

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for April 29, 2025

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:00 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to provide an LCH report
- 9:30 Andrew Lorensen, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 10:00 Review and act upon Resolution #1153; a resolution amending the Lincoln County Zoning resolution to incorporate a Development and Special Use Fee Schedule
- 10:30 Representatives with NextEra Energy to discuss wind tower maintenance
- 11:30 Trisha Herman, Community Relationship Manager with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, to provide CHFA updates
- 1:00 Jeremiah Higgins, Lincoln County Assessor, and Renita Thelen, Lincoln County Deputy Assessor, to present valuation assessment updates

-To be completed as time permits-

1. Approve the minutes from the April 17, 2025, meeting
2. Review estimates regarding the replacement of a backflow preventer
3. Review and act upon Resolution #1154; a resolution regarding the donation of property to the Friends of the Genoa Tower, Inc.
4. County Commissioner reports
5. County Attorney's report
6. County Administrator's report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Approve Payroll

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2025. Chairman Wayne Ewing, commissioners Robert Safranek and Terry Jaques, county administrator Jacob Piper, and clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel attended.

Lincoln Health CEO Kevin Stansbury was there when Chairman Ewing called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Jaques to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked Mr. Stansbury to say a short prayer.

Mr. Stansbury provided the March financials, stating the hospital was below budget on gross revenue. While they continue to see high contractual allowance, which they remain focused on, Mr. Stansbury admitted the hospital must do better; they've experienced a \$1.3 million loss for the quarter.

Mr. Jaques asked why appointments had declined; Mr. Stansbury explained that Dr. Olson continued to reduce his workload to prepare for retirement. Staff vacations and health issues have also contributed to decreased primary care. Mr. Stansbury noted that revenue increases when primary care physicians order ancillary services, so they must work harder to drive that care. Lincoln Health continues billing cleanup; Mr. Stansbury said it should run more smoothly in sixty to ninety days. He told Mr. Piper that the cost report and audit should be ready in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Stansbury mentioned again that money should be coming in; they still await the \$900,000 Medicare reimbursement and the million-dollar employee retention credit. Mr. Jaques asked if it was related to the pandemic; Mr. Stansbury affirmed that it was a special program designed during COVID-19. If health care decreased in services but maintained employees, the program provided \$25,000 per employee; Lincoln Health qualified and should receive the stipend and interest.

Mr. Stansbury thanked the Board for its involvement with the recent Anthem talks; Lincoln Health will finalize a proposal that Mr. Stansbury called the final and best offer. Mr. Ewing asked if many private parties used Anthem; Mr. Stansbury said he would contact local insurance agents to determine how many personal accounts they had. Mr. Jaques said a resident contacted him about it, but he told them the key players were involved and personal involvement at this point might hinder the cause more than help it.

Mr. Ewing asked if other Eastern Plains hospitals had the same problems; Mr. Stansbury said others may get paid less. Before he left at 9:20 a.m., Mr. Stansbury asked the commissioners to stress to legislators and representatives how important Medicare and Medicaid are to rural hospitals.

Mr. Jaques moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 17, 2025. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a \$35,000 estimate from Flatland Plumbing to replace a backflow preventer. Mr. Piper said John Mohan is still waiting for the bid from JCOR. Thinking the bid was too high, the commissioners agreed to look for other options and call other plumbers. Mr. Ewing tabled further discussion and called for the commissioners' reports.

Mr. Jaques reported attending the annual Economic Development banquet on April 17, where he watched presentations on the Hugo and Limon Downtown projects, the Roundhouse, and the Genoa Wonder View Tower. He noted that it was a good night and enjoyed by all. On April 18, Mr. Jaques discussed a Human Services matter with a constituent and passed the information to Director Andy Lorensen. Mr. Jaques discussed the Ewing Bridge and travel to the Capstone presentation with Emergency Manager Ken Stroud. He and Bruce Walters discussed roads and an employee's transfer from District 1 to District 2. Mr. Jaques and Mr. Walters toured roads and discussed projects on April 23. On the Twenty-fourth, Mr. Jaques attended the Capstone presentation on the Ewing Bridge with Mr. Ewing, Mr. Stroud, and Mr. Walters. He and Mr. Ewing participated in the CCI Legislative review in Denver on April 25. Mr. Jaques met with the District 2 team and checked roads on April 28.

At 9:28 a.m., Mr. Ewing recessed the Board of County Commissioner meeting and opened the Lincoln County Board of Human Services meeting. DHS Director Andrew Lorensen presented his monthly report. The Board reviewed the March financial statements, the Income Maintenance, Child Welfare/Adult Protection, and the director's monthly reports. Mr. Lorensen noted he didn't have the employee timesheets and said he would bring them next month.

Mr. Jaques asked about the overall DHS budget; Mr. Lorensen said all accounts except County Admin, which they typically overspend every year, were on track. The state recognizes that the account doesn't receive sufficient funding, understands the impacts, and continues to work toward correcting the problem.

Former commissioner Steve Burgess arrived at 9:34 a.m.

Mr. Ewing asked Mr. Lorensen if the commissioners could see last year's financials to compare them to current reports; Mr. Lorensen said he would bring his computer to the next meeting and show them. He provided year-to-date information for County Admin, APS, CCCAP, Colorado Works (TANF), Child Welfare, and Core Services, noting that all were in good shape except County Admin.

Mr. Lorensen informed the Board that Elbert County was trying to hire another APS caseworker. If they succeeded, he hoped to purchase twenty-five percent of the position (ten hours a week) to help the Lincoln County caseload if it continues to increase.

Mr. Lorensen presented the annual Colorado Works Memorandum of Understanding, stating he'd found no changes. Mr. Safranek moved to approve the MOU, Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Lorensen provided an update on the LEAP and Family Voice grants. They've worked with rideshare providers to arrange longer trips (to Colorado Springs and Denver) for clients who cannot use MedRide because they aren't Medicaid eligible. There is no impact on county funds because it is all grant money.

Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Lorensen noted that counties planned to oppose new rules regarding language interpretation services at the April 30 HCPF rulemaking hearing.

Mr. Lorensen left, and Mr. Ewing adjourned the Board of Human Services meeting at 9:59 a.m. and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Steve Burgess had stopped by to tell the commissioners how much he appreciated Public Health for helping him with a birth certificate. He also noted that the commissioners should address the dead tree in front of the annex; he was worried it might fall on the building.

After Mr. Burgess left, Mr. Piper said he'd received no public comments, input, or interest regarding the proposed Development and Special Use Fee Schedule, nor had Mr. Stogsdill. Mr. Ewing asked if he shared it with the Land Use Board; Mr. Stogsdill said the land use members came up with the schedule at the February 20 meeting. Upon reviewing the resolution, Mr. Jaques felt that the solar regs needed a separate bullet point, so Mr. Piper went to fix it. When he returned, Mr. Jaques moved to adopt a resolution amending the Lincoln County Zoning Resolution to incorporate a Development and Special Use Fee Schedule. 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 April 29, 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:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO, AMENDING THE LINCOLN COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE A DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL USE FEE SCHEDULE

RESOLUTION #1153 It was moved by Commissioner Jaques and seconded by Commissioner Safranek to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, hereinafter referred to as the “Board” did approve the Lincoln County Zoning Resolution on April 18, 2002, which Zoning Resolution has since been subject to amendment; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 30-28-116 allows for Counties to amend zoning resolutions under a prescribed method and procedure; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the fees set forth in Section 1-123 of the Zoning Resolution, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lincoln County, Colorado, to amend the Zoning Resolution to implement a new development and special use fee schedule

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Zoning Resolution, upon approval as required by statute, shall be amended as follows:

Upon adoption of this Resolution, Section 1-230 “Development Permit Fees” Part D. “Fee Schedule” shall be amended to include the following fee schedule and clarifications :

- Residential Development Permit 1 Year- \$250
- Residential Renewal- \$250
- Commercial Development Permit 1 Year- \$500
- Commercial Development Permit Renewal- \$500
- Wind Special Use Permit 3 Years- \$2,500
- Wind Renewal- \$2,500
- Solar Special Use Permit 3 Years- \$2,500
- Solar Renewal- \$2,500
- BESS Special Use Permit 3 Years- \$2,500
- BESS Renewal- \$2,500
- Transmission Lines Special Use Permit 3 Years- \$2,500
- Transmission Line Renewal- \$2,500
- Transmission Line 1% Impact Fee
- Pipelines Special Use Permit 3Years- \$2,500
- Wind, Solar, BESS, Transmission Lines, Pipelines and Commercial Permits may be subject to additional costs if the County decides that technical or legal consultants are needed for the specific project.

- A two (2) percent county use tax may be applicable to the materials used in the permitted project.

This Resolution, upon final passage as dictated by C.R.S. 30-28-116, shall take effect upon final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners
of Lincoln County

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

NextEra Energy representatives met with the Board at 10:15 a.m. to discuss wind tower maintenance. Developer Nathan Keiser said they wanted to meet the new commissioners, let them know the county had a resource in the renewable energy industry, and discuss upcoming maintenance on the Limon III project.

District 1 Road Supervisor Chris Monks interrupted the meeting to inform the Board that he'd exposed a perforated pipe while tearing up the front parking lot. He asked the commissioners to come outside and look when they had a break.

Mr. Keiser explained that NextEra planned to replace all equipment above the tower structures, including the nacelles and blades; the motors will be bigger, and the blades slightly longer for more efficiency. The company will haul the used materials from the county, keeping manifests of component disposal. They intended Limon III to be a 200 MWh project; Mr. Keiser said they generate roughly 170 MWh on a low-wind day with the current equipment. Larger motors and longer blades will help deliver their obligatory power to their utility partners.

Mr. Jaques asked if they would need wider county roads to accommodate the larger components. Mr. Keiser said they would need to improve turning radiuses but would not build new roads or add wind turbines because they would not increase the project's original footprint. Temporary construction improvements will likely require an updated Road Use Agreement.

Mr. Stogsdill read Item 2c (Permit Requirement) from Section F of the county zoning regulations: "Any physical modification to an existing and permitted Wind Energy Facility that materially alter

the size and/or type of Wind Turbines or other equipment shall require a permit modification under this Ordinance. Like-kind replacements shall not require a permit modification.”

Mr. Jaques asked if the new components would require an additional 2% use tax payment, but Mr. Stogsdill said they should consult the county attorney with specific questions. Mr. Keiser didn’t expect the Board to decide immediately, and Mr. Ewing asked when they anticipated starting the project. Mr. Keiser said it was a year to a year-and-a-half away, but they wanted ample time to work through the permitting process. NextEra counsel Andy Spielman said that he’d worked with Kelly Lowery in the past and that she understood permitting processes across the plains.

NextEra Energy Sourcing Specialist II Eric Carlson addressed Mr. Safranek’s question regarding clearance for wildlife if the new blades were longer. He said they would conduct wildlife surveys, and Mr. Keiser assured the group they would ensure no adverse impact.

Mr. Ewing wanted to know how long it would take to upgrade each tower; Mr. Keiser wasn’t sure but said they planned on four months for the project. Mr. Carlson added that they would complete multiple turbines daily. They estimate a thirty-five-year life on the recharged towers.

Mr. Jaques asked if they would renegotiate landowner contracts. Mr. Keiser said those in place should last through the upgrade and that landowners should see payment increases. There would be no changes to the transmission lines or substation, only temporary construction impacts and slight increases in turbine height. NextEra anticipates needing 250 to 300 workers for the project.

Mr. Ewing asked if NextEra has considered battery storage. Mr. Keiser said they hadn’t but always keep options open. The company is evaluating a location south and east of I-70; since Mr. Keiser is not the developer on that project and is in the preliminary stages, he didn’t want to say anything more about it. When Mr. Ewing asked if they considered adding towers to current wind farms, Mr. Keiser said adding turbines interferes with maximizing the wind potential, often making the project less efficient.

Mr. Jaques asked if longer blades would impede military flight patterns, but Mr. Keiser said they shouldn’t; however, they will discuss those with the FAA.

Mr. Stogsdill wondered if the longer blades would affect the county’s setbacks. Mr. Keiser said the setback regulations pertained to the distance between structures and the turbine bases, which they weren’t replacing. He said the blades would come from out-of-state, likely via rail. Mr. Safranek wanted to know if they would offload in Limon and was curious how much NextEra would use county roads. Mr. Keiser said they hoped to use the original haul route but would present their plan to the commissioners closer to the project implementation date when they would execute a new Road Use Agreement.

The NextEra representatives left at 10:45 a.m., and the commissioners went outside to meet with Chris Monks about the parking lot.

When the Board returned at 11:15 a.m., Mr. Ewing gave his commissioner's report. After the April 17 commissioner meeting, Mr. Ewing took the pension benefits verification notices to the shop. Most crew members were still installing tubes at the FEMA project on County Road 3C. Chris Monks said the rip rap should arrive on Tuesday. On April 22, Mr. Ewing spoke with Chris Monks as they distributed the rip rap; they discussed the parking lot project. Mr. Ewing met with Chris Monks, Jerry Eurich, and David Brady (the electrician) at the courthouse parking lot on April 23. They planned to pour the concrete in four strips; it would need to cure for about a week after the last pour before use. Mr. Ewing marked the electrical service lines, and the crew installed barriers and removed the chain fence to prepare for the asphalt and concrete removal. Mr. Ewing visited with Treasurer Ashley Erwin about adding another bill-paying day mid-month and if the Finance Director was on board. Mr. Ewing felt it could save the county money and help the finance department by spreading out the billing process. Mr. Ewing also spoke to Mr. Piper.

Mr. Ewing attended the final presentation and judging of the Capstone Projects at the School of Mines with Mr. Jaques, Ken Stroud, and Bruce Walters on April 24. The graduate team did an outstanding job engineering the Ewing Bridge; Mr. Ewing especially appreciated the troll underneath. The students created two scale bridge models: one of the current bridge and one of the proposed bridge. Homeland Security representatives were there to discuss financing. Mr. Ewing reported that the District 3 crew removed most of the asphalt and the sidewalk concrete at the courthouse parking project. He attended a Hospital Board meeting, where he learned that the end of COVID-19 funding meant decreased revenue and sustainability becoming more of an issue. With the feds cutting expenses, contractional payments from Medicaid and Medicare could be an issue; Lincoln Health must address its expenditures. Mr. Ewing attended a fantastic food service/dietician presentation, noting that the service has improved and expanded tremendously.

Mr. Ewing attended the CCI Steering Committee meeting with Mr. Jaques on April 25, noting that only twelve days remained in the session. He commented that they continued to push new bills and amend others merely to justify their positions without considering those they represent. Mr. Ewing said observing was sad, disturbing, frustrating, and hard to participate in. He felt that anything to increase taxes or fees seemed to be allowed while common sense was thrown completely out the window. He wondered how broke the state had to be before it ended. Mr. Ewing talked to Chris Monks about the cement and asphalt at the courthouse. He also spoke with Mr. Piper about what would be allowed on the free landfill day and discussed it with Mr. Jaques. They and Mr. Safranek discussed the handicap ramp.

On April 28, Mr. Ewing went to the courthouse and discussed the main water line and the cement to the edge of the building. He visited with the finance director concerning the added billing date; she was on board and felt it would help lessen end-of-month pressures

and alleviate late-paid bills. Mr. Ewing, Mr. Piper, and an employee discussed disability options, which were unavailable to the extent that they would help. Mr. Ewing checked some roads that Mr. Monks asked him to and went to the landfill to discuss the maintenance of the CAT loader.

Mr. Safranek reported that District 3 still has issues with the trash dumpster overflowing in Karval, resulting in trash blowing around. He noted that while Doug Stone made the right decision ten years ago, three trash pickup services would now serve the area. Mr. Safranek felt confident that while it might take a little time, the situation would correct itself. Mr. Safranek asked several questions regarding a new employee, including drug-testing protocol.

Economic Development Executive Director Troy McCue arrived at 11:22 a.m.

Mr. Safranek also reported that he went to Seibert for the ramp metal on April 25 and checked roads on April 26. The District 3 crew worked on tubes at County Road T and fixed County Road P after receiving a complaint from a school bus driver. He commended the road crew's exceptional job on the asphalt patching at State Road 71. Mr. Safranek built the ADA ramp and installed it on April 27. Hugo Fire Protection District board president Scott Poss contacted Mr. Safranek about a reimbursement they hadn't received from the EMS Council; Mr. Safranek said the check went to the vendor instead of the fire department, so the fire department should have a credit with or receive a reimbursement from the vendor.

At 11:30 a.m., Trisha Herman, Community Relationship Manager with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, met with the Board to provide CHFA updates. Erin McNab with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing, arrived a few minutes later. Ms. Herman said she wanted to provide general services awareness and resources, explaining that the government created the organization fifty years ago; however, it is not a state or government organization. They are a non-profit financial institute that operates on equity and its home ownership product. Ms. Herman explained CHFA loans, affordable housing, and funding, while Ms. McNab touched on Proposition 123, local government planning grants, and childcare development. Mr. McCue noted that home-based childcare would likely be the solution for Lincoln County. Ms. McNab said resources were overwhelming, but DOLA works to stay on top of it and share what it learns. The commissioners thanked Ms. Herman and Ms. McNab, and they and Mr. McCue left.

The group took a lunch break at 12:10 p.m.

When the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m., County Attorney Kelly Lowery joined via Teams. County Assessor Jeremiah Higgins, Deputy Assessor Renita Thelen, and Administrative Assistant Casey Love were also there.

Miss Lowery gave her report, stating that the petitioner in the BAA case had filed another exhibit that morning. Mr. Tipismana claims the abatement process has ignored his 14th and 15th Constitutional rights.

Miss Lowery updated the Board on the PSCo litigation, stating that Xcel Energy has until May 11 to file a motion to dismiss the case. No third-party objections have been filed, but Miss Lowery still preferred to wait for the dismissal before starting on any further Xcel projects.

Miss Lowery told Mr. Piper that the Clerk and Recorder needed the original survey plat for the property the county planned to deed to the Friends of the Genoa Tower, Inc. He would need to record the deed, resolution, and survey together.

Mr. Piper said the commissioners received complaint letters from the Arikaree Groundwater Management District regarding the Republican River Water Conservation District director. Miss Lowery said it was out of the commissioners' jurisdiction unless they had any control over the director.

Mr. Jaques moved to adopt a resolution donating a portion of county property to the Friends of the Genoa Tower, Inc. Mr. Safranek seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Wayne Ewing, Chairman	Present
Robert Safranek, Vice Chairman	Present
Terry Jaques, Commissioner	Present
Kelly Lowery, 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:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO REGARDING SIGNING AUTHORITY TO DONATE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO FINALIZE SUCH DONATION

RESOLUTION #1154 It was moved by Commissioner Jaques and seconded by Commissioner Safranek to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS Lincoln County, Colorado (the "**County**") is a statutory county in Colorado and a political subdivision;

WHEREAS, Section 30-11-101, C.R.S., authorizes the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado (the "**Board**") to take action concerning real property and to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns necessary to the exercise of its corporate or administrative powers;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this power, the Board has deemed it in the County's best interests to donate certain real property located in Lincoln County, Colorado, more accurately described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SE1/4 OF SEC. 11 AND IN THE SW1/4 OF SEC. 12, T.9S., R.55W. OF THE 6TH P.M. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SE1/4 OF SAID SEC. 11 AS MONUMENTED BY A ¾" REBAR 2- ½" ALUMINUM CAP MARKED BRUNDAGE, PLS 30087 AND CONSIDERING THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SE1/4, (AS MONUMENTED BY A SIMILAR REBAR AND CAP AT ITS EAST END), BEARING S.89°44'01"E . WITH ALL OTHER BEARINGS CONTAINED HEREIN BEING RELATIVE THERETO; THENCE S.89°44'01"E., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SE1/4, A DISTANCE OF 91.74 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FORMER U.S. HWY. 24 ACCORDING TO HIGHWAY NO. 24 RIGHT-OF-WAY MAPS FAP11-2 AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N.17°04'45"W., 130.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE N/72°55'15"E., A DISTANCE OF 2100.44 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE N.0°30'00"., 20.42 FEET; ALONG SAID NORTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE THROUGH A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WHOSE RADIUS IS 5780.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 209.14 FEET; THENCE S.0°30'00"W., 101.42 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID SOUTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE THROUGH A CURVE TO THE LEFT WHOSE RADIUS IS 5680.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 786.30 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE S.10°37'34"W., 50.00 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY HIGHWAY LINE S.72°54'45"W., 2094.88 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF COLORADO. THE TRACT CONTAINS 7.82 ACRES. (the "**Property**"); and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary to designate the Board's Chairman with signing authority for the Property's donation, including but not limited to any necessary documents put forth by the Donee, Friends of the Genoa Tower, Inc., a Colorado nonprofit corporation to effectuate the Property's conveyance to Donee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by Section 30-11-101, C.R.S., the Board hereby designates the Board's Chairman with signing powers for the Property's donation and to effectuate any and all necessary documents for the same as required by the Donee.

1. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Miss Lowery asked about the NextEra meeting and said she'd spoken briefly with Andy Spielman. Mr. Jaques told her they'd met with the group earlier. He wondered if the project required new permits and fees, particularly the 2% use tax; Miss Lowery said it would make sense, but she would confirm it.

Miss Lowery disconnected the call at 1:25 p.m. Mrs. Love notarized the commissioners' signatures on the Friends of the Genoa Tower, Inc., deed and left.

Mr. Higgins and Mrs. Thelen presented a reappraisal value comparison as of April 29, 2025; Mrs. Thelen said reappraisal notices would go out on May 1. She asked the commissioners not to try to answer taxpayers' questions about the reappraisal but to direct them to the Assessor's office. She noted that she would defend her valuations, but tax increases were partially due to the commissioners reducing the tax credit to augment the county budgets.

Combined Court Clerk Kim Graham arrived at 1:35 p.m., followed by Sheriff Tom Nestor, Captain Michael Yowell, and Sergeant Coley Britton. Mr. Piper said he'd invited the group to the meeting to discuss parking challenges during the following weeks' jury trial and parking lot project. Mrs. Graham had called eighty-five jurors but counted thirty-seven available parking spaces. She anticipated between fifty and fifty-five jurors, which didn't account for attorneys and witnesses. Mrs. Graham voiced her concerns about elderly or disabled jurors parking in the grassy overflow parking area by the Resource Center.

Captain Yowell said they could move all sheriff's and county vehicles to that area, freeing up a few more spaces in the back lot. Mrs. Lengel said county employees could carpool or park elsewhere for a few days. The sheriff agreed to block off the courthouse entrance driveway with cones they could move when a delivery truck arrived. They would also use a few cones to block the route behind the jail, allowing court staff and judges to use it. Since Tuesday would be the busiest day, Sheriff Nestor offered to have someone direct traffic to help jurors find appropriate parking.

After Mrs. Graham and the law enforcement officers left, Mr. Ewing called Trent Leoffler, the county's representative to the RRWCD, to ask about the Arikaree Groundwater letter. He left a message for Mr. Leoffler to return his call.

Mr. Piper asked the commissioners to sign paperwork for the pension plan and then presented an Agreement for Design/Engineering with Bret Johnson Architecture for the courthouse restroom renovation. Mr. Safranek moved to sign the agreement, and Mr. Jaques seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ewing called for old business. The Board discussed Wagner Equipment's quote for the landfill loader and agreed not to proceed until they tested the oil samples.

Trent Loeffler called back at 2:35 p.m. He said he had read the letter but had his own opinions and did not let Ms. Campbell influence his votes. Mr. Loeffler noted that the board couldn't remove her from her position for speaking her mind; however, they would discuss a few things in an executive session on May 1. Mr. Jaques said he would plan to attend the meeting.

Regarding other old business, Mr. Ewing asked when the commissioners should start paying bills twice monthly. Mrs. Lengel suggested waiting until they adopted the financial policy, which County Treasurer Ashley Erwin wanted them to adopt at the last May meeting. They had discussed implementing the second AP run on the fifteenth of the month, so Mrs. Lengel suggested June 15 or even July 15, which was okay with the commissioners.

Roy Brossman hadn't submitted a quote to move dirt at the landfill; Mr. Safranek said he'd ask him again.

Mr. Jaques asked when the contractor would start the floor removal at the roundhouse; Mr. Piper said he'd asked the contractor and the archaeologist to coordinate a time.

As for the Big Sandy Bridge project, Mr. Piper said Travis Miller would provide an update at the May 6 meeting. CDOT approved the third payment, which was coming; Mr. Piper had submitted the fourth payment request, which was in the state's review stage.

The only new business was an email from Danielle Dascalos, who wanted the county to design a 6" x 6" quilt block for a Colorado Central Plains quilt. Mr. Ewing said he would like to see Lincoln County represented. The group discussed ideas for it and a basket for the CCI summer conference.

The Board approved the April 2025 payroll, and then, with no further business to discuss, Mr. Ewing adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2025.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

Wayne E. Ewing, Chairman