

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County

Agenda for March 18, 2013

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 County Treasurer Jim Covington to discuss a Settlement Agreement and Release for additional 911 fees to be paid by AT&T

9:20 Interview Lawrence Grindstaff for the courthouse janitorial position

9:40 Interview Beverly Langley for the courthouse janitorial position

10:00 Human Services Director Colette Barksdale to conduct further training on the financing of human services, including budgets and allocations

11:00 Interview Randi Walsh for the courthouse janitorial position

1:15 Polly Jessen with Kaplan Kirsch Rockwell and Bond Beams with Prairie Minerals, Ltd to further discuss the development permits approved for Limon Wind, LLC; Limon Wind II, LLC; Limon Wind III, LLC; and Eastern Colorado Interconnect, LLC for wind power facilities and how surface use conflicts would be addressed with respect to the development of subsurface minerals. Tony Ryan, attorney for NextEra, will also be present.

2:15 Interview Martin Mattson for the courthouse janitorial position

2:30 Interview Susan Monks for the courthouse janitorial position

1. Approve the minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting
2. Review the February reports from the Assessor, County Clerk and Sheriff
3. Review the February reports of revenues and expenditures for County General and Public Health
4. Review a letter from Allen Black requesting to be added to the county's list of arbitrators for Board of Equalization appeals
5. Review and act on paperwork received from Bruckner Truck sales for the lease/purchase of a trailer for Road District 3
6. County Commissioners' reports
7. County Administrator's report
8. County Attorney's report
9. Old business
10. New business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 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. County Attorney Stan Kimble attended in the afternoon.

Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order and since County Treasurer Jim Covington was first on the agenda, asked him to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Covington wished to discuss a settlement agreement and release for additional 911 fees to be paid by AT&T. The amount they are offering is \$117.60. Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the settlement agreement and release with AT&T and allow Mr. Covington to sign it. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board interviewed Lawrence Grindstaff for the courthouse janitorial position and then Mr. Lyons said he had one correction to the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2013: change "attended the hospital board meeting" to "been contacted by Keith James". Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6 meeting, once corrected. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

After reviewing the February reports from the Assessor, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer, as well as the February reports of revenues and expenditures for the County General and Public Health funds, a letter from Allen Black requesting his services be considered to act as hearing officer for the Board of Equalization, along with consideration that his name be included on the list of Arbitrators available for assessment appeal cases, was reviewed. Mr. King made a motion to add Allen Black to the list of arbitrators for assessment appeal cases, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

At 9:40 a.m., the Board interviewed Beverly Langley for the courthouse janitorial position, and at 10:00 a.m., Human Services Director Colette Barksdale met with the commissioners to conduct further training on the financing of human services, including budgets and allocations.

Dennis Hansen was interviewed for the courthouse janitorial position at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. King reported taking lunch to the District 2 road crew on March 8, after which he looked at roads. On the Eleventh, he attended the Colorado Blueprint meeting in Limon, and on March 12 he attended the fair board meeting.

After speaking a bit about the new dozer for District 2, Mr. King made a motion to purchase a new Komatsu dozer from Power Motive Corporation in the amount of \$253,050. The down payment will be \$103,050; \$70,000 from District 1 and \$33,050 from District 2. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone reported stopping at the shop and checking roads on March 11, and attending the Colorado East Community Action Agency meeting and the fair board meeting on March 12.

Mr. Lyons reported checking oil wells and roads on March 8, as well as the building where the county's tower is located. He said they added some tin, which may help a little. On March 11, he attended the Colorado Blueprint meeting, and on the Twelfth he attended the fair board meeting; the board agreed that they would like to have the grandstands painted and handrails added. LaRay Becker-Patton was voted in as fair board president, and Mike Vaughn was there with a copy of the contract for the demolition derby, for anyone who wanted to look at it. Mr. Lyons added that the majority of fair board members are against the study which would create an overall plan for the grounds, and Mr. King added that the road districts agreed to send a welder and helpers to the fairgrounds if Julie Joffe will provide a list of things to be repaired.

Mr. Lyons also reported receiving a call from Kerry Halde who gave him some information on oil well activity in the area, and he stopped by the landfill and asked Allen Chubbuck to get the commissioners the information on the compactor so that a new windshield could be ordered.

At 1:00 p.m., Will Bublitz with The Limon Leader and Eastern Colorado Plainsman joined the meeting, as well as Land Use Administrator John DeWitt. Mr. DeWitt said that he would like to purchase a new laptop computer with Windows 7 on it in order for him to complete cartography for the sheriff's mobile emergency operating center. He does have the money for the laptop, approximately \$450 to \$600, in his budget, but since it will be for emergency management use, the grant from Emergency Management will cover half the cost. The commissioners agreed that Mr. DeWitt should purchase the laptop.

The Board reviewed paperwork received from Bruckner Truck Sales for the lease/purchase of a trailer for Road District 3. Mr. Kimble looked it over and said that everything appeared to be legal, so Mr. Stone made a motion to purchase a 2013 CPS Bottom D trailer from Bruckner Truck Sales in the amount of \$33,510 for Road District 3. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Kimble reported that Mr. Kwolkoski had his report ready on the noise from the wind tower, but he was waiting for information from NextEra, as his report must tie in with what was happening with the equipment at the time the readings were taken.

As for the Prairie Minerals/Next Era issue, Mr. Kimble said they are still negotiating, but hope to come to a conclusion soon. He added that the commissioners might want to consider changing Condition No. 11 in the resolution for future projects, perhaps adding a requirement for an agreement with mineral owners prior to approval of the permit, and once the objection period has passed. Perhaps having the Land Use Administrator verify that the wind energy company has at least been in contact with mineral owners would be another option. He thought they might also want to consider extending the tower distance from residents to avoid further noise complaints, adding that there wasn't much that could be done now in regard to current wind farms, but planning for the future might benefit everyone.

Ms. Devers reported that Karval Water Users received a letter that they will no longer be able to pump from their well as of April 1. Mark Olson has been in contact with Gary Ensign and

they have worked out a way to get water from Hugo, but Ms. Devers said she would contact CWPDA as it seemed that they may be thinking Karval is an agricultural area and do not know that there is a community there, including a school.

Road District 3 Foreman David Seymour informed Ms. Devers that new truck requirements indicate that road district employees will have to obtain Class A licenses and wanted to know if the county would pay the \$7.50 fee for the employees who need the new license. The commissioners agreed that it wouldn't be a problem.

Mr. King made a motion to approve a janitorial contract with Kim Hilferty for part time janitorial services at \$13.00 an hour in the event that Christi Hollenbaugh is unable to perform the duties at certain times. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Devers stated that Melissa Huff has resigned from Human Services and Ms. Barksdale has hired Julie Witt for her duties. She would like for Ms. Witt to have a county credit card. Mr. Stone made a motion to allow Julie Witt to have a county credit card with a \$500 limit. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ed Stepp, a salesman with Colonial Life stopped by Ms. Devers' office one day and asked that the commissioners consider allowing him to speak to them about deductions that employees could have withheld from their paychecks. The Board chose not to have Mr. Stepp meet with them.

Ms. Devers asked Mr. Lyons to sign the quarterly report to CDPHE regarding discharge at the county landfill. She had spoken with Mick Jaques who told her that there was no discharge this quarter.

The Board discussed what needed to be put into the ad requesting a bid to paint the grandstands, and then interviewed Martin Mattson for the janitorial job at 2:15 p.m. Will Bublitz left the meeting at that time.

At 2:30 p.m., Susan Monks was interviewed for the janitorial position. Once the Board discussed which applicant to hire, Mr. King made a motion to hire Susan Monks as a part-time courthouse janitor, starting at Level 1, Step 1; approximately \$13.47 per hour. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 2013.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ted Lyons, Chairman