

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for January 8, 2026

1:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

1:00 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to discuss the Enterprise Zone

1:30 Approve Expense Vouchers

-To be completed as time permits-

1. Approve the minutes from the December 30, 2025, meeting
2. Approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, meeting
3. Review the employee timesheets for County Administrator Jacob Piper, Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill, Landfill Manager Allen Chubbuck, Weed Control Coordinator Patrick Leonard, I.T. Director James Martin, and Public Health Director Kelly Meier
4. Discuss board appointments for 2026
5. County Commissioner reports
6. County Attorney's report
7. County Administrator's report
8. Old Business
9. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. on January 8, 2026. Chairman Wayne Ewing, commissioners Robert Safranek and Terry Jaques, county administrator Jacob Piper, and clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel attended. Economic Development Director Troy McCue and IT Director James Martin were there when the meeting started.

Chairman Ewing called the meeting to order, asked Mr. Jaques to pray, and had Mr. McCue lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Martin left at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. McCue apologized for letting the Enterprise Zone status expire and said he had almost completed the application to renew it. He asked the Board to sign a letter supporting the renewal of Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation as an approved contribution project in Colorado's Enterprise Zone System.

As the commissioners reviewed the letter, Mr. McCue updated them on economic development activities. Downtown Limon hosted a successful Christmas event on December 6; they look forward to the opportunity to renew the Brownfields Redevelopment Grant application. Rural Philanthropy Days will be July 8-10 in Yuma. They are ramping up the 150/250 grant and event process and the Opportunity Zone Program 2.0, which is starting its education and engagement phases to renew and add sites, such as Hugo and Arriba, to the program. Stockmens Bank signed a purchase contract for commercial property along Main Street in Hugo. Mr. McCue had a detailed conversation with Scott Elliott regarding plans for the future Genoa Rail Transfer, and LCEDC continues to assist BHV Adventures with their new designation as a Rural Jumpstart Designee.

The Board had finished reviewing the letter of support, and Mr. Jaques moved to sign it. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Ewing asked Mr. McCue to work seriously to bring a data center to Lincoln County. Mr. McCue promised to look into it and left.

Mr. Safranek moved to approve the December 30, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Jaques moved to approve the January 6, 2026, executive session minutes. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion. Mr. Ewing abstained from the vote, which passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the employee timesheets for the administrator, land use administrator, landfill manager, weed control coordinator, IT director, and public health director, and then discussed the 2026 board appointments and holidays.

Mr. Ewing called for the commissioners' reports. Mr. Jaques reviewed a resident's complaint on January 2, which he had already mentioned after the January 6 executive session. On January 5, Mr. Jaques attended the Early Childhood Development meeting, where they reviewed reports and financials. They continue to support in-home daycare and look for future opportunities.

The diaper bank is doing well, and they plan to add one distribution day per week to provide flexibility in meeting families' schedules. Mr. Jaques delivered Miss Lowery's holiday ham to her. In a discussion with Scott Elliott about the rail spur's progress, Mr. Elliott mentioned that they would need to add video coverage of the site. Mr. Jaques gave Mr. Elliott contact numbers for an electrician and an internet provider. They also discussed the proposed improvements to County Highway 109; Mr. Elliott said he'd contacted Travis Miller with RockSol.

Mr. Jaques received a message from Travis Miller on January 7, requesting more information on the proposed Hwy 109 project. He called Mr. Miller and provided further details; Mr. Miller said he would send a basic proposal for Mr. Jaques to review before sending it to Mr. Elliott. Mr. Jaques also attended a virtual COG meeting, where they discussed efforts to fill vacant cook positions at the Kit Carson and Cheyenne County centers and the need to fill a municipal board member vacancy. They haven't heard back from the state regarding Lincoln County's transport van application. DOLA approved the Housing Needs Assessment, COG approved the Limon Heritage Society and Lincoln County Economic Development for the Enterprise Zone, and COG members were open to suggestions for Opportunity Zone locations.

Earlier, on January 8, Mr. Jaques and Bruce Walters discussed the proposed work on Hwy 109 and the future rail site. They also discussed property owners near the Arikaree River and Hwy 63 for future easement access.

Lastly, Mr. Jaques said that Landfill Manager Allen Chubbuck called to inform him that their shop furnace quit. Parts are obsolete, but Plains Heating was going to see what they could do. Mr. Jaques told Mr. Chubbuck that if they couldn't fix it, he should get quotes for a replacement.

Mr. Safranek spoke with Judd Kravig about the portion of County Road 2 that Xcel Energy was supposed to maintain and hadn't. They agreed to set up blockades at each end of the road and close it. Xcel graded it not long after that. Mr. Safranek and Mr. Kravig discussed equipment maintenance on January 5. The district's John Deere tractor is still in Rocky Ford awaiting repairs. Mr. Safranek attended the January 6 executive session. After discussing options for District 3 chip seal material on January 7 with Mr. Kravig, Mr. Safranek learned that District 1 has some stockpiled material that they might be able to use. Earlier, they put up a "No Outlet" sign on County Road 3E, hoping to keep trucks from driving through the fence, as the fencelines changed.

Mr. Ewing and Chris Monks drove and checked District 1 roads and bridges for about six hours on December 31. They discussed raising edges, recovering gravel, methods to eliminate ridges and washboards, and mowing, among other things. Mr. Ewing noted that he was adamant about the safety of the ridges, better road construction, and the use of gravel. While the road crew has implemented his suggestions, there are still areas where they can improve. Mr. Ewing and Mr. Monks discussed the road issues again on January 2, and on January 5, Mr. Ewing took breakfast to the District 1 shop and met with the crew. He explained what he and Mr. Monks had discussed on their road tour, complimented the crew's good work, and discussed ridges. They had forgotten a dead-end road, which they immediately addressed; Mr. Ewing

apologized to the resident who lived there. Later that day, Mr. Monks called to confirm areas of concern, including graveling, mowing, and crowning.

Mr. Ewing attended the January 6 executive session via Teams.

On January 7, Mr. Ewing attended an Eastern TPR MMOF Scoring Committee meeting via Teams, where they narrowed down county and CDOT responsibilities. He nominated James DePue as chairman. Mr. Ewing attended the Limon town board meeting via Zoom that evening, where he announced the new emergency manager.

There was no attorney's report, and Mr. Piper reported on the State Historical Fund grant for the roundhouse, noting that the county's match was 34%, not 20%, as anticipated. With the \$90,000 SHF grant and the \$30,000 Gates Foundation grant, Mr. Piper felt the budgeting would be fine if they got the extension.

Mr. Jaques moved to approve a county credit card with a \$5,000 limit for Emergency Manager Lane Elliott. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Piper said that Mr. Elliott met with Ted Lucero earlier; the FEMA funds will officially close out in February.

Mr. Jaques brought up new business regarding a road built and maintained by one of the wind farms. The road has significant damage, and he expressed concerns about motorists mistaking it for a county road and about someone getting hurt on it. He suggested putting up a sign; however, he wasn't sure what to put on it. Mr. Safranek said there were many areas like that in the county that would need addressing if Mr. Jaques chose to put up a sign, and suggested leaving it as is.

Mr. Jaques said he talked to Kenny Wheeler with the Arriba Wind Farm about helping to fund the Arikaree Bridge project, but he hadn't gotten any useful information. Mr. Piper said that Mr. Wheeler was on the January 13 agenda.

The Board approved the final December 2025 expenses.

52364 4Rivers, Repairs \$955.35
52365 AT&T, Wireless \$2,575.14
52366 Axon Enterprise, Equipment \$11,692.72
52367 Black Hills, Energy \$304.05
52368 Nathan Seymour, Repairs \$7,280.76
52369 Capital One, Supplies \$64.54
52370 John Carver, Fee \$1,500.00
52371 CDPHE, Fee \$1,477.15
52372 Centro, Services \$600.00
52373 Clinton Clark, Gravel \$517.00

52374 CNH, Parts \$299.70
52375 Collie Land, Gravel \$748.00
52376 Colorado Barricade, Signs \$1,750.00
52377 The Pager Clinic, Radio \$682.95
52378 Corporate Billing, Parts \$298.27
52379 Cramaro, Parts \$2,532.44
52380 Dawn B. Holmes, Services \$1,500.00
52381 DirecTV, TV \$249.99
52382 D-J Petroleum, Fuel \$349.42
52383 Ethan Durham, Services \$600.00
52384 Eastern Colorado Bank, Fees \$751.35
52385 ESRTA, Phones \$3,044.58
52386 Jason Farley, Callouts \$40.00
52387 Flagler Coop, Fuel \$485.58
52388 Flying Dutchman, Services \$250.00
52389 Greenlees Pro Auto, Maintenance \$355.48
52390 Hillyard, Balance \$284.67
52391 Hoffman Drug, Supplies \$193.10
52392 Town of Hugo, Water \$732.67
52393 Interstate Batteries, Parts \$840.90
52394 Intellichoice, Fee \$18,844.69
52395 Joy Johnson, Mileage \$536.83
52396 Johnson Health, Parts \$425.58
52397 Karval Water Users, Water \$65.00
52398 KCEA, Electric \$4,491.91
52399 Language Line, Services \$179.29
52400 Town of Limon, Water \$200.08
52401 LCH, Payment \$297.11
52402 Mark's, Repairs \$38.03
52403 Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, Books \$1,082.15
52404 Horacio Millan Garcia, Services \$20,750.00
52405 MVEA, Electric \$756.78
52406 O.J. Watson, Parts \$3,108.60
52407 Osborne's, Supplies \$3,417.37
52408 Quill, Supplies \$262.79
52409 Ranchland News, Ad \$316.86
52410 RockSol, Project \$3,947.03
52411 Saul's Creek, Services \$6,000.00
52412 Scheopner's, Water \$36.00
52413 Robbie Schenck, Callouts \$30.00
52414 SHP, Contract \$28,157.80
52415 State-Wide Equipment, Inspection \$2,300.00
52416 Stone Oil, Fuel \$3,619.18
52417 Summit Food, Supplies \$3,842.29

52418 Grasom, Parts \$1,142.95
52419 TRIAD, Services \$132.00
52420 USPS, Rent \$126.00
52421 Viaero, Wireless \$148.24
52422 Wagner, Parts \$4,767.52
52423 Wex Bank, Fuel \$4,185.01
52424 Brian White, Gravel \$856.50
52425 Witt Boys, Parts \$2,581.92
DFT0002272 Amazon, Supplies \$34.88
DFT0002273 FNBO, Charges \$110.38
DFT0002274 FNBO, Charges \$19.95
DFT0002275 FNBO, Charges \$555.76
DFT0002276 FNBO, Charges \$2,404.13
DFT0002277 FNBO, Charges \$209.79
DFT0002280 Amazon, Supplies \$196.85
DFT0002281 Black Hills, Energy \$2,384.54
DFT0002283 Black Hills, Energy \$115.87
DFT0002284 Black Hills, Energy \$325.65
DFT0002285 Black Hills, Energy \$463.38
DFT0002286 Black Hills, Energy \$103.87
DFT0002287 Black Hills, Energy \$39.92
DFT0002288 FNBO, Charges \$2.78
DFT0002289 FNBO, Charges \$566.50
DFT0002290 CenturyLink, Internet \$12.21
DFT0002291 CenturyLink, Internet \$5,976.65
DFT0002292 PEAC, Services \$215.86

With no additional business to discuss, Mr. Ewing adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting will be the annual reorganization meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 13, 2026.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

Wayne E. Ewing, Chairman