

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for May 30, 2013

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 Public Health Director Sue Kelly to give her monthly report and to request that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Limon School District for use of the Christenson-Newsom Activities building in the event of a disaster and the Emergency Preparedness Response contracts for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for \$31,793 be signed

10:00 Vickie Berkley with the University of Colorado Denver to present the fairgrounds master plan

11:00 Vickie Maxon, consultant for the Lincoln County Economic Development Council, to give an update on her activities

11:30 Landfill Manager Mick Jaques to discuss electronic waste and the diversion of it from the county landfill starting July 1, 2013

1. Approve the minutes from the May 20, 2013 meeting
2. Cancel County General check #22899 written to FarmTek for \$41.52 on May 7, 2013 since the bill was paid twice
3. Review the number of loads received at the landfill on the free day
4. Old business
5. New business
6. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on May 30, 2013. The following attended: Chairman Ted Lyons, Commissioners Greg King and Doug Stone, County Administrator Roxie Devers, Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Will Bublitz with The Limon Leader and Eastern Colorado Plainsman attended until 12:30 p.m.

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

Public Health Director Sue Kelly met with the commissioners to give her monthly report and request that they sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Limon School District for use of the Christenson-Newsom Activities building in the event of a disaster, and the Emergency Preparedness Response contract in the amount of \$31,793 for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

Mr. King made a motion to sign the MOU with the Limon School District. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

As for the EPR contract, Ms. Kelly stated that even though the county is named as the hosting agency, they will still divide the responsibilities between the three counties; Lincoln, Cheyenne and Kit Carson. Mr. King made a motion to sign the EPR contract for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$31,793. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Kelly then gave her monthly report, stating that a draft Public Health Improvement Plan addressing the Mental Health/Substance Abuse issue in Lincoln County was completed and sent out to the participating behavioral health providers for review. She updated the Board on the EPR activities for the month of May, as well as Vital Records, WIC, Communicable Disease, Child Health, and Tobacco. Ms. Kelly is also looking into using "317" vaccine for a mass dispensing exercise. When asked what that actually meant, she explained that 317 is a funding source at the state and simply means that the vaccination can be offered for free. She wants to see if using the free vaccine would be allowed for the mass exercise. She added that, if so, it will also help with some of their EPR deliverables. Finally, Ms. Kelly said she has created a Facebook page to announce Public Health current events and messages to the public, and has requested that James Martin link the updated Public Health pamphlet to the county website. She also completed the annual report to CDPHE.

Mr. King mentioned that Forfeiture Funds through the D.A.'s office may be used for a project for at-risk youth. He had asked that the video, which was available on public TV, be made available to the youth in Lincoln County, which they plan to do.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 20, 2013, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone made a motion to cancel County General check #22899, written to FarmTek in the amount of \$41.52 on May 7, 2013, since the bill was paid twice; once by credit card. Mr. King seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the number of loads received at the landfill on the free day, and Ms. Devers said that Limon Town Administrator Dave Stone had sent a thank-you email regarding the free day, as well. A check had also been received in the amount of \$1,360 from Jason Brent for the scrap metal.

Mr. Lyons said he'd called the State Land Board to speak with John Valentine, but had talked to his secretary as John had not been in. He wanted to know if the county could create a standard lease for county-owned minerals. She had put him in contact with someone in the mineral department who sent him a state lease. He said he will bring it to the following day's meeting.

Gary Beedy stopped in to let the commissioners know that he had received a letter from Eastern Colorado Services for the Developmentally Disabled requesting that he commit to a three-year term on their board. He said that he is not sure he is willing to do that and wanted the commissioners to take over the appointment or find someone else. He explained that the meetings are generally in Sterling and the representative can either attend via telephone conference call or ECSDD will pay for the representative to stay overnight since the meetings are at 6:30 p.m., even though he never did that. Mr. Beedy added that when he was on the board the county had a commissioner fill the appointment, as it is extremely difficult to find a resident to do so. None of the commissioners volunteered for the appointment, so Mr. Lyons asked Mr. Beedy if he would be willing to serve throughout the year to give them time to look for someone. Mr. Beedy said that they were to have another meeting this evening so he would ask if that was acceptable.

Patsie Smith informed the Board that Vickie Berkely with the University of Colorado Denver was running late, so Vickie Maxon, consultant for the Lincoln County Economic Development Council, was asked to give her update to the Board. Attendees at that time also included LaRay Becker-Patton, Julie Joffe, and Gary Beedy.

Ms. Maxon stated that she was hired to perform a needs assessment in Lincoln County to determine the general state of the county where development is concerned. She is soliciting input from various groups and individuals and will then compile her results by July 1. LCEDC will then hire a director, develop a list of priorities, and move forward. She added that she had brought a survey of very broad questions that she could either ask the Board as a whole or on an individual basis, and Mr. Lyons told her to go ahead with the questions. First, she wanted to know what challenges the commissioners feel the county faces. The response was how state and federal regulations impact a small county, the drought, aging population and loss of youth, and the need to diversify the tax base more. When asked what they saw to be the primary role of economic development in the future, the commissioners agreed that stability, action when ideas are presented, and growth were the biggest concerns.

Mr. Lyons told Ms. Maxon that he believes it would help if LCEDC would visit *every* business in the county, not just a select few, and Ms. Devers added that they should make it a goal to keep business owners abreast of programs, opportunities, and prospects that would help their business to expand. Better dialogue with existing businesses is also a must, as well as building confidence and follow-up.

Patsie Smith stated that it is critical that Economic Development paint a positive picture of Lincoln County and what it has to offer, and Mr. King added that maintaining the current infrastructure is also essential.

Ms. Maxon explained that if the major concern is creating jobs in the county there are numerous factors that must be taken into consideration before a company would be attracted to the area; is there enough housing for employees, are the skills and workforce available or would they have to bring their own employees, and are there choices available in the area that would keep those employees interested in staying?

Ms. Maxon asked a few more questions to complete the survey and then said she would write up her report and submit it to the LCEDC board at their July meeting. She asked if the commissioners would like for her to come back and give them the results and Mr. King said he would like for her to return.

Vickie Berkley then gave her presentation of the Fairgrounds Master Plan, stating that three students had worked on the project by narrowing down the overall picture to priorities. Included in the report were a cost estimate and a list of funding resources. Ms. Berkley recommended the commissioners read through the report, prioritize items that they would like to see completed, and approach the implementation of the plan. She added that the development of some type of business plan would help put things in order, and Mr. Lyons said that he feels the biggest problem is what comes first, as fixing one problem or working on one thing seems to cause a problem somewhere else.

Ms. Berkley said that they need to start with determining what revenue can be brought in, and as that revenue is gained, the money would need to be invested back into the fairgrounds for future improvements. She added that it may take a couple of years to accomplish one goal, but knowing that they have to decide which elements are most important and deciding where to find the funding are places to start.

Patsie Smith mentioned the Enterprise Zone, but Ms. Devers said not only had she received no contributions, but no inquiries about it either. She added that she may try to put up a display at the county fair. She went on to say that what bothers her the most is that very few responses are received when surveys are done, meetings are set up, or feedback is requested when it comes to anything concerning the fairgrounds.

Ms. Maxon put in that the plan is for the future, and most of those in the room will not live to see the benefits. Giving young people a reason to want to return to the community or come to

the community in the first place—building something to attract their attention—is what is needed.

Mr. Lyons asked if there was a total dollar figure for the cost of the improvements, and Ms. Berkley gave a figure of \$1,384,000. He stated that the problem is that it is taxpayer money going to pay for a facility that is used for one week out of the year, with a few other dates thrown in. Ms. Smith said that they may be able to obtain funding that isn't taxpayer money and Ms. Berkley added that there are twenty different funding sources listed in the report; they would just have to begin contacting them.

Mr. Lyons asked Ms. Berkley what putting in the lift station would cost since the county had considered doing that a couple of years ago and had received a rather large figure to have it done. Ms. Berkley originally said it would be \$50,000, but then changed the amount to \$71,000. Ms. Devers said that the county's quote had been \$106,000 just for the lift station, with administrative costs of at least \$35,000 back in January of 2010. She added that they had looked into getting a GOCO grant, but couldn't because a stipulation of the grant was that a restroom facility would have to be built for an additional \$115,000.

Ms. Berkley said that getting more buy-in from the community is a great way to obtain funding, but they must first come up with the strategy. Starting with something small, such as the Veteran's Memorial, just to let people know that things are happening, may be the way to begin.

Mr. Stone asked if anyone knew what the fair board thought of the plan, but Ms. Patton said they had not seen it yet. She added that she assumed they would see it the way Mr. Lyons does; that it is far too expensive for an area that is utilized in their minds basically for one week out of the year, adding that at least one member would say that if it went to the vote of the people it would never pass.

Ms. Berkley said that she would have the report finalized and printed off and they would then present it to the fair board.

Once the group had gone, Landfill Manger Mick Jaques met with the Board to discuss electronic waste and the diversion of it from the county landfill starting July 1, 2013, due to the passage of SB12-133. He stated that education of the public is the key and they will need to advertise in the newspaper that the items listed will need to be sorted prior to people bringing them in. He added that they will start sorting and stacking the items at the landfill, and if the building is full when winter comes, they will have to make sure the items are moved out so they can store their equipment there, or drain it and leave it parked. They will keep an eye on it and see how much they have in about three months, and will ask James Martin to come and pick it up. Since all items except for televisions and computer monitors containing cathode ray tubes will be free of charge, Mick said that they will put a big sign on the storage building door and will make sure that items requiring the \$10 payment are listed on their tickets so that they can track them.

Will Bublitz asked why certain things cost \$10 but the rest is free, and was told that the recycling company charges the \$10, not the county.

Mick also asked Mr. Bublitz to thank the public for such an organized, non-problematic free landfill day.

The commissioners approved the May payroll and expense vouchers for the month and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2013.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

Ted Lyons, Chairman