.

The Board looked over several applications for the part-time janitorial position at the courthouse, and Ms. Devers let the commissioners know that Kim Hilferty, who has filled in in the past when a janitor needed a temporary replacement, no longer wants the job. However, Assessor’s office employee Christi Hollenbaugh said she would be interested.

Mr. Stone made a motion to sign a contract with Christi Hollenbaugh at \$13.00 per hour to temporarily replace Sheree Miller and perform cleaning duties at the courthouse until someone is hired to fill the position. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Devers reported receiving a request for payment of \$500 in dues to the Northeast Travel Region; a request that is received every year. She said that she had checked the website but hadn’t really seen much about Lincoln County there. She added that the Lincoln County Tourism board is doing an excellent job and suggested sending a letter to the NTR to see what exactly they provide.

Fairgrounds Manager Julie Joffe had met with Ms. Devers and submitted proposals from Gene Amann for painting and work on the grandstands at the fairgrounds. He wants to know if the

commissioners plan on doing the work this year, as he needs to set his schedule for the warmer months. Mr. Lyons said that the fair board had seen the quotes when Mr. Amann presented them at the January meeting, but that they had not made a decision as to what they wanted him to do, if anything.

The commissioners discussed adding the plastic covers to the nine rows of seats that are still wood, agreeing that they would prefer that over painting, especially since funding is limited. They also would prefer to wait and see the results of the Master Plan before making any other decisions regarding the grandstands.

No one could remember how much the quote had been from Hugo Lumber to purchase the plastic covers so Ms. Devers suggested having Ms. Joffe measure the benches and then check with Hugo Lumber to get a price quote. She also said that if isn't too difficult to put the covers on, perhaps Ms. Joffe could do it with some help.

Mr. Stone said that he wouldn't want them to wait too long if there is much rust, and Mr. Lyons said that if Ms. Joffe would get the measurements, they could present the information to the fair board at their meeting on March 12.

No one had any old or new business, and Ms. Devers said she'd spoken with County Attorney Stan Kimble earlier and was told he had nothing to report.

At 10:00 a.m., Director of Human Services Colette Barksdale met with the Board to give her monthly report. After reviewing time sheets and financial reports, she informed the commissioners that her department will have a fundraiser on March 18, beginning at 11:30 a.m. It will be a baked potato bar at a cost of \$5 per person, a chili cook-off, and best dessert contest. Proceeds will be divided between the two food banks in the county. She explained that Cheyenne County also gets Colorado Care and Share, but that they are not charged for commodities or food delivery. She is going to meet with them to see why that is.

Ms. Barksdale stated that she has begun negotiations with Darla Scranton Specht at \$60,000, and then moved on to discussion about Differential Response; a program started legislatively a couple of years ago concerning new Child Welfare practices. Lincoln County was selected as a differential response county earlier this month, so they will have training in April or May. Current Child Welfare regulations require that when a referral is responded to, staff must file an abuse and neglect finding, regardless sometimes of the circumstances. She added that in "minor" situations, such as a child falling out of a bunk bed, where there was no obvious abuse, these filings can harm a parent's record for two years. Differential Response will allow a "Red Team," made up of DHS staff and community members, to assess the case and work voluntarily with the families to keep kids safe. Ms. Barksdale went on to say that since funding is based on number of cases and reporting, it is important for the state to know that the county has been designated as a Differential Response county so that no funding is lost.

Ms. Barksdale gave an update on CKLECC—the Cheyenne, Kiowa, Lincoln Early Childhood Council—stating that they will be hiring a new coordinator, as Melissa Huff resigned. She also touched briefly on new legislation to set up a Child Welfare hotline, commenting that they oppose it for several reasons, but mainly because there is no benefit in it for children.

Ms. Barksdale asked the Board how they wanted her to go about the purchase of another van for the department, as it was budgeted for. She explained that they currently have five vehicles; four of which have 100,000 or close to 100,000 miles on them. Four are vans and one is a car, and she would like to replace one of the vans. DHS purchases the vehicles and they have to depreciate them over three years for state reimbursement. She checked with Limon Chrysler and a new van will cost roughly \$20,000 to \$22,000, while a used one with approximately 20,000 miles on it would be between \$18,000 and \$19,000.

Mr. Lyons felt they should trade one in, as he doesn't feel the county needs any more vehicles sitting around, and Ms. Devers suggested checking to see how many miles the vans at the annex have on them, as it may be better to trade off one of theirs. Mr. Stone felt she should check all other options and Ms. Barksdale said she will find out what state bid is and will also see if Anderson Motors has anything. She added that she wanted to get started on it as it will need to be done before the end of the fiscal year.

Lastly, Ms. Barksdale asked the commissioners if the cabinets in the kitchen and hallway of the office in her department can be replaced, as they are in poor condition. Mr. King asked if they are the original cabinets, and she responded that they are, and have been glued and repaired numerous times, although the countertops have been replaced. The commissioners will look at them after the meeting.

Ms. Devers commented that the kitchen cabinets in the Clerk's office would probably also need to be replaced, as they never have been. The kitchen cabinets in the area between the Assessor's and Treasurer's offices were replaced a couple of years ago, so should be fine.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2013.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ted Lyons, Chairman