

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for January 12, 2021

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approve the minutes from the January 6, 2021, meeting
2. Review and act upon Resolution #1034, a resolution to adopt a supplemental appropriation to the 2020 Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund budget
3. Review and act upon Resolution #1035, a resolution setting the annual salary of the District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District
4. Review the December 2020, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, Road and Bridge and Individual Road Districts
5. Review the December 2020, reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff and County Treasurer
6. Review the December 2020, reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool
7. County Commissioner reports
8. County Attorney's report
9. County Administrator's report
10. Old business
11. New business

10:00 Adjourn for 2020

10:15 Call to Order and reorganize for 2021

- 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. §29-1-104

11:00 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director, to present the LCEDC monthly report

1:00 Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402-(4)(f)(l) for personnel matters

1:30 Ken Stroud, Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, to present an update on projects and grants

1. County Commissioner reports
2. County Attorney's report
3. County Administrator's report
4. Old business
5. New business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2021. The following attended: Chairman Steve Burgess, Commissioners Ed E. Schifferns and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman Burgess called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Lengel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stone moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 6, 2021, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Schifferns moved to adopt a resolution appropriating \$69,769.64 into the 2020 Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund budget. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Piper explained that the money was from unanticipated revenue.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado, held in Hugo, Colorado, on January 12, 2021, there were present:

Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schifferns, Vice Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner	Present
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:

**RESOLUTION #1034** It was moved by Commissioner Schifferns and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** C.R.S. §29-1-109(1)(b) allows supplementary budget appropriations by the governing body when unanticipated revenues not assured at the time of the adoption of the budget are received from any source other than the local government's property tax mill levy; and

**WHEREAS** Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund received funds of \$69,769.64 in unanticipated revenues which were used to pay \$69,769.64 in general operating expenses; and

**WHEREAS** Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund has unappropriated fund balances and sufficient cash to meet its expenses; and

**WHEREAS** this income was not anticipated at the time of the preparation of the 2020 budget, and

**WHEREAS** whatever increases were made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenue so the budget remains in balance as required by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado, that \$69,769.64 be appropriated into the 2020 Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2020 Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund budget be increased by \$69,769.64, thus making the total Lincoln County Public Health Agency Fund budget \$495,205.64.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Schifferns, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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Clerk of the Board

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Stone moved to adopt a resolution setting the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's annual salary. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schifferns, Vice Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner	Present
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:

**RESOLUTION #1035** It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Schifferns to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-1-301, C.R.S., the Boards of County Commissioners of the counties comprising the Eighteenth Judicial District must set the annual salary of the District Attorney for the succeeding four-year term; and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in Section 20-1-301, C.R.S., said salary cannot be less than one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00) effective January 1, 2012, and for each year thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has met to review and discuss salary requirements in a public meeting with the District Attorney-Elect and the Boards of County Commissioners from Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County as follows:

1. The salary of the District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District for his term beginning in January 2021 and ending January 2024 shall be as follows:

2021:	\$216,000
2022:	\$223,000
2023:	\$230,000
2024:	\$236,000

2. This resolution represents Lincoln County’s commitment to pay its percentage of said salary, subject to the payment of the percentage contributions by the Boards of County Commissioners of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert Counties as required by law.
3. It is understood that the District Attorney’s benefits include the use of an office car in accordance with the policy of the District Attorney’s Office, as well as only those benefits (such as medical insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, long-term disability insurance, personal mileage reimbursement, matching contribution to PERA in lieu of social security contribution, 401K contribution, etc.) which are received uniformly by all full-time employees of the District Attorney’s Office and that the District Attorney will not accrue any sick leave or any vacation time during his time in office.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Schifferns, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes.  
The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

At 9:15 a.m., Mr. Schifferns moved to adopt a resolution concerning full-time employee positions in the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney’s office.

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Colorado, held in Hugo, Colorado, on January 12, 2021, there were present:

Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Ed E. Schifferns, Vice Chairman	Present
Douglas D. Stone, Commissioner	Present
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:

**RESOLUTION #1036** It was moved by Commissioner Schifferns and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-1-205, C.R.S., the District Attorney is authorized to appoint an Assistant District Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-1-201(2), C.R.S., the District Attorney may designate and appoint Chief Deputy District Attorneys, except that no District Attorney may appoint more than one Chief Deputy District Attorney without the prior approval of the boards of county commissioners of the judicial district, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-1-201(1), C.R.S., the District Attorney is authorized to appoint such Deputy District Attorneys as he deems necessary to properly discharge the duties of his office, with the approval of the boards of county commissioners of the judicial district; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 20-1-209, C.R.S., the District Attorney is authorized to appoint a Chief Investigator and such other investigators as he may deem necessary in the conduct of his office and such stenographers, office employees, and other technical and professional assistants as are necessary to properly transact the business of his office, subject to the approval of the boards of county commissioners of the judicial district; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Sections 20-1-201 and 20-1-205, C.R.S., the boards of county commissioners of the Eighteenth Judicial District have previously eliminated setting a total number of full-time attorney positions for the District Attorney's Office, to include an Assistant District Attorney, if the District Attorney chooses to appoint one; not more than 12 Chief Deputy District Attorneys, if the District Attorney chooses to appoint them; and Deputy District Attorneys, if the District Attorney chooses to appoint them; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Section 20-1-209, C.R.S., the boards of county commissioners of the Eighteenth Judicial District have previously eliminated setting a total of number of full-time non-attorney positions for the District Attorney's Office, to include a Chief Investigator, other investigators, and such stenographers, office employees, and other technical and professional assistants as are necessary to properly transact the business of the office, if the District Attorney chooses to appoint them; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Sections 20-1-201, 20-1-205, 20-1-209, and 20-1-302, C.R.S., the boards of county commissioners of the Eighteenth Judicial District have previously agreed that the salaries and benefits of such attorney and non-attorney positions shall be paid by the counties comprising the judicial district, with each county paying in the proportion that the population of each county bears to the population of the whole judicial district, according to the last preceding population estimate that is prepared before May 1 of the current year by the division of planning in the department of local affairs pursuant to section 24-32-204, C.R.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Sections 29-1-101, et seq. C.R.S., the District Attorney's Office has discretion in the expenditure of its budget, and the boards of county commissioners of Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties have agreed to give the re-elected District Attorney greater flexibility regarding the number of attorney and non-attorney full-time employee positions, so long as the utilization of such positions does not cause the District Attorney's Office to incur expenditures in excess of its budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County as follows:

1. Consistent with Section 20-1-201(2), C.R.S., the District Attorney is authorized to appoint more than one Chief Deputy District Attorney.
2. Consistent with Section 20-1-201(1), C.R.S., the District Attorney is authorized to appoint such Deputy District Attorneys as he deems necessary to properly discharge the duties of his office.

3. Consistent with Section 20-1-209, C.R.S., the District Attorney is authorized to appoint a Chief Investigator, other investigators, and such stenographers, office employees, and other technical and professional assistants as are necessary to properly transact the business of the office.

4. The District Attorney has statutory discretion about whether to appoint an Assistant District Attorney, and is hereby granted the discretion to appoint any number of Chief Deputy District Attorneys and any number of Deputy District Attorneys, as well as a Chief Investigator, and any number of other investigators, stenographers, office employees, and other technical and professional assistants as are necessary to properly transact the business of the office, so long as the utilization of all such positions does not cause the District Attorney's Office to incur expenditures in excess of its budget.

5. The Board's determination made on this date represents Lincoln County's commitment to pay its percentage of said salaries and benefits, as part of the District Attorney's Office budget. This determination shall be subject to the payment of the percentage contributions by the Boards of County Commissioners of Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert Counties as required by law.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Schifferns, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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Clerk of the Board

The Board reviewed the December 2020 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, as well as for the individual road districts. The commissioners also reviewed December 2020 reports from the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer, and the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property and Workers' Compensation Pools.

Mr. Stone reported that he checked roads south and west of Karval on December 7. They also sent someone to fix the driveway at the Forder Ranch. He said that District 3 finally got their road grader repaired.

Mr. Burgess reported that Mr. Piper called to let him know the new pickup was in at Transwest in Limon. On January 8, John Mohan called Mr. Burgess to let him know the heater from the Genoa shop couldn't be converted from natural gas to propane. Plains Heating had a new one for \$750, so Mr. Burgess told Mr. Mohan to have them install it. Mick Jaques also called Mr. Burgess with the same information, so he let him know that Plains Heating would install a new wall heater. Mr. Burgess spoke with Bruce Walters; they still didn't have their backhoe from the repair shop, and it had been almost six months since they took it in. He said that District 2 wouldn't take any other equipment to Tri-County Diesel for repairs. Mr. Burgess stopped by Transwest on January 11 and signed the paperwork for the 2021 Ram 1500 pickup. He contacted Mr. Piper and asked if he and Fred Lundy could go and pick it up. Mr. Burgess attended the Baby Bear Hugs Zoom meeting; they will try and have a silent auction fundraiser via Zoom sometime in the spring. Lastly, Mr. Burgess reported that he talked with Bruce Walters earlier this morning.

Mr. Schifferns reported that he checked roads south of Arriba on January 7. On the Eleventh, he spoke with Chris Monks; they're hauling sand on County Road 2W to fix some of the spots damaged by the power companies. Mr. Schifferns also called Mr. Piper to ask about insurance cards.

Mr. Kimble reported that the public health director received a CORA request and contacted him about it. An attorney in New York wanted copies of any correspondence, including emails, she had regarding the new COVID-19 variant. Since matters under investigation are not releasable, Mr. Kimble sent a letter citing the statute and explaining that Mrs. Mills couldn't provide any information from an active investigation. If there comes a time that she can fulfill the request, Mr. Kimble said she would probably have to redact most of the information.

Mr. Piper reported on the two new laws he'd gotten from the List Serve, and then Mr. Burgess provided the invoice from the new pickup.

At 9:35 a.m., Juliet Lundy, with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman and Limon Leader, arrived for the two re-elected commissioners' swearing-in ceremony. Judge Fisher appeared shortly afterward.

With no further 2020 business to come before the Board, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Steve Burgess, Chairman



The re-organization meeting of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners convened at 9:50 a.m. on January 12, 2021. The following attended: Commissioners Steve Burgess, Ed E. Schifferns and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Commissioner Burgess called the meeting to order and agreed to another year as chairman, so Mr. Schifferns moved to appoint Steve Burgess as the board's chairman for 2021. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns moved to appoint Doug Stone as the vice-chairman for 2021. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

In compliance with 24-6-402 (2) (c), C.R.S., Mr. Schifferns moved to designate the official notice board for the Board of County Commissioners as that located in the lobby hallway of the county courthouse. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

The commissioners discussed the 2021 appointments and holidays, and then Mr. Stone moved to approve the following list of appointments and holidays for 2021. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021**

County Attorney	Stan Kimble
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 Colorado Statewide Investment Program (CSIP)
County Physician	Dr. John Fox
Public Health Specialist	Kelly Alvarez
Fairgrounds Manager	John Palmer

Veterans Service Officer

Parker Newbanks, Jr.

Shop Foreman

Chris Monks

Road Foremen

District #1

Chris Monks

District #2

Bruce Walters

District #3

Rickie Ashcraft

Jail & Juvenile Officer

Tom Nestor

Official Newspaper

Limon Leader

Hospital Board – 7 Members – 5 Year Term

2022

Jack Cross

2022

Sarah Nuss

2023

Dave Stone

2024

Josie Jones

2025

Linda Orrell

2025

Gary Ensign

2026

Lorie Coonts

Fair Board – 9 Members – 3 Year Term

2022

Jonathan Hart

2022

LaRay Becker-Patton

2022

Chip Reid

2023

Clinton Clark

2023

Richard Hoefler

2023

April Hollowell

2024

Kurt Thompson

2024

Ryan Bush

2024

Meg McAtee

Land Use Board – 9 Members – 3 Year Term

2022

John Reid

2022

Tim Brown

2022

Paul Martin

2023

Bill Craig

2023

Curtis Dutro

2023

Mark James

2024

Mike McCormick

2024

James Bledsoe

2024

Jamie Clark

Fred Lundy

Secretary

Land Use Board of Adjustment – 3 Year Term

2022

Sid Yoder

2023

Robert Boyd

2023

Chris Monks

2023

Adam Nuss

2024

Jamie Clark

Karval Water Users Enterprise – 3 Year Term

2022

Patrick Leonard

2022

John Wacker

2023

Angela Wacker

2023

Jerry Ferrell

2024

Cindy Leonard

Weed Board – 9 Members – 3 Year Term

2022

Terry Saffer

2022

Todd Thompson

2022

Wade Hollowell

2023

Shelby Britten

2023

Jamie Clark

2023

Tom LeValley

2024

Scott Poss

2024

Robert W. Raines, Jr.

2024

David Riemenschneider

E911 Authority Board – 5 Members – 2 Year Term

2022

Patrick Leonard

2022

Mark Ward

2023

Jack Cross

2023

Diane Kimble

2023

Mark McHone

Bookmobile Board – 5 Members – No Term Limit

Maria Root

Cleta Hiner-Felzien

Pam Brown

Cherry Stogsdill

Lisa Miller

Prairie Development Corporation – 2 Members – 2 Year Term

1/2023	Robert Safranek
1/2023	Steve Burgess

Tourism Board – 5 Members – 2 Year Term

1/2022	Steve Beedy
1/2022	Linda Orrell
1/2023	Tim Andersen
1/2023	Apryl Huelskamp
1/2023	Dan Merewether

Karval Community Cemetery District Board of Directors

12/31/2021	Cherry Stogsdill
12/31/2022	Vernon Stone
12/31/2023	Dennis Kravig

Representatives for:

Baby Bear Hugs	Steve Burgess
Bookmobile	Steve Burgess
Centennial Mental Health	Steve Burgess
Colorado East Community Action Agency	Doug Stone
County Health Pool	Doug Stone; Jacob Piper - Alternate
East Central Council of Local Governments	Steve Burgess
ECCOLG Economic Development Board Member	Gary Beedy
Eastern CO. Services for the Dev. Disabled	Cindy Tacha
EMS and RETAC	Steve Burgess
	Ken Stroud - Alternate
	Jacob Piper – Alternate
Foreign Trade Zone	Steve Burgess
Judicial Review Board for 18 <sup>th</sup> District	Steve Burgess
Land Use	Fred Lundy
Lincoln Community Hospital	Steve Burgess
Lincoln County Fair Board	Doug Stone & Ed Schifferns
Lincoln County Human Services Liaison	Doug Stone
Ports to Plains	Steve Burgess
Resources Unlimited	Ed Schifferns & Steve Burgess
RETAC Pre-hospital	Mark Morrison
Southeast & East Central Recycling	Doug Stone
Transit Advisory Committee	Ed Schifferns

Human Services Region Citizen Review Panel – 3 Year Term

1/2023	Linda Messer
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The following list of holidays was approved for 2021:

January 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day
February 15, 2021	President's Day
May 31, 2021	Memorial Day
July 5, 2021	Independence Day
September 6, 2021	Labor Day
October 11, 2021	Columbus Day
November 11, 2021	Veterans Day
November 25 and 26, 2021	Thanksgiving
December 24, 2021	Christmas
December 31, 2021	New Year's Day

Mr. Stone moved to set the county's vacation and sick leave policy for 2021 according to the personnel policy adopted on December 15, 2020. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The question arose about whether COVID-19 affected the policy in any way. Mr. Piper said that although there was a new law that the county would have to supplement eighty hours for a COVID-19-related illness, the approved policy would remain in effect.

Before setting the E911 surcharge, Mr. Piper said he didn't know if the commissioners were still required to do so. Recent law changed considerably regarding 911, and the PUC now sets an annual cap on the surcharge. Effective February 1, 2021, the cap is \$1.72. Mr. Burgess tabled further discussion, suggesting that they speak with Ken Stroud about it when he met with them later.

County Treasurer Jim Covington came to present the Lincoln County Investment Policy, explaining that it had not changed from 2020. Mr. Stone moved to adopt the Lincoln County Investment Policy for 2021. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

It was 10:30 and time for the weekly Public Health Zoom call, so Mr. Burgess suggested they listen in and finish their business afterward.

At 11:00 a.m., Lincoln County Economic Development Director Troy McCue met with the Board to give his monthly report. He spoke briefly about Martin Metal hosting a spin-off company that may potentially locate in Lincoln County. Mr. McCue also updated the commissioners on Denver Cutlery, Wausau Supply, and the housing development efforts in the county. Kaiser Premier completed their assessment and have decided to proceed with their application as a user in the Foreign Trade Zone. Economic Development helped Karval Community Alliance secure a \$1,500 grant for the foundation of their new addition, and Mr. McCue said that he's hopeful that Rural Philanthropy Days will take place June 9-11.

Mr. McCue left, and Mr. Stone moved to adopt a resolution appointing the Lincoln County Administrator as the budget officer who will complete the preparation of the 2022 budget, per 29-1-104, C.R.S. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Steve Burgess, Chairman	Present
Doug Stone, Vice Chairman	Present
Ed Schifferns, Commissioner	Present
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:

**RESOLUTION #1037** It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Schifferns 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 2022 budget.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Schifferns, Yes; Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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Clerk of the Board

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Mr. Piper reported that John Palmer planned to have an auction in early February. He wants to sell items from the fairgrounds, such as the old roping chute, fencing, a set of scales, and possibly other items. The Genoa-Hugo school donated some lights to the county for the

fairgrounds, and the commissioners agreed to let the school sell their remaining lights at the county's auction as well.

John Mohan came to discuss what to do about the area outside the clerk's office, between the commissioner meeting room and the administrator's office. The alcove not only attracts numerous nesting birds but anything that blows across the parking lot as well. Mr. Mohan suggested framing in a screen of some sort but said he would need to get his snowblower and mower attachments out, so whatever they did would need a door. Mr. Schiffers suggested a garage door, and Mrs. Lengel asked that it not be something that they couldn't see through since that is the only window in the office. It is also their emergency exit.

Mr. Mohan left, and Mr. Burgess said that Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury intended to pursue legislation to let rural hospitals appoint board members living outside of their county. There are also other things he's hoping to include in the bill. The commissioners disagreed with the idea, so Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Kimble to contact the Sedgwick and Moffat County attorneys to get their opinions. They might need to write a letter against the proposed legislation.

At 11:50 a.m., Mr. Piper called Mr. Covington to ask if he could come over instead of waiting until 1:00 p.m. for his executive session with the Board. Mr. Covington and staff member Ashley Erwin arrived, and the group decided the content for discussion didn't fit the criteria for an executive session after all.

Mrs. Erwin asked for clarification on some of her job duties regarding billing for the landfill. The Treasurer's office took over the responsibility years ago to help pay for another employee in Mr. Covington's office, and they have always handled the invoicing for the charge accounts. Mrs. Erwin said she didn't know how to help with items landfill employees sold to customers who didn't have charge accounts. For example, a company picked up metal at the landfill last year and still hasn't paid for it. Mrs. Erwin said no one knew if the company was supposed to send the payment to the landfill or the Treasurer, but regardless, no one has received it. Mr. Burgess thought Mr. Kimble had written a letter to the company about it, but Mr. Kimble said the Board hadn't ever instructed him to do that. He certainly would do so if he had the documentation, and Mr. Burgess said he'd go by the landfill and get it for him.

Mrs. Erwin provided a copy of a receipt from the landfill that included a note from Brenda Howe. She asked for guidance on what her duties were regarding customers who didn't have a charge account. Mrs. Erwin wanted to know if it would be acceptable for her to bill a customer who didn't have enough money or someone who forgot their money, and the commissioners said that it would be fine if Miss Howe would give her an address of where to send a bill. When Mr. Piper suggested it might be easier for Miss Howe to send the bill, Mrs. Erwin said she would prefer to do it so she could keep track of who paid and who hadn't since the money should come to the Treasurer. Mr. Burgess agreed.

Lastly, Mrs. Erwin said she'd encountered several mathematical errors on the daily balance sheets, even though the money submitted was correct. Mr. Burgess said he would speak with the landfill employees about all of the issues Mrs. Erwin had brought up.

Mr. Piper moved Ken Stroud's appointment up from 1:30 p.m., so at 12:15 p.m., Mr. Stroud met with the Board to discuss projects and grants. First, Mr. Burgess asked him about the 911 surcharge. The E-911 Authority Board adopted a resolution on October 5, 2020, increasing the Lincoln County 911 fee from \$.70 to \$1.72. Under 29-11-102, C.R.S., the PUC has the authority to set an annual ceiling by October 1, which occurred last fall. The Authority Board can implement any fee up to the cap without a hearing, so board members approved the increase due to the rising costs that the county has seen and will continue to see. Mr. Stroud said they now have five 911 access lines, which will cost approximately \$3,700 per month. The E-911 board also agreed to fund a position in the sheriff's office, and they hope to work on infrastructure as well. With almost 5,400 access lines/customers in the county, the fee increase should bring in close to \$150,000 per year. CenturyLink has implemented ESINET, which allows the company access to the networks. Everything is now digital instead of analog, and there is no way to opt-out. Mr. Stroud said the costs would continue to go up as CenturyLink pushes for NextGen911 and Text2911 features.

Mr. Burgess said that most county boards were advisory boards to the commissioners, but Mr. Stroud said the Authority Board received a lot more power with the new legislation, HB1263. The commissioners agreed that they could probably dispense with approving the fee at their reorganization meetings.

Mr. Stroud moved on to updates, stating he'd received the generator and they'd completed the work at the fairgrounds for it. They finished the storage container and took delivery of the light tower at the county shop. He commended Chris Monks, Sheriff Nestor, and John Mohan for their help in making it a group effort. Lastly, Mr. Stroud submitted the EMPG grant for 2021. If approved, the county should receive around \$16,000. Mr. Stone asked where they had put the generator, and Mr. Stroud said it was currently under the new building, but they wanted to move it to the north side of the rabbit barn, along with the light tower. He also said that the EMS Council agreed to have the trailer repainted and would pay for it. Then he hopes to store it inside somewhere.

Mr. Stone asked if Lincoln County filed a disaster declaration for the drought, and Mr. Stroud said he thought so but would find out for sure.

Mr. Stroud left, and with no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burgess adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Steve Burgess, Chairman