

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for February 16, 2024

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Emily Bailey and the Lincoln County Fair Board to discuss the 2024 Lincoln County Fair
- 11:30 Mark McMullen and Bill Cincilla with American Environmental Consulting to discuss landfill matters
- 1:00 Lincoln County Road and Bridge Foreman to discuss the Lincoln County Personnel Manual
- 2:00 Roundhouse Preservation Inc. members to discuss Roundhouse matters
- 2:45 Carissa Snyder with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs to discuss federal changes regarding Veterans Services Officer's job duties

-To be completed as time permits-

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1. Approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024, meeting
2. Review January 2024 reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
3. Review January 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 the January 2024 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and Workers' Compensation Pool
5. Review and act upon a letter of recommendation to appoint Andrew Lorensen to the SB94 Juvenile Services Board
6. Review and act upon a county credit card request for Loredana Lampman
7. Review and act upon a credit limit change request for Chris Monks
8. Review and act upon Annual Report COR900000 regarding Stormwater Discharges associated with Non-Extractive Industrial Activity for the Lincoln County Landfill
9. Review and act upon Amended Resolution #1103, a resolution for the renewal of the ambulance services license for the Hugo Fire Protection District
10. County Commissioner reports
11. County Attorney's report
12. County Administrator's report
13. Old Business
14. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on February 16, 2024. Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Wayne Ewing and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Limon Leader reporter Stephanie Zwick attended. Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel attended until noon, and Acting Clerk of the Board Mindy Dutro took over the minute-taking at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then asked Mr. Ewing if he wanted to say a short prayer.

Mr. Stone moved to approve the February 6, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CSU Extension Agent Emily Baylie arrived at 9:10 a.m. as the Board reviewed the January 2024 reports from the Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer. The commissioners also reviewed the January 2024 statements of revenues and expenditures for the General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, and Road & Bridge funds, the individual road districts, and reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property and Workers' Compensation Pools.

Fair Board chair LaRay Patton and Fairgrounds Manager John Palmer arrived around 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Ewing moved to sign a letter of recommendation appointing Andrew Lorensen to the SB94 Juvenile Services Board. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone moved to approve a county credit card with a \$1,500 limit for Public Health employee Loredana Lampman. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone moved to increase the credit limit on Chris Monks's county credit card from \$2,500 to \$4,500. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ewing moved to sign Annual Report CR900000 regarding Stormwater Discharges associated with non-extractive Industrial Activity for the Lincoln County landfill. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess said it was close enough to 9:30 and invited Mrs. Baylie, Mrs. Patton, and Mr. Palmer to discuss the 2024 Lincoln County Fair. Mr. Stone wanted to know if other Fair Board members planned to attend the discussion, but Mrs. Baylie and Mrs. Patton didn't believe so. Mrs. Baylie noted that the Fair Board wasn't functioning well and hadn't had a quorum at their last two meetings.

Mrs. Patton provided a Lincoln County Fair Book bid from Nikki Lister with Lister Publication and a letter from Catherine Thurston with the Limon Leader. Ms. Lister estimated around \$3,000 to print 500 fair books and asked for help with printing costs. She provided eighth-, quarter-, half-, and full-page ad prices, an estimate for posters (depending on size), and an offer to post

the fair results on the county website at no cost. Ms. Thurston's letter said the Leader expressed interest in publishing the Fair Book, but she had received no official information or an RFP (request for proposal). However, in addition to printing the required copies of the Fair Book, they intended "to provide thousands of dollars of free support in the form of advertising and stories encouraging participation in this long-time Lincoln County event." Ms. Thurston also promised to publish the fair results for free and print posters and tri-fold schedules. Finally, Ms. Thurston asked the county to support its local businesses and allow the Leader the opportunity to provide their services for the 2024 Lincoln County Fair.

Mrs. Patton felt the Leader had more to offer, and Mr. Ewing moved to follow the Fair Board's recommendation and allow the Limon Leader to handle the 2024 Lincoln County Fair publications.

Mrs. Baylie noted they would have to sign a contract before the March 12 meeting, and Mr. Kimble asked what it should entail. Mrs. Baylie said it should include the free printing of 500 Fair Books, posters, and results. She added that the extension office provided the Fair Book print-ready by March 30 and needed the published version by June 1. The commissioners asked if she obtained a trial copy first, which Mrs. Baylie thought was a good idea.

Mr. Stone said he thought the Fair Board paid for posters, but Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Baylie said it did not. Mrs. Patton added that the tri-fold schedules were extremely popular and felt ordering 1,000 would be enough. Mr. Kimble asked if the commissioners would sign the contract, and they agreed. He said he would contact Mrs. Baylie and Mrs. Patton with questions.

Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Palmer what was wrong with the tractor, and Mr. Palmer said it needed a service job, the heater and air conditioning didn't work, it was leaking oil, and a few other things. The service job alone was \$800.

Mrs. Baylie then gave a PowerPoint presentation about CSU Extension, including its roles and responsibilities based on the Memorandum of Understanding. She clearly noted that Extension's role at the county fair was to provide 4-H and nothing else and that they needed to find ways to get Fair Board members more engaged in the fair.

Mr. Stone suggested giving each member a job, and Mrs. Baylie said they created a responsibility list based on the MOU. It included expectations of the county commissioners and Fair Board members, as well as the responsibilities of CSU Extension and the fairgrounds manager. Mrs. Baylie informed the Board there were copies of the MOU in the packets she provided and stated there were clear lines between what CSU Extension does and what the Fair Board does. However, the MOU hasn't been signed since 2021, even though they should do it every two years. Mrs. Baylie had also included an MOU between the county administration and CSU that no one had looked at since 2010. She suggested reviewing it to ensure the county met CSU's legal policy and standards and got what it was supposed to in return. Mrs. Baylie said the

commissioners would also find an MOU from a different county and CSU's template in their packets and said they should compare Lincoln County's and CSU Extension's expectations.

Mr. Burgess said the county had a lot of boards, and it was hard to find members willing to serve on them year after year. Mrs. Baylie told him it was her job to ensure the county meets CSU's policy and noted she'd never seen Fair Board bylaws, so she didn't know who held the members accountable. Mr. Stone said the commissioners do. Mrs. Baylie commented that a group of community members wanted to improve things. Mr. Palmer said he made a list of duties and responsibilities for the board members a few years ago, and two of them quit. Some of them attend the fair but skip the meetings. Mrs. Patton added that some go to the meetings and not the fair. Mrs. Baylie said she couldn't do it alone and wouldn't continue to, and Mr. Palmer said he could also use more help. Mrs. Baylie understood that people get burned out, and every board was the same, but they needed bylaws. Mr. Palmer felt communication was the key.

Another area of concern for Mrs. Baylie was the special awards. She suggested creating subcommittees to help 4-H facilitate them. Mrs. Baylie also felt policies and procedures were in order and drafted a two-page document, including criteria on special awards. The 4-H Foundation solicits and collects donations, and according to her procedures, a youth couldn't receive a special award if the Foundation had already given one. Mrs. Baylie said it was vital that the youth understood the procedures for special awards. Because she didn't have a list of community members who donated, Mrs. Baylie stated she needed to know that information. She commented that she likes being transparent with the 4-H Foundation members, contributing community members, and the Fair Board.

Another part of Mrs. Baylie's proposed policies and procedures was that participants wouldn't receive any awards at the fair; they would get them all on Achievement Night. She suggested turning it into a formal, public event and inviting everyone so all the kids felt special and recognized. Mr. Stone disagreed, stating that the kids should receive their awards right away so they could show them off to family and friends at the fair. He noted that no one goes to Achievement Night and that they should hang the banners at the fair. Mrs. Baylie agreed with that remark but said more people would attend Achievement Night if they publicized it and made it a bigger deal. She asked what the point of the awards was, and Mr. Stone said it was rewarding a good job—and many more people at the fair would see that than at the awards ceremony.

Mrs. Baylie felt waiting was the solution and would make it fair and equitable to every 4-H participant, plus give her more time to manage it. Mr. Palmer asked who made the decision, and Mrs. Baylie said it was uncharted territory and would like to form a subcommittee consisting of her and two others.

Mr. Burgess reiterated that it was often hard to fill the county's various boards as it was, and Mrs. Baylie said she'd had three people ask about the Fair Board, but there were no open spots. Mr. Palmer suggested advertising when the positions become vacant, and Mr. Stone said it might be better to speak with the members at a meeting and see if they wanted to stay on the

board rather than calling them. Mrs. Baylie said they should communicate the expectations, and Mr. Ewing agreed it was hard to get people to commit. He asked if Mrs. Baylie thought more board members would help, but she said there were enough; they needed to give them a purpose.

Mrs. Baylie then brought up the county policy regarding children in the workplace. She said daycare in Lincoln County is a critical issue and that she'd been on the Country Living Learning Center waitlist since her daughter was born. She has no family to babysit, so she brings her daughter to work with her two or three days a week. Mrs. Baylie said her mother-in-law helps out occasionally, and she can take her daughter to daycare in Kit Carson County a couple of days a week, but otherwise, she has no options. Mrs. Baylie added that her position is hybrid, and CSU lets her work from home if necessary.

Mr. Burgess told her the county policy dictates that county employees can't bring their kids to work except in particular circumstances. If they allowed Mrs. Baylie to bring her daughter, the commissioners would have to give all county employees the same privilege.

Mrs. Baylie said she wasn't a county employee; CSU pays her salary, and they encourage her to take her daughter with her. She understood the county policy but said her solution would be to work from home if she couldn't bring her child.

Mr. Burgess said the county pays a portion of her salary, and Mr. Kimble noted that her office is in a county building, meaning the county policies would apply. Mr. Burgess told Mrs. Baylie the commissioners would discuss it further and let her know their decision.

Mrs. Baylie, Mrs. Patton, and Mr. Palmer left at 10:55 a.m.

Mr. Ewing suggested speaking to CSU Extension Regional Director Dennis Kaan. Mr. Piper said one of the commissioners could contact him, but otherwise, it would be a personnel matter that might require an executive session discussion.

Mr. Piper explained that Hugo Fire Protection District obtained their ALS certification, which was the reason for amending the resolution. The expiration dates would remain the same.

Mr. Ewing moved to adopt amended resolution #1103, a resolution renewing the Hugo Fire Protection District ambulance services license. Mr. Stone 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 February 16, 2024, there were present:

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| Steve Burgess, Chairman        | Present |
| Wayne Ewing, Vice Chairman     | Present |
| Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner | Present |

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| Stan Kimble, County Attorney       | Present |
| Corinne Lengel, Clerk of the Board | Present |
| Jacob Piper, County Administrator  | Present |

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

**AMENDED RESOLUTION #1103** It was moved by Commissioner Ewing and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Colorado Emergency Medical Services Act, Section 25-3.5.101, et seq., C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish requirements for the inspection, licensure, and operation of ambulance services, ambulance personnel, and ambulance vehicles operating in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Commissioners adopted Resolution #651 and thereby established rules and regulations governing the licensure of ambulance services operating within Lincoln County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hugo Fire Protection District Ambulance Service has presented the Board of County Commissioners with an application to license the ambulance service and to permit their ambulances as advanced life support vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review the Board of County Commissioners determined that the documentation presented met the rules and regulations established under Resolution #651;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that the Hugo Fire Protection District Ambulance Service is hereby authorized to provide ambulance service in Lincoln County with basic life support ambulances.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Ewing, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners  
of Lincoln County

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Mr. Ewing reported that the commissioners, road supervisors, Ken Stroud, and a FEMA rep met on County Road 3C after the February 6 meeting to discuss the FEMA mitigation process. He talked to Chris Monks about the same on February 7, and they made plans. On February 8, Mr. Ewing spoke with Mr. Monks again about the FEMA projects and said the road crew was busy mowing tumbleweeds. Mr. Ewing checked roads on February 13, and on the Fifteenth, he talked to Chris Monks about graveling roads west of State Road 71 and oil projects. Mr. Monks had talked to Mr. Stone about Mack trucks; they thought ordering together might give them a better deal. They got new grader blades, and he and Mr. Monks discussed the roundhouse and employee funeral leave, topics Mr. Ewing also discussed with Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone reported joining the others on County Road 3C after the last meeting. He went to the Karval shop on February 12 and talked to Judd Kravig about their plans for the washed-out bridge and other bridges in District 3. Mr. Stone also checked roads that day and reported two to three inches of snow. The District 3 road crew cut away brush in the county right-of-way on February 13. Mr. Stone checked more county roads.

Mr. Burgess reported meeting with the group on County Road 3C to discuss project mitigation after the February 6 commissioner meeting. On February 7, Mr. Burgess talked to Bruce Walters about road crew activities. He had two operators grading north of Limon on County Road 4C and through the Breaks. Mr. Burgess spoke with Ken Stroud about mitigation for the bridge on County Road 33 and then informed a landowner of the progress. He contacted Sun Enterprises about a Mule for the landfill, and they agreed to try to find one. Mr. Burgess asked about trading in the John Deere Gator, told them he'd get pictures, and then contacted the landfill and asked them to take photos and send them to Sun. Mr. Burgess participated in a conference call with Economic Development; they received a full-price offer on a parcel of land owned by Economic Development, which they accepted. Bruce Walters called Wagner Cat in Burlington on February 8; they said the county could pick up the grader the following day. Mr. Burgess spoke with Ken Stroud about mitigation; they'd try to finish it in February. On February 9, Mr. Burgess and Bart O'Dwyer worked on prices for the low water crossings. Mr. Burgess also contacted WW Enterprises about testing them. He and Mr. Walters took pipe replacement measurements at County Road 3V and north and south of County Road 4C on County Road 38. Mr. Burgess called Jon at John Deere in Flagler to ask why someone there refused to allow an employee to charge some bolts to the county's account. They said the county had reached its credit limit. Jon promised to find out what happened. District 2 got their Cat grader from Burlington, and the new one had come in. The District 2 road crew worked on roads and hauled material on February 12. Mr. Burgess said they got a price of \$57 a ton for rip-rap picked up in Canon City. He did more work on the FEMA projects and then worked with Mr. Walters on them in Genoa on February 13. Mr. Burgess stopped at the landfill and spoke with Allen Chubbuck, letting him know Mark McMullen would be at the February 16 meeting and asking him to attend. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Walters worked more on the FEMA mitigation projects on February 14 and 15 and had them ready to submit to Ken Stroud on the Fifteenth.

Mr. Kimble reported receiving a call from Dana Koeniger and Patrick Leonard letting him know the Karval Water Authority wouldn't get its loan unless it owned the Karval Water Users assets.

Mr. Kimble felt they would be easy to convey if the Board allowed it. He also said Mr. Leonard told him the Authority had to have an attorney. Mr. Kimble asked the commissioners if they felt it would be a conflict of interest if he tried to help the Authority, but they didn't believe so. They also agreed to convey the KWU assets to the Authority.

At 11:30 a.m., Mark McMullen and Bill Cincilla with American Environmental Consulting met with the Board to discuss the landfill. Mr. McMullen introduced Mr. Cincilla, stating he planned to retire but would remain actively involved with AEC as a part owner in the company.

Mr. McMullen said they'd sent the EDOP (Engineering, Design, and Operations Plan) to CDPHE and awaited approval; however, Sarah Foreman wanted additional groundwater characterization. AEC designed four more landfill cells that would last hundreds of years, and Mr. McMullen said they'd finished the drilling program in January. When they reported no groundwater and submitted soil samples, Ms. Foreman allowed them to abandon the borings. She also reviewed the entire EDOP application and felt comfortable sending something to the county as soon as she received the groundwater characterization report, hopefully within the next two months. Mr. McMullen said to expect either comments requiring a response or a request for a revised EDOP. Once the state approves the EDOP, the county must issue an amended Certificate of Designation and create a Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. McMullen said the EPA instituted a new permit; the existing permit would be ineffective as of June 30. He and Brenda Howe would develop the Air Pollution Emissions Notice (APEN), noting the county might become non-exempt as it accumulates more trash. He recommended checking it periodically.

Mr. Burgess stated that Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill mentioned locating the stormwater outfalls further out, but he wasn't sure what that meant. Mr. McMullen said the state uses latitude and longitude and only cares about stormwater leaving the site boundaries. The landfill's current EDOP has two stormwater outfalls: one 300' outside the fenced area and another about a mile west of the permit boundary. Mr. McMullen said there would be new stormwater outfalls in the approved EDOP.

Mr. Burgess said the county would likely get another two years out of the current cell if they could install a liner between cells 2 and 3 and fill the valley with trash. Mr. McMullen said the cost of the liner and installation would be about \$10,000, but Mr. Burgess told him it was cheaper than starting the new cell. Mr. McMullen agreed to mention it to Ms. Foreman and ask about a clay liner, which would be easiest. He added that the state should approve the EDOP sometime this year, allowing the county to construct the air space for the next cell.

Mr. Burgess noted they also needed to address the snake issue, and Mr. McMullen agreed and said the leachate was also a problem. Mr. Burgess said they needed to fix the crushed pipe and suggested using a backhoe, but Mr. McMullen said it was more hazardous because of H<sub>2</sub>S and methane. He felt using a directional bore to bore into the pipe and inserting a smaller pipe was the better option. Mr. Cincilla noted that most of the pipe should be intact except for the broken area, so installing a smaller pipe should be enough to remove the leachate. Mr. McMullen said they'd look into the boring option, but it would likely be expensive. Still, the



county couldn't leave the leachate in the pipe when regulations allowed no more than twelve inches. He guessed there were probably 100,000 gallons to disperse, which could go into the trash. Mr. Burgess asked if they needed to line the pond and direct the leachate there, and Mr. McMullen confirmed it.

Mr. Kimble asked what groundwater characterization was, and Mr. McMullen explained it as depth to groundwater, the flow direction, speed, rate, and whether it's confined.

Before leaving, Mr. McMullen said he and Mr. Cincilla would probably be at the landfill for the inspection.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Kimble if he had anything further to report before they broke for lunch. Mr. Piper had sent him the Valcore Roofing contract, and he had concerns about the conflicting wording concerning the warranty. Mr. Kimble said there was also a section regarding attorney fees, and he reminded the group that the Colorado Constitution wouldn't allow the county to indemnify a private party or pay attorney fees. Lastly, Mr. Kimble said the hospital's attorney was still changing the deeds, but the commissioners could sign them at a meeting if they had a notary available.

The group broke for lunch, and Mrs. Lengel left.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

The Board reconvened their meeting at 1:00 p.m. Road Foremen Judd Kravig, Chris Monks, and Bruce Walters joined the meeting, as did Acting Clerk of the Board Mindy Dutro.

Mr. Burgess told the group that they needed to clarify funeral leave and how it is defined in the county personnel policy. The policy states five days, but not every full-time employee works forty hours, and for road and bridge employees, it changes from five to four days depending on the time change. Mr. Ewing thought it meant a weeks' worth of work based on the employee's personal work schedule. Mr. Burgess stated they need to clarify it in the policy so this is not an issue again. Mr. Piper said that he will put all the full-time schedules in the policy and how many hours of funeral leave they each get. Mr. Piper asked if there was anything else they needed to change or add to the personnel policy while he was making changes. Mr. Burgess stated they needed to look at the retirement plan, Mr. Piper agreed because the county is losing out on contributions since the policy currently states that employees will be put on the retirement plan after a year of employment with the county and there has been a high rate of turnover within the first year of employment and the county could be investing that money if they were in the retirement plan. Mr. Piper suggested changing the retirement plan so that employees would qualify for retirement at the same time as they qualify for health insurance.

Mr. Monks had a question regarding taking time off for a funeral which could be hours not days, would that be considered funeral leave or do employees need to take sick and vacation time? Mr. Piper said that the personnel policy states funeral leave can be used to attend funerals of

immediate family and that it is up to the department head if it's not immediate family. The group discussed taking out the term "close friend". Mr. Kimble stated he thought that they should think about it and once Mr. Piper has all the signed employee agreements back then they can decide if they want to change the wording, Mr. Stone agreed. Mr. Kravig, Mr. Monks, and Mr. Walters left the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Roundhouse Preservation Inc. Board members Jessica Borns, Roxie Devers, Megan Hohl, Jeannie Kinnamon, Dan Merewether, Linda Orrell and Dave Smith joined the meeting. Mrs. Devers brought a project manual for the Board on what exact maintenance needs to be completed on the roundhouse. Mrs. Devers also told the Board that a project manager would need to be hired for phase II so that they don't have the same issues that they did during phase I. There are concrete pits in the roundhouse that have been covered and the architect said that with all the heat being in the floor those pits would need to be removed before the floors could be completed. Mrs. Hohl asked the Board to use the money budgeted for the roundhouse so that phase II can begin, including \$19,100 to RockSol and \$7,000 to the archaeologist. Mrs. Hohl urged the commissioners to spend the money from the budget rather than applying and waiting for more grant funding. She informed the commissioners that they are constantly getting approached about using the building for hospital events, proms, weddings and other events and they know that it could provide income for the county. The RPI members want to see progress and Mrs. Hohl asked once the state approves the plan who will make sure that the phases move forward.

Mrs. Devers said that RPI has worked hard to save the roundhouse and instead of waiting for more grant funding they used money from their funds to pay the architect \$34,000, which the county will not have to pay now and so she too asked the commissioners to pay RockSol and the archaeologist. Mrs. Devers said that she will keep writing grants to help get more funding as well. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stone agreed that RockSol and the archaeologist needed to be taken care of so that phase II could begin. Mr. Stone made a motion to pay the bills for RockSol \$19,100 and the archaeologist \$7,000. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mrs. Hohl asked who would be writing up the bid requests and Mr. Piper said that it would be him, the group left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Piper for his administrator's report. Mr. Piper reported that John Mohan had been working on DHS's plumbing issues and had gotten a \$15,000 quote from Flatland Plumbing to fix the plumbing and redo the drywall. Mr. Piper said he hadn't seen the written Flatland quote but presented one from Mo's Construction for \$9,500. He stated that Mr. Mohan felt confident he could do the plumbing himself, so the \$9,500 was just for the drywall repairs. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the quote from Mo's Construction for \$9,500 to repair the drywall at DHS. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Piper said that ECCOG Broadband Project wanted to schedule a zoom meeting with the commissioners. Mr. Stone asked if Lincoln County needed it, the other commissioners agreed that they didn't think it was needed in Lincoln County. Mr. Piper said he would respond and tell them it was not needed.

Mr. Burgess told the Board they would need someone to fill the spot on the forfeiture board. At 2:45 p.m., Joy Johnson, Veterans Services Officer, joined the meeting, and the Board joined a zoom meeting with Washington County Commissioners as well as Carissa Snyder with the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs to discuss the federal changes regarding Veterans Services Officer's job duties. The group discussed the possibility of sharing Mrs. Johnson as each county's VSO so that she could get her minimum twenty hours a week that she needs to get her accreditation back. Mrs. Johnson asked Ms. Snyder how counties that share a VSO deal with mileage, Ms. Snyder stated that it all depends on the IGA that each county would sign but typically the non-home county would pay for mileage. Ms. Snyder asked Mrs. Johnson how many hours she typically spends doing VSO work for Lincoln County, to which Mrs. Johnson told them around twelve hours. Mrs. Johnson said that her concern is that pairing with another county still wouldn't be enough hours for her, the Washington County commissioners stated they did not think that would be an issue and stated they could start with six hours a week but thought that she would be needed more than that. Ms. Snyder said that they could put in the IGA that she would work the minimum six hours a week to get her accreditation and suggested that they could ask other counties that currently share a VSO how well it works and any other questions that they have regarding the IGA. The Washington County commissioners asked if Mrs. Johnson was willing to work more than the six hours in Washington County if needed; Mrs. Johnson said she would be willing. Mr. Piper and Mr. Kimble said they would work together to write up the IGA. The zoom meeting ended and Mrs. Johnson left the meeting.

Emergency Manager Ken Stroud joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m. to bring in some paperwork regarding the FEMA funding for the summer floods and hazard mitigation. Mr. Stroud left the meeting and the Board took a call from a concerned citizen regarding the department of public health.

Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2024.

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Mindy Dutro, Acting Clerk of the Board

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Steve Burgess, Chairman