

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for January 14, 2025

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Travis Miller with RockSol Consulting Group, Inc. to provide updates on the Big Sandy Creek Bridge Rehab project
- 10:30 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to provide an update
1. Approve the minutes from the December 30, 2024, meeting
 2. Review the employee timesheets for County Administrator Jacob Piper, Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill, Landfill Manager Allen Chubbuck, Weed Control Coordinator Patrick Leonard, Office of Emergency Management Director Ken Stroud, I.T. Director James Martin, and Public Health Director Kelly Meier
 3. Review December 2024 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, Road & Bridge and Individual Road Districts
 4. Review and act upon the County Veterans Service Officer's Monthly Report and Certification of Pay
 5. County Commissioner reports
 6. County Attorney's report
 7. County Administrator's report
 8. Old Business
 9. New Business
- 11:30 Adjourn for 2024, followed by the swearing in of Commissioner-Elect Terry Jaques and Commissioner-Elect Robert Safranek
- 1:00 Call to Order and reorganize for 2025
- a. Elect Chairman and Vice-chairman
 - b. Designate a public place to post meeting notices pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(2)(c)
 - c. Designate a representative for the County Health Pool
 - d. Approve appointments and holidays
 - e. Set the county's vacation and sick leave policy pursuant to the Lincoln County Personnel Manual
 - f. Set the E911 surcharge pursuant to C.R.S. 29-11-103(3)(a)
 - g. Approve Lincoln County's investment policy
 - h. Appoint the County Administrator as the County Budget Officer pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-04
1. Review and act upon a Colorado Counties, Inc. Steering Committees Designation of Proxy
 2. County Commissioner reports
 3. County Attorney's report
 4. County Administrator's report
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 6. New business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 2025, for the annual reorganization meeting. Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Wayne Ewing and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and commissioners-elect Terry Jaques and Robert Safranek attended. Chris Monks, Lucas Hohl, and Mike Vaughn were there when the meeting started.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ewing said a prayer.

Hugo Fire Protection District members Lucas Hohl and Mike Vaughn asked to place a Conex container on the county's property south of the county shop and use it for training. They hoped to make it an asset for all local fire departments eventually but would allow access to Hugo FPD members only to start. They also requested a load of gravel to stabilize the container. Mr. Vaughn said they would like to borrow the property for a couple of years until they can build their firehouse. He added that all training was inside simulation and shouldn't cause problems.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Kimble if there were legal reasons for not allowing the request; Mr. Kimble suggested contacting CTSI, the county's insurance company, to see if it required a Memorandum of Understanding with the fire department.

Mr. Burgess moved to allow the Hugo Fire Protection District to place a Conex container on county property south of the Hugo shop, provided the insurance carrier allowed it. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ewing moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 30, 2024. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the employee timesheets for the administrator, land use administrator, landfill manager, weed control coordinator, emergency manager, IT director, and public health director.

The commissioners also reviewed the December 2024 statements of revenues and expenditures for the General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, Road & Bridge funds, and the individual road district reports.

Travis Miller with RockSol Consulting Group, Inc., arrived at 9:20 a.m. to update the Board on the Big Sandy Creek Bridge rehabilitation project. He told the commissioners-elect that RockSol was in charge of construction management and explained the county's process to obtain off-system bridge grant funds. He noted that they had included construction management and construction costs in the bid. Structures, the bid-winner, started construction on November 4 and, so far, was on track with the timeline and budget. They discovered a sinkhole on the shoulder shortly after beginning work, but Mr. Miller said there were contingency funds to cover the setback. They hope to complete the project in April, which includes removing the old deck, sandblasting the rust from the girders and repainting them, and replacing the deck with

concrete. Replacing the guardrail to comply with the state's safety requirements was also part of the project.

No one had other questions for Mr. Miller, and he and Mr. Monks left at 9:50 a.m. as Randal Lewis arrived.

After a short break, the commissioners reviewed the County Veterans Service Officer's monthly report and certification of pay.

Mr. Burgess called for commissioner reports.

Mr. Stone reported checking roads on January 6, attending lunch with the road crews on January 8, and speaking with Judd Kravig numerous times over the past few weeks. Yesterday, they found a twelve-to-fifteen-foot sinkhole under County Highway 109, and he and Mr. Kravig discussed it.

Mr. Ewing reported speaking with Mr. Burgess on January 2 about the debris and trash in the creek. He and Chris Monks discussed an employee, and then Mr. Ewing checked several roads. That night, he attended the Limon town board meeting. It was a short reorganizational meeting to renew liquor licenses and hear an Economic Development report. Mr. Ewing met with Mr. Monks and an employee on January 3. He and Mr. Monks discussed preparations for the predicted weather on January 6; District 1 got three or four inches of snow that night. On January 7, Mr. Ewing came to the courthouse to approve bills received after December 30, 2024. He and Mr. Monks discussed snow removal, including at the annex and County Highway 109. Mr. Ewing talked to Mr. Burgess about a charge to the county. On January 8, Mr. Ewing and Ken Stroud agreed to cancel their January 9 meeting with Colorado School of Mines engineering students concerning Coon Creek Bridge. The county got more snow accompanied by high winds. Mr. Ewing spoke to Chris Monks about plowing and Mr. Piper about sending county employees home, board appointments, grants, and the landfill. After speaking with J.P. Juranek at the landfill, he told him to close and go home; Mr. Juranek reported 53 mph winds. Mr. Ewing told Mr. Burgess what he'd done and confirmed several appointments with board appointees. He attended the luncheon with the road crews and other commissioners. Mr. Ewing talked to Mr. Monks about equipment and plowing on January 10. Yesterday, Mr. Ewing spoke with Mr. Burgess about the trash in the creek bottom, the landowner who put it there, and the Hugo FPD personnel meeting. He informed Mr. Monks about the latter and then spoke with Mr. Piper about board appointments and the commissioners' reorganizational meeting structure.

Mr. Burgess reported going to Genoa after the commissioner meeting on December 30; he and Bruce Walters looked at the creek on County Road 38, where they found fresh trash. He told Mr. Ewing, Mr. Stone, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Kimble, and Gary Beedy what he'd seen. The District 2 CAT backhoe needed fixing; a valve was leaking antifreeze. Mr. Burgess spoke with Scott Kimble about the Bovina Cemetery on December 31. He checked on the creek bed again but found no more trash. Mr. Burgess stopped in Genoa to talk to Mr. Walters; District 2 hauled

concrete from the CDOT yard in Hugo to Genoa for crushing. He contacted Mr. Kimble about the trash in the creek; Mr. Kimble agreed to send him statute numbers addressing the issue. Mr. Piper called about the riprap bill for the Big Sandy Bridge project; they had discussed it with Travis Miller. On January 2, Mr. Burgess drafted a letter to the landowner regarding the trash in the creek bed. He also talked to Mr. Walters. Mr. Burgess tried calling the landowner on January 3, but there was no answer, so he left a message; he mailed the letter he'd written. Mr. Burgess helped Chris Monks measure a stockpile of ground asphalt.

On January 6 and 7, the District 2 road crew worked on the John Deere grader and signs. It snowed on January 7; the wind tower workers also removed gravel while plowing snow. Mr. Burgess informed Mr. Jaques, and they planned to tell them to stay off the county roads. Mr. Burgess approved the bills received after December 30.

Stephanie Zwick, with the Limon Leader, arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Burgess reported attending the luncheon with the road crews on January 8 and the COG meeting in Stratton. The organization planned to apply for \$100,000 to pay for a regional grant writer that they might be able to use for roads and bridges. The Council also wanted to apply for a \$210,000 EDA Partnership Planning grant with a twenty percent match. Lincoln County's 2002 and 2014 Outback Express vehicles need replacing, but since the latter is in worse shape, Mr. Burgess said they would do it first; he will let Mr. Piper know the dollar amount. Fairgrounds Manager John Palmer told Mr. Burgess that one of the five furnaces in the Ellis Allen building quit working; they must cut holes in the ceiling to replace it. Mr. Palmer had ordered the doors for the rabbit barn; Mr. Burgess tabled further discussion until January 30, when the Board could meet with Mr. Palmer and discuss how to pay for them.

County surveyor Scott Kimble called Mr. Burgess on January 9; he wanted to meet at the Bovina Cemetery. They agreed to do so the following week. Hugo Fire Protection District Chief Jess Solze called to ask about using the property south of the Hugo shop for a fire training Conex. On January 12, Scott Kimble text-messaged Mr. Burgess that he could place corner pins at the Bovina Cemetery for \$800; they would define the property. Mr. Burgess asked the group whose responsibility it was to pay the fee. Mr. Ewing commented that Steve Sitton didn't mind giving up the property but didn't want to pay for the survey. Mr. Burgess wanted to retain Stan Kimble hourly to finish the project, but Mr. Kimble said Kelly Lowery was aware of the situation and could handle it. He noted that the confirmation resolution would require a legal description, hence the survey.

Mr. Burgess went to Genoa on January 13 and spoke with Bruce Walters; the road crew widened roads because of the snowpack and was getting trucks ready to take to Denver for warranty work. Mr. Burgess went by the landfill and learned it took a new injector line to fix the CAT 938. Landfill staff rejected a load of concrete containing rebar from the bridge project and told the hauler they would also reject asphalt and metal.

Mr. Burgess thanked the group around him and said it had been a pleasure serving Lincoln County for many years.

Mr. Kimble echoed Mr. Burgess's sentiments, stating he had also been fortunate. He noted that Miss Lowerey was about to "wrap up" the Rule 106 situation and that he'd sent her the materials regarding the CDOT devolution.

Mr. Piper provided budget updates and said no fund exceeded its 2024 budget. However, Human Services still had to balance with the state, and there was never a guarantee with the hospital, so he would have to wait and see about doing supplemental appropriations.

During the December 18 jail inspection, CTSI Senior Loss Control Representative Dana Foley mentioned body scanners. They are \$250,000. Mr. Piper said the county could apply for JAG grant funds or money through the JROC Opioid Fund, which bases funding on the county's level. Mr. Jaques commented that they are expensive and require costly annual service contracts.

Mr. Piper asked the new board members to accompany him to the bank after the meeting to update the signatures on the pension account.

Economic Development Director Troy McCue arrived at 10:30 a.m. to provide an update. He explained that he and his board complete an annual review of Economic Development priorities but always lead with small business retention and development. They tend to give current businesses precedence since approximately ninety percent of what the state recommends don't qualify for Lincoln County; they are generally too large or impractical for the county's capacity. Housing and child care are always concerns when bringing in new business.

Mr. McCue reported that Hugo Main Street awarded six small business grants. Downtown Limon received a community enhancement grant from the Eastern Colorado Bank; it awaits the results of Brownfield's Redevelopment grant application. Mr. McCue also reported that SBDC would meet on January 28 to review IRS and Colorado employment tax changes and introduce social media training topics. Genoa's Wonder View Tower garnered another round of SHF funding for restoration purposes. Mr. McCue said they would send the renewal invoices and annual letter no later than January 20. He noted that Hugo intended to split its \$10,000 between EDC and the Hugo Main Street effort; however, at \$8 per capita, EDC should receive more than \$6,000. SBDC allows them to bill between \$35,000 and \$45,000 annually for consulting, which helps pay Raejean Palko's salary. In return, it takes credit for improvements, expansion, and jobs created; the annual reports reflect the impact of the grant dollars.

Mr. Burgess asked what happened with Luv's travel stop, but Mr. McCue said he didn't know if the business had given up building in Limon. The old Denny's and Ruby's restaurants hope to reopen in late spring or early summer as a new Mexican restaurant and a pizza place, respectively.

On January 7, 2025, the Board remotely approved the following expense vouchers for bills received after December 30, 2024:

LINCOLN COUNTY PAYABLES

50551 21st Century, Parts \$2,844.92
50552 Black Hills, Energy \$4,574.81
50553 CCI Public Lands, Dues \$150.00
50554 CCTPTA, Dues \$600.00
50555 CDPHE, Fee \$1,380.89
50556 CenturyLink, Internet \$88.76
50557 CINTAS, Rental \$52.38
50558 Cohero, Fee \$2,587.00
50559 CCCPP, Contribution \$386,615.00
50560 CCI Public Lands, Dues \$12,951.00
50561 CCCA, Conference \$430.00
50562 Corporate Billing, Parts \$52.82
50563 County Workers' Compensation, Coverage \$91,807.00
50564 D-J Petroleum, Fuel \$5,764.19
50565 ESRTA, Phones \$3,425.05
50566 Ryan Erwin, Callouts \$125.00
50567 Evergreen Systems, Services \$2,840.00
50568 Jason Farley, Callouts \$150.00
50569 LaTanya Feasel, Callouts \$25.00
50570 Flagler Coop, Fuel \$80.01
50571 Town of Genoa, Water \$123.73
50572 Tracy Grimes, Rent \$2,750.00
50573 Hugo Postmaster, Fee \$120.00
50574 Town of Hugo, Water \$708.30
50575 JeffCo Treasurer, Services \$200.00
50576 Joy Johnson, Mileage \$212.33
50577 Josie Jones, Callouts \$150.00
50578 Karval Water Users, Water \$65.00
50579 KCEA, Power \$4,459.65
50580 LifeMed, Fee \$295.00
50581 Town of Limon, Water \$29,999.92
50582 LCH, Payment \$5,170.26
50583 LC R&B, Fuel \$26.42
50584 MVEA, Power \$732.17
50585 Osborne's, Supplies \$2,422.15
50586 Parmer's, Maintenance \$209.09
50587 Pro 15, Membership \$660.00
50588 Quill, Supplies \$176.87
50589 Quill, Supplies \$210.75
50590 Dale Rostron, Callouts \$125.00

50591 Robert Safranek, Conference \$280.78
50592 Saul's Creek, Maintenance \$6,000.00
50593 Scheopner's, Water \$72.00
50594 SE & EC, Fee \$2,290.50
50595 SMH Publications, Services \$641.95
50596 Stone Oil, Fuel \$2,396.37
50597 Structures, Project \$385,784.83
50598 Grasom, Repairs \$31.98
50599 United Companies, Oil \$493.50
50600 Viaero, Wireless \$467.06
50601 Wagner, Parts \$6,577.22
50602 Witt Boys, Parts \$183.08
DFT0001547 FNBO, Charges \$276.00
DFT0001548 FNBO, Charges \$705.30
DFT0001549 FNBO, Charges \$87.82
DFT0001550 FNBO, Charges \$731.85
DFT0001551 FNBO, Charges \$13.99
DFT0001552 FNBO, Charges \$19.99
DFT0001553 FNBO, Charges \$14.43
DFT0001554 FNBO, Charges \$188.10
DFT0001555 FNBO, Charges \$89.97
DFT0001556 Xerox, Lease \$206.34
DFT0001557 Xerox, Lease \$200.07
DFT0001561 FNBO, Charges \$493.14
DFT0001562 FNBO, Charges \$269.44
DFT0001563 FNBO, Charges \$172.41

At 11:10 a.m., with no other 2024 business to discuss, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

Steve Burgess, Chairman

Judge Cabral couldn't swear in the new commissioners, so Mrs. Lengel did it, and then the group broke for lunch.

The re-organization meeting of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners convened at 12:37 p.m. on January 14, 2025. Commissioners Wayne Ewing, Terry Jaques, Robert Safranek, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel attended. County Treasurer Ashley Erwin attended briefly.

Mr. Safranek moved to appoint Wayne Ewing as the chairman of the board. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Jaques moved to appoint Robert Safranek as the vice chairman. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

To comply with C.R.S. 24-6-402 (2) (c), Mr. Jaques moved to designate the official notice board of the Board of County Commissioners as that located in the lobby hallway of the county courthouse. Mr. Piper also posts it on the courthouse door and sends it via email. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Jaques moved to designate Mr. Safranek as the County Health Pool representative, with Jacob Piper as an alternate representative. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the appointments to various county boards, and when they got to the Land Use Board, Mr. Ewing asked if a statute dictated the commissioners couldn't attend land use meetings. Mr. Piper said he understood that the commissioners shouldn't listen to one side of an argument before a public hearing since they acted in a quasi-judicial capacity at the hearing and should base their decision on all information presented. As for attending meetings, he wasn't sure. Mr. Safranek thought it was a good question for Kelly Lowery; Mr. Jaques asked if the commissioners could meet with land use board members later to discuss how they came to their decision. Mr. Piper said they could invite the land use board members to the hearing.

Mr. Safranek asked if the commissioners ever received the Land Use meeting minutes. Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill arrived then and said they didn't approve the minutes until the next meeting, which could sometimes be quite a while. Mr. Safranek wondered if Mr. Stogsdill could send the minutes electronically, allowing Land Use Board members to approve them sooner. Mr. Stogsdill agreed there should be a way to improve the process, especially with the new meeting owl. Mr. Ewing said the commissioners wanted to be more informed ahead of time.

Richard Borders requested an exemption from subdivision regulations; Mr. Stogsdill informed the Board Mr. Borders would meet with them at the January 29 meeting. He also felt it was time to start updating the county's land use regulations and wanted to begin with solar, wind, and transmission lines. Mr. Stogsdill said that all permits would have an electronic version in the future and that Tri-State would likely file for a development permit in February. Because the county could only charge utility companies a \$250 permit fee, Mr. Stogsdill wanted to consider a third permit type with a higher cost. Mr. Safranek suggested adding industrial or utility to the two current types, residential and commercial, stating that he didn't want to increase the burden on small businesses. Mr. Jaques proposed checking to see if other counties had a three-tier system.

Mr. Stogsdill said that a residential development permit application was \$250; he would like to increase the commercial application to \$500, and if they added a utility application, make it \$1,500. He noted that Mr. Kimble had said the county couldn't make money other than recouping its clerical costs, which he felt were well above \$250.

Mr. Stogsdill informed the Board that the permit for the gas pipeline from Kansas to DIA would soon occur and that a JAMCO gravel pit inspection would take place on January 23.

County Treasurer Ashley Erwin arrived at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Stogsdill wanted the state inspector to look at the gravel pits that needed closing so the county could stop paying the fees. Lastly, he said he would schedule a Land Use Board meeting for early February; Kelly Lowery planned to review statutory duties.

Mr. Stogsdill left, and Mrs. Erwin provided copies of the 2025 Lincoln County Investment Policy, explaining that it had not changed from 2024 other than a few grammatical corrections. She noted that she and LaRay Patton planned to meet with a representative from Time Value Investments, an investment management firm, at the end of the month. The company might provide more investment opportunities. Mr. Jaques asked if such companies had a greater risk of going under; Mrs. Erwin responded she would find the avenue with the least amount of risk regarding the county's finances. She commented that ColoTrust offers better interest rates than local banks, but her job and goal are to save and make the county money.

Mr. Safranek moved to adopt the 2025 Lincoln County Investment Policy. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Erwin left, and the commissioners continued discussing the 2025 appointments. They agreed to fill the three vacancies on the Land Use Board with Josiah Higgins, Cole Davis, and Kim Korsvold. Steve Burgess had offered to help with the Bookmobile as long as necessary, so the Board felt a conversation with Kevin Pickerill would first be in order.

Mr. Safranek moved to approve the following list of appointments and holidays for 2025. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2025

County Attorney

Kelly Lowery

Official Banks

(Other than those delineated to the right, any other qualified financial institution within the State of Colorado and within a 150 mile radius of the Lincoln County Treasurer's Office in Hugo, Colorado.)

First National Bank of Hugo
SIGMA Financial Corporation
Equitable Savings & Loan
ColoTrust
Csafe
High Plains Bank
Eastern Colorado Bank
First Financial Equity Corp
Peaks Investment Management
Colorado Statewide Investment
Program (CSIP)

County Physician

Dr. John Fox

Public Health Specialist

Kelly Alvarez

Fairgrounds Manager

John Palmer

Veterans Service Officer

Joy Johnson

Shop Foreman

Chris Monks

Road Foremen

District #1

Chris Monks

District #2

Bruce Walters

District #3

Judd Kravig

Jail & Juvenile Officer

Tom Nestor

Official Newspaper

Limon Leader

Hospital Board – 7 Members – 5 Year Term

2026

Lorie Coonts

2027

Jack Cross

2027

Sarah Nuss

2028

Dave Stone

2029

Kevin Saffer

2030

Linda Orrell

2030

Pat White

Fair Board – 9 Members – 3 Year Term

2026

Clinton Clark

2026

Casey Wiersma

2026

April Hollowell

2027

Kurt Thompson

2027

Elisha Thompson

2027

Meg McAtee

2028

Lindsey Blackwelder

2028

Ephron Brent

2028

Adam Stone

Land Use Board – 9 Members – 3 Year Term

2026

Josiah Higgins

2026

Joshua Leithead

2026

Mark James

2027

Rick Ashcraft

2027	James Bledsoe
2027	Jamie Clark
2028	John Reid
2028	Cole Davis
2028	Kim Korsvold

Ty Stogsdill	Secretary
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Land Use Board of Adjustment – 3 Year Term

2026	Robert Boyd
2026	Chris Monks
2026	Adam Nuss
2027	Jamie Clark
2028	Mark Allis

Karval Water Authority– 3 Year Term

2026	Lisa Hester
2026	Dustin Hockett
2027	Cindy Leonard
2028	Patrick Leonard
2028	Cory Mengenhauser

Weed Board – 7 Members – 3 Year Term

2026	Shelby Britten
2026	Jamie Clark
2026	Chris Monks
2027	Cole James
2028	Terry Saffer
2028	Todd Thompson
2028	Wade Hollowell

E911 Authority Board – 5 Members – 2 Year Term

2026	Patrick Leonard
2026	Mark Ward
2027	Jack Cross
2027	Diane Kimble
2027	Mark McHone

Bookmobile Board – 5 Members – No Term Limit

Maria Root
Cleta Hiner-Felzien

Gloria Newcomb
Ryan Clark
Lisa Miller

Prairie Development Corporation – 2 Members – 2 Year Term

1/2027
1/2027

Robert Safranek
Steve Burgess

Tourism Board – 5 Members – 2 Year Term

1/2026
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1/2027

Steve Beedy
Janelle Lausier
Tim Andersen
Apryl Huelskamp
Dan Merewether

Karval Community Cemetery District Board of Directors

12/31/2025
12/31/2026
12/31/2027

Vernon Stone
Dennis Kravig
Mary Merewether

Arriba Cemetery District Board of Directors:

Glenn Cox
Leroy King
Jan Schifferns

Representatives for:

Bookmobile
Centennial Mental Health
Colorado East Community Action Agency
County Health Pool

East Central Council of Local Governments
ECCOLG Economic Development Board Member
Eastern CO. Services for the Dev. Disabled
EMS and RETAC

Judicial Review Board for 23rd District
Land Use
Lincoln Community Hospital
Lincoln County Fair Board
Lincoln County Human Services Liaison
Ports to Plains
Resources Unlimited

Wayne Ewing
Terry Jaques
Robert Safranek
Robert Safranek
Jacob Piper Alternate
Terry Jaques
Derek Isom
Cindy Tacha
Jacob Piper
Terry Jaques – Alternate
Terry Jaques
Ty Stogsdill
Wayne Ewing
Robert Safranek & Wayne Ewing
Robert Safranek
Terry Jaques
Wayne Ewing & Terry Jaques

RETAC Pre-hospital
Southeast & East Central Recycling
Transit Advisory Committee

Robert Carson
Robert Safranek
Wayne Ewing

The following list of holidays was approved for 2025:

January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Day
February 17, 2025	President's Day
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
July 4, 2025	Independence Day
September 1, 2025	Labor Day
October 13, 2025	Columbus Day
November 11, 2025	Veterans Day
November 27 and 28, 2025	Thanksgiving
December 25 and 26, 2025	Christmas
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day

Mr. Jaques moved to set the county's vacation and sick leave policy for 2025 according to the personnel policy, effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Jaques moved to set the E911 surcharge at \$2.12 according to C.R.S. 29-11-103 (3) (a). Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Jaques moved to adopt a resolution appointing the Lincoln County Administrator as the budget officer for the 2026 budget per C.R.S. 29-1-104. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado held in Hugo, Colorado on January 14, 2025, there were present:

Wayne Ewing, Chairman	Present
Robert Safranek, Vice Chairman	Present
Terry Jaques, Commissioner	Present
Kelly Lowery, County Attorney	Absent & Excused
Corinne Lengel, Clerk of the Board	Present
Jacob Piper, County Administrator	Present

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

RESOLUTION #1147 It was moved by Commissioner Jaques and seconded by Commissioner Safranek to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 29-1-104 states that the governing body of each local government shall designate or appoint a person to prepare the budget and submit the same to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties of the County Administrator is to act as the budget officer for Lincoln County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that the Lincoln County Administrator is designated as the person to prepare the 2026 budget.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Ewing, Yes; Commissioner Safranek, Yes; Commissioner Jaques, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners
of Lincoln County

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Mr. Safranek moved to appoint Jacob Piper as the Colorado Counties, Inc. Steering Committee proxy. Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ewing called for additional commissioner reports; Mr. Jaques said he'd checked District 2 roads with Steve Burgess on January 8. They spoke to wind farm representatives about plowing county roads. On January 13, he and Limon Town Manager Greg Tacha discussed septage regulations.

Mr. Safranek reported having several discussions with District 3 road supervisor Judd Kravig and receiving a complaint from a District 1 resident.

Mr. Ewing welcomed the new board members but had nothing else to report.

Mr. Piper said he would start blocking a specific time on the agendas for Kelly Lowery; he also

had nothing else to report.

As for old business, Mr. Ewing wanted to prioritize fixing the courthouse parking lot, particularly the east side, and completing the courthouse generator project in 2025.

Mr. Jaques asked about the water fountains and jury assembly restrooms, stating he didn't like unfinished business and projects. Mr. Piper said John Mohan was supposed to get other quotes from plumbers but didn't know if he had. Emergency Manager Ken Stroud would be the one to ask about the generator. The county received the grant for the ADA-compliant restrooms but would need someone to design them. Mr. Piper said the next step was to put out an RFQ; the 23rd Judicial District has an engineer/planner, and he would contact her for suggestions.

After a brief discussion about the recent snowstorms, Mr. Piper asked how the Board wanted to handle the courthouse and county building closures. Mr. Jaques said it was impossible to get a life back; he preferred early decisions that wouldn't strand county employees either at the courthouse or on the roads. While the county/courthouse provided public services, the commissioners were ultimately responsible for employee and customer safety. Mr. Piper said he typically asked Sheriff Nestor for a weather/road report and then contacted the commissioners with the information by text message between 5:00 and 5:30 a.m. He mentioned utilizing two-hour delays, but Mr. Jaques didn't see the benefit. Mrs. Lengel said that often during spring storms, the sun was out and roads had opened, even cleared, by mid-morning. Consequently, storms could intensify in two hours, causing road closures.

Mr. Jaques asked if the commissioners were required to follow certain rules when closing roads during a storm, but Mr. Piper wasn't sure.

Mr. Ewing asked for any other business; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on January 29, 2025.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

Wayne Ewing, Chairman