

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for June 7, 2019

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Liz Hickman, Centennial Mental Health Center Executive Director, to discuss services and programs provided by Centennial Mental Health Center
- 10:00 Jeremiah Higgins, Lincoln County Assessor, to discuss assessed valuation protests
- 11:00 Maria Nestor, Town of Hugo Clerk, and Town of Hugo Board Members to discuss the Town of Hugo Marshal's Office
- 1:00 Christine Schinzel, 4-H Program Assistant, to discuss signs for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds
1. Approve the minutes from the May 31, 2019 meeting
  2. Review the employee time sheets for County Administrator Jacob Piper, Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy, Landfill Manager Mickey Jaques, Office of Emergency Management Director Ken Stroud, and Public Health Director Jobeth Mills
  3. Review a performance evaluation for Amy Solomon, Extension Program Assistant
  4. County Commissioner reports
  5. County Administrator's report
  6. Old Business
  7. New Business
  8. Approve expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 7, 2019. The following attended: Chairman Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. County Attorney Stan Kimble was absent and excused. Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended until 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Schifferns called the meeting to order and asked Undersheriff Gordon Nall who attended the first part of the meeting, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Tom Nestor asked to discuss the upcoming meeting at 11:00 a.m. but first commended Mrs. Lengel for the new Maglock door lock in the clerk's office. They use the same magnetic locks in the jail, and the sheriff said they were exactly what he hoped to have installed throughout the building. Mr. Burgess asked Mrs. Lengel when Fox Electric would finish installing the switches. She told him they completed the work, and it was less than the original bid by about \$200.

Sheriff Nestor also addressed the issue of providing law enforcement coverage in the town of Hugo and explained the burdens it would create for his department. He agreed to come back to the meeting at 11:00, and Mr. Burgess asked if the commissioners needed to set something up so that his deputy that lives in the Karval area could get fuel at the county shop if necessary. The sheriff said he would contact Mr. Stone and discuss it with him.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 31, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed employee time sheets for the Administrator, Land Use Administrator, Landfill Manager, OEM Director, and Public Health Director, as well as a performance evaluation for Extension Program Assistant Amy Solomon. Mr. Burgess made a motion to accept Travis Taylor's performance evaluation regarding Ms. Solomon. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 9:30 a.m., Centennial Mental Health Center Executive Director Liz Hickman met with the Board to explain services and programs provided by CMH. Christy Grothe and Human Services Director Patricia Phillips attended the discussion as well. They complete their annual reports in the fall, so the data Ms. Hickman presented was for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Prevention services increased dramatically over the period once they received targeted state money for treatment and substance use. Private foundation funding also helped to expand community prevention, which was primarily school-based. Until recently, prevention was spotty, but they got better organized a couple of years ago, and things have improved significantly. Fifty-to-sixty percent of their revenue comes from Medicaid, and Ms. Hickman said that HCPF wanted to bring together their physical and behavioral programs to help save unnecessary costs. They felt that treating the behavioral issues along with the physical problems might spare a patient from those treatments later on. For example, patients with diabetes often experience depression, so if they treat the two simultaneously, it will reduce the costs.

Centennial Mental Health and three other entities formed the NE Health Partners on July 2, 2018, which is similar to a fee-for-service model in that they administer both the primary care and behavioral health contracts. Ms. Hickman informed the Board that the Office of Behavioral Health changed the way they handle crisis contracts by putting more money into administration and cutting funding in this region. Rather than regionally-based financing, they will base contributions mainly on population and poverty level, leaving only ten percent for rural and frontier areas. During the appeal, although the judge sympathized with them, he ruled that the OBH had the authority to do what it did. Ms. Hickman said they would survive, and the OBH committed to providing a pool of money for transportation, which allowed behavioral health providers to transport patients on behavioral holds instead of having to wait for law enforcement to do it. They will know in a year or so how the new model works out, but for now, it's turning out to be less catastrophic than they initially thought it would be.

Mrs. Phillips asked what services of the Continuum of Care program they specifically provided in Lincoln County. Christy Grothe responded, stating that the prevention team worked with IOG to bring in training. They had Mental Health First Aid and Youth Mental Health First Aid, as well as mental health awareness and suicide prevention, and they also partnered with teachers and other adults in the community to teach some of those classes in the schools. As for Early Intervention, Early Childhood, they've had a couple of people come out to assess the needs in the area. They have substance use treatment in Limon a couple of days a week, and they have an enhanced outpatient program created by the substance use director. There is more access to services such as DVT and substance use therapy in case individuals need more than regular outpatient services. Mrs. Phillips asked if people actually get those hours, and Ms. Grothe said they were hoping for more referrals from the community.

Mrs. Phillips asked if Animal Assisted Therapy is available in Lincoln County, but Ms. Grothe said they had someone, but she left to attend nursing school, so they do not currently have anyone on staff. Ms. Hickman thought there might be a facility in Sterling, but it would depend on whether or not they had clinical staff. The animals have to go through training for obedience and safety, so the program is not available in every county.

Mrs. Phillips also asked about AcuDetox, and Ms. Grothe told her that they have it in Limon on Tuesdays. It is available as an adjunct, so the individual has to be a part of their program. Ms. Hickman explained that AcuDetox was a way of dealing with cravings and anxiety as a result of substance use. It allows a licensed clinician to receive training to perform a limited acupuncture scope.

Lastly, Mrs. Phillips wanted to know what the organization was doing to keep its employees. Employers in Lincoln County seem to retain their staffs very well, but CMH regularly experiences turnover. Ms. Hickman responded that it's always been a challenge, and there is a relative workforce gap in behavioral health. Although they're fairly successful hiring people for the Front Range, if employees don't have ties to the rural communities, they are unlikely to stay there. She added that salaries are always an issue because they can't pay as much as the

hospital or Peak Vista. The state offers something called Frontier Stipends which were added to Sedgwick and Phillips counties last year. They are looking at adding Lincoln and Washington counties as well. If an employee is a resident of one of those particular counties, they receive an additional \$10,000 per year as an incentive to remain in the community.

At 10:15 a.m., County Assessor Jeremiah Higgins met with the Board to discuss assessed value protests. They had a total of thirty-five: nineteen residential, six commercial, six agricultural, two vacant land, and two manufactured homes. He commented that they would probably make a few minor changes on a few of them.

Mr. Burgess told Mr. Higgins that the commissioners were getting questions from residents about their valuations going up, which they were sure also meant their taxes would increase. Mr. Higgins said it was possible that taxes would increase but that mill levies are the driving force behind taxes. Whether or not the commissioners agreed to give the tax credit again when they adopted the 2020 budget would also be a factor. He added that they've seen the same trend across the state, however, and that it might continue for a couple of years because it hasn't leveled out yet. His office will send out the Notices of Determination by the end of the month, which have to be returned by July 15. The commissioners are then the judgment authority, so Mr. Higgins cautioned them to be careful of what they said when approached by property owners, as they didn't want to be influenced in any way. He went on to say that it's a difficult position to be in because even though he is sympathetic to tax increases, it's his job to keep the values where they need to be. Mr. Higgins said he would try and get some information out to the public.

Mr. Higgins left, and Mr. Schifferns called for commissioner reports. On June 1, Mr. Burgess went to Fort Collins and picked up the traffic signal for the landfill. He attended summer conference in Keystone from June 3 through June 5. Before leaving on the Third, he and Bruce Walters looked at the culverts on County Road 26 and County Road 3T. Mr. Burgess met with Mr. Walters again on June 6 and learned the road crew cleaned out the pipes but that they then filled with water. They will ask the landowner if they can dig a ditch on his property to drain them. Mr. Burgess went by the landfill later in the afternoon and attended the hospital board meeting that night.

Mr. Stone reported checking roads on June 1. They had four inches of rain in the area, so he went out again on June 2 and checked roads while one of his road crewmen fixed some damage to County Road 29 caused by the storm. Mr. Stone also attended the CCI summer conference June 3 through June 5, as did Mr. Schifferns.

Mr. Schifferns also reported that he attended the K.C. Electric meeting on June 6.

Mr. Piper reported that he would be out of the office attending the assessor's training on June 12. As for the employee's credit card that the Board terminated, even though Mr. Piper sent the letter certified mail, the employee hadn't picked up the mail yet because he hadn't received the return receipt back. The card will terminate on June 16, and Mr. Piper asked what he

should do if there were no response by then. Mr. Burgess told him to call the employee at that time and let her know what the Board decided.

Mr. Schifferns called for old business, and Mr. Burgess again brought up the county pension plan, asking if they were going to make changes this year since it was already half over. Mr. Piper said the company was supposed to have the audit finished by the end of the month. At that time, they will meet with the Board and bring Steve Rickels with them. Mr. Piper said that since the attorney is so expensive, he didn't want to involve him unnecessarily until they had to.

Mr. Schifferns asked about the cabinets in the clerk's and driver examiner's offices, and Mr. Piper said that Dave Dobbs was supposed to stop in today and look at them again. After that, it would be mid-July before he could get started.

When he stopped by the landfill, Mr. Burgess said he told the staff there that if anyone brought in more drill stem pipe that they shouldn't accept it. Mr. Piper informed the group that he'd submitted the application to the state regarding the contaminated pipe almost a month ago. The state looked at it and let Mr. Piper know the county would have to identify a radioactive safety officer, so he designated Mick Jaques. He had to let them know who that party was, and then the matter had to go before a board that would determine if the county's permit application were approved. Mr. Piper added that the county would have to choose a place to deliver the contaminated pipe to as well as a method of transportation.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Piper to order new ticket books for the landfill since the prices changed. He said they shouldn't get too many in case they had to change the rates again at the first of the year.

Mr. Schifferns asked if they wanted to install magnetic locks on the rest of the doors in the courthouse, but Mr. Piper told him the department heads would have a meeting on June 18, so they would discuss how many they would need at that time.

As for new business, Mr. Burgess asked the others how many vehicles they would have to sell and when they could do it. They decided there would be a 2015 Dodge pickup, a Tahoe, a pickup from District 3, and the sheriff's ice machine to sell.

At 11:00 a.m., Hugo Town Clerk Maria Nestor, Town of Hugo mayor Tom Lee, and several town trustees; Gillian Laycock, David Dobbs, Kristie Constance, Justin Carter, and Jeannie Kinnaman met with the Board to discuss the Hugo Marshal's office. Town of Hugo Deputy Marshal Steve Ryan, Gary Ensign, Sheriff Tom Nestor, and Undersheriff Gordon Nall also attended the discussion. Mrs. Nestor explained that Marshal Jesse Schier recently took another job, so the town board met with the sheriff to see if his department would cover calls in Hugo until they decided what to do with the marshal's office. They were concerned that Marshal Ryan might be leaving as well. The board hadn't yet decided if they wanted to keep the department or let it go, but they wanted to meet with the commissioners to discuss if the county would consider taking it over.

Sheriff Nestor spoke up to say that as of July 1, the town would have no one to cover calls if Deputy Ryan quit. He informed the Board that he'd agreed to help cover calls in the interim, but if the town decided against reinstating their department, they would need to make some arrangements as to what to do long term. He felt it might be possible for the town to compensate them for one deputy, but Sheriff Nestor said it puts the county in jeopardy if there aren't enough deputies to cover calls throughout the county because they are responding to problems in Hugo. The sheriff said it concerned him to try and protect another eight hundred people with his current staff.

David Dobbs spoke up to say that he personally didn't want to see them dissolve the marshal's office, but he couldn't speak for all the board members. They know that having their own department helps out local law enforcement, so they thought about pulling Deputy Ryan into the sheriff's office and continuing to pay him from the town funds, but then they heard that the deputy might be leaving.

Gillian Laycock agreed with Mr. Dobbs, adding that they want what is best for the town, which is why they were talking to the commissioners to find an alternative solution should they decide to eliminate the department.

Mayor Tom Lee put in that they wanted to ensure that the town would have law enforcement coverage as of July 1, and the sheriff assured him they'd do what they could. He added that he would need to know fairly quickly what their overall decision was, however, as it was getting close to budget time. Mr. Burgess agreed, saying that the county would need a definite answer by late September or early October. He asked if the town trustees considered cutting the marshal's office down to a two-member department so that they could pay their employees more since they are contending with Front Range salaries. Maria Nestor responded that the application pool just isn't there, as they've had an opening for a couple of months and haven't gotten a single applicant. Kristie Constance spoke up to say that having a marshal and two deputies helps with on-call issues. Mr. Burgess suggested they hire two full-time officers and then allow the county to fill in the third position if necessary.

Mrs. Nestor asked what would happen if the town board decided to dissolve the marshal's office, and Sheriff Nestor told her that he didn't know the long-term answer but that the local agencies work well together and he intended to keep it that way. He added that he planned to request an additional deputy in the next budget year, but if they had to take on the town, he would ask for two. Mrs. Laycock asked if they had discussed what a contract would look like, and the sheriff told her if they had to enter into an agreement, they would make something work for all parties involved. Mrs. Nestor asked why the county would need a contract with Hugo when they provide law enforcement services in Arriba and Genoa, which don't have their own departments. Sheriff Nestor responded that the difference is that the population and call volume are much higher in Hugo than the other two towns combined. He added that the county has always covered Arriba and Genoa on a call-for-service basis; they don't patrol the areas regularly but answer calls when they receive them. Mrs. Nestor asked if that was what

would happen in Hugo, and the sheriff told her there would be no other way to do it unless the town paid the county for one or two full-time deputies.

When Ms. Constance asked at what point they determined the timeframe for a definite answer, Mr. Dobbs told her that they had until budget time to decide. The options would be: to hire a marshal, deputy marshal, and an ordinance enforcer; a marshal and one or two deputies; or dissolve the department altogether. In the meantime, the sheriff wouldn't concentrate his forces on Hugo but would cover calls when needed.

The group dispersed, and Sheriff Nestor told the Board that he had another jail deputy ready for the road, and he planned to ask that the commissioners allow him to promote him in January. The deputy would not be eligible for a pay raise at that time unless it was a cost of living adjustment approved by the Board. Sheriff Nestor said that if he could hire another person for the jail, he could put the certified deputy on the road in August or September of this year if the commissioners would agree to that. That deputy could then help cover Hugo. He added that if the town board would increase Deputy Ryan's wages for a few months, he might agree to stay, but several small agencies are having the same problems and end up closing down.

The Board approved several expense vouchers before meeting with 4-H Program Assistant Christine Schinzel at 1:20 p.m. to discuss handwashing and exhibitor only signs for the fairgrounds. Fairgrounds Manager John Palmer and fair board member Ryan Bush also attended the discussion. Ms. Schinzel sent an email to Mr. Piper that included pictures of the signs in question, as well as a request to close the office on Fridays throughout September to burn vacation and comp time since there would only be two people in the office. Mr. Schifferns let Ms. Schinzel know that the commissioners preferred not to put up the "Exhibitors Only" or "Limited Access" signs since many patrons enjoy seeing the animals when they go to the fair. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stone agreed, and Ms. Schinzel told him the signs were mainly to restrict public access to livestock back areas to help eliminate germ spread to non-exhibitors. Mr. Palmer said he'd seen the signs and thought they could probably laminate some of them to cut down on cost.

Mr. Stone said that he'd received some complaints concerning kids not getting to attend a retreat during the spring and wanted to know what happened. Ms. Schinzel said there was miscommunication in the office. Mr. Stone also told her that the commissioners would not allow the extension office to close on Fridays since it was such a busy time of year, and Ms. Schinzel said she'd sent a follow-up email saying that they'd changed their minds about doing that.

Mr. Schifferns asked how long it would take for the signs to come in if they ordered them. Ms. Schinzel said they'd laminate what they could, and Mr. Burgess told her to work with Mr. Palmer to get what they needed. Mr. Piper told Mr. Palmer to use his Operating Supplies line item to pay for them.

Ms. Schinzel asked who decided what to pay the judges since most only get \$50 per day plus mileage. She felt it might be time to increase at least the livestock judges' pay, but Mr. Piper told her she would have to do it at budget time. Mr. Schiffers suggested that Ms. Schinzel check with Washington and Kit Carson counties to see what they paid their judges.

Lastly, Ms. Schinzel asked if John Mohan could build some shelves for the shooting sports shed at the range in Limon. Mr. Burgess showed her some metal shelves under the awning that the clerk's office had used for election equipment and said if that wasn't what she wanted, they could ask Mr. Mohan if he would have time to build something.

The commissioners finished approving the May expense vouchers.

#### COUNTY GENERAL

Wade Adams, Road Deputy Salary \$3,400.00  
Justin Allen, Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,340.00  
Nathaniel Allen, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,003.00  
Marlin Baranyk, Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,280.00  
LaRay Becker-Patton, Chief Deputy Salary \$3,958.00  
William Breneman, Metal Detector Salary \$680.00  
Coley Britton, Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,640.00  
Steve Burgess, Commissioner Salary \$4,745.00  
Jason Case, Road Sergeant Salary \$3,538.00  
Joseph Colpitts, Road Deputy Salary \$3,520.00  
James Covington, Treasurer Salary \$5,037.42  
Marshall Cox, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,123.00  
Dustin Cunningham, Road Deputy Salary, \$3,460.00  
James Day, Metal Detector Salary \$816.00  
Mindy Dutro, Chief Deputy Salary \$3,598.00  
Ashley Erwin, Clerk I Salary \$3,008.00  
Ryan Erwin, Road Deputy Salary \$3,460.00  
William Garlow, Clerk I Salary \$3,183.00  
Andrea Hendricks, Deputy I Salary \$3,340.00  
Jeremiah Higgins, Assessor Salary \$5,037.42  
Timothy Hilferty, Driver Examiner Salary \$3,255.00  
Christine Hollenbaugh, Deputy I Salary \$3,108.00  
Michael Hutton, Correctional Officer III Salary \$3,400.00  
Kerigan Kappel, Part Time Indexer Salary \$977.50  
Stan Kimble, Attorney Salary \$2,920.00  
Corinne Lengel, Clerk Salary \$5,037.42  
Carlos Leonard, Part-Time Fairgrounds Salary \$319.00  
Andrew Lorensen, Coroner Salary \$1,138.58  
Casey Love, Clerk I Salary \$2,616.00  
Fred Lundy, Land Use Administrator Salary \$3,478.00



Crystal Mariano, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,123.00  
Derik Mattson, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,183.00  
Jodi Mohan, Janitor Salary \$3,063.00  
John Mohan, Maintenance Salary \$3,616.17  
Gordon Nall, Undersheriff Salary \$4,078.00  
Carmel Nestor, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,176.86  
Tom Nestor, Sheriff Salary \$5,647.00  
Parker Newbanks Jr, VA Service Officer Salary \$525.00  
Jesus Ortiz-Marrufo, Corporal Salary \$3,375.00  
John Palmer, Fairgrounds Manager Salary \$2,000.00  
Jacob Piper, Administrator Salary \$4,530.00  
Wendy Pottorff, Clerk I Salary \$3,183.00  
Dale Rostron, Corporal Salary \$3,495.00  
Kaylee Rostron, Janitor Salary \$506.69  
Ed Schifferns, Commissioner Salary \$5,037.42  
Christine Schinzel, 4-H Program Assistant Salary \$3,597.00  
Amy Seymour, Part Time Victim Assistant Salary \$277.78  
Wayne Shade, Weed Coordinator Salary \$3,752.00  
Amy Solomon, Office Manager II Salary \$3,426.00  
Doug Stone, Commissioner Salary \$4,745.00  
Ken Stroud, OEM Salary \$1,739.00  
Ken Stroud Jr, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,123.00  
Matthew Thelen, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,003.00  
Renita Thelen, Chief Deputy Salary \$3,326.00  
Amy Vice, Appraisal Clerk Salary \$2,981.00  
Amy Vice, Part Time Victim Assistant Salary \$277.78  
Jessica Wargo, Victim Assistant Salary \$3,423.00  
Keith Westfall, Surveyor Salary \$126.50  
Bryson Winterberg, Correctional Officer I Salary \$3,063.00  
Cynthia Yowell, Admin Assist Salary \$3,940.00  
LeRoy Yowell, Metal Detector Salary \$1,632.00  
Michael Yowell, Captain Salary \$3,838.00  
Tyler Yowell, Road Deputy Salary \$3,520.00

#### ROAD AND BRIDGE

Carey Ashcraft, Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00  
Rick Ashcraft, Road Foreman Salary \$3,958.00  
Theron Brent, Road Crew Salary \$3,843.93  
Ryan Bush, Mechanic Salary \$4,258.44  
Dennis Cunningham, Road Crew Salary \$3,747.51  
Duane Daniel, Road Crew Salary \$3,483.00  
Jason Eager, Road Crew Salary \$4,864.38  
Kevin Harris, Road Crew Salary \$3,243.00

Brennen Hekkers, Road Crew Salary \$3,003.00  
Jerrid Hielscher, Road Crew Salary \$4,155.11  
Casey Huelskamp, Road Crew Salary \$4,651.04  
Jeffrey Huntoon, Road Crew Salary \$3,483.00  
Judd Kravig, Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00  
Joshua Leithead, Road Crew Salary \$4,053.00  
Zane Leonard, Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00  
Darian Linn, Road Crew Salary \$1,232.00  
Monty Mattson, Part Time Road Crew Salary \$2,378.86  
Adrian McDaugale, Road Crew Salary \$3,123.00  
Ord Miller, Road Crew Salary \$4,417.80  
Clay Monks, Road Foreman Salary \$4,418.00  
David Orcutt, Road Crew Salary \$3,303.00  
Rick Porter, Road Crew Salary \$4,131.50  
James Rigsby, Road Crew Salary \$3,709.80  
David Schaeffer, Road Crew Salary \$3,883.26  
David Seymour, Road Crew Salary \$3,603.00  
Kirsten Smith, Shop Secretary Salary \$3,543.00  
Ty Stogsdill, Road Crew Salary \$3,123.00  
Bruce Walters, Road Foreman Salary \$3,838.00  
Hunter Wells, Road Crew Salary \$3,208.20  
Wayne Wolf, Road Crew Salary \$3,123.00

#### LANDFILL

Allen Chubbuck, Operator Salary \$3,363.00  
Brenda Howe, Part Time Clerk Salary \$1,125.00  
Mickey Jaques, Manager Salary \$3,958.00

#### LIBRARY

Kevin Pickerill, Bookmobile Salary \$809.40  
Katie Zipperer, Bookmobile Salary \$1,071.33

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Lindsey Blackwelder, Part Time Tobacco Educator Salary \$476.25  
John Fox, Doctor Salary \$100.00  
Darcy Janssen, Regional EPR Coordinator Salary \$4,250.00  
Kelly Linnebur, Office Manager Salary \$3,135.00  
Patricia McHone, WIC Educator Salary \$3,375.00  
Jobeth Mills, Director Salary \$3,678.00  
Ken Stroud, EPR Salary \$1,739.00

## HUMAN SERVICES

Tricia Borns, Child Support Legal Admin Salary \$3,525.00  
Melissa Gossett, Caseworker III Salary \$4,094.00  
Sherri Hansen, Financial Administrator Salary \$3,415.00  
Debra Klapperich, Lead IMT V Salary \$3,447.00  
Robert Kraxberger, Assistance Pmts Supervisor Salary \$3,910.00  
Andrew Lorensen, Child Welfare Supervisor Salary \$4,997.00  
Larissa Lukins, Caseworker III Salary \$3,769.00  
Bailey Mares, Admin Assistance III Salary \$3,018.00  
Patricia Phillips, Director Salary \$5,877.00  
Kim Quintana, IMT II Salary \$3,018.00  
Amy Seymour, Caseworker IV Salary \$4,583.00  
Samantha Winterberg, Case Aide II Salary \$2,908.00  
Shonda Yowell, Caseworker II Salary \$3,906.00

## LINCOLN COUNTY PAYABLES

39324 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Equipment \$15,238.78  
39325 Adrian McDaugale, Maintenance \$400.00  
39326 Allied 100, Supplies \$106.00  
39327 Blue Star Police Supply, Pins \$74.90  
39328 Brennan Hekkers, Reimbursement \$400.00  
39329 Brontide Diesel, Repairs \$484.50  
39330 Carmel Nestor, Coroner Assist \$20.00  
39331 CDPHE, Certificates \$258.25  
39332 Large Center Point, Books \$112.05  
39333 CenturyLink, Phone \$253.53  
39334 Cole Britton, Fuel \$37.66  
39335 CSU Extension, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment \$3,525.00  
39336 CCFS, Contract \$7,890.13  
39337 Corinne Lengel, Mileage \$82.35  
39338 Cornerstone Carpet Cleaning, Services \$2,750.00  
39339 Corporate Billing, Parts \$8,642.37  
39340 Dale Rostron, Coroner Assist \$95.00  
39341 Daniel Electric, Services \$56,338.15  
39342 Danielle Dascalos, Promotion \$1,575.00  
39343 Darcy Janssen, Mileage \$269.00  
39344 DISA, Testing \$278.00  
39345 Doug Stone, Mileage \$294.30  
39346 Express Toll, Travel \$13.60  
39347 Eastern Colorado Rentals, Storage Rental \$330.00  
39348 ESRTA, Phone \$272.69  
39349 Easter Owens, Parts \$620.00

39350 Eaton Sales, Parts \$130.82  
39351 Void  
39352 Ed's Towing, Towing \$204.00  
39353 End Point Direct, Printing \$306.61  
39354 Ethan Durham, Welding \$120.00  
39355 Evergreen Systems, IT Service \$1,097.66  
39356 FNBH, Payroll Fee \$48.80  
39357 FNB Omaha, Charges \$220.19  
39358 FNB Omaha, Charges \$324.08  
39359 FNB Omaha, Charges \$183.33  
39360 FNB Omaha, Charges \$41.06  
39361 FNB Omaha, Charges \$560.06  
39362 FNB Omaha, Charges \$103.90  
39363 FNB Omaha, Charges \$5.69  
39364 FNB Omaha, Charges \$188.00  
39365 FNB Omaha, Charges \$948.75  
39366 FNB Omaha, Charges \$86.74  
39367 FNB Omaha, Charges \$347.15  
39368 FNB Omaha, Charges \$135.65  
39369 FNB Omaha, Charges \$146.48  
39370 FNB Omaha, Charges \$876.39  
39371 FNB Omaha, Charges \$103.25  
39372 FNB Omaha, Charges \$623.25  
39373 FNB Omaha, Charges \$470.51  
39374 FNB Omaha, Charges \$76.55  
39375 Flagler Coop, Fuel \$32,167.26  
39376 Frontier Telephone, Headsets \$700.00  
39377 Green Horizons, Services \$623.39  
39378 Harold Eichman, Gravel \$1,927.50  
39379 Honnen Equipment, Parts \$217.00  
39380 Hugo Lumber, Supplies \$138.99  
39381 Hugo Postmaster, Stamps \$55.00  
39382 Island Truck Parts, Parts \$189.11  
39383 Interstate Battery, Parts \$516.80  
39384 Karval Community Alliance, Festival \$4,000.00  
39385 KCCHHS, 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarterly Payment \$2,270.50  
39386 Know Buddy Resources, Books \$361.36  
39387 Kris Lukins, Coroner Assist \$40.00  
39388 Limon Heritage Museum, AAA Ad \$7,175.00  
39389 LCH, Ads \$1,790.00  
39390 LC Extension Fund, Conference \$246.00  
39391 LC Road & Bridge, Fuel \$188.22  
39392 Lisa Nielson, Coroner Assist \$30.00  
39393 Lorilei Case, Stipend \$277.78

39394 MHC Kenworth, Parts \$739.60  
39395 MLR Enterprises, Civil Program \$339.30  
39396 MVEA, Utilities \$62.89  
39397 DA 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Payment \$33,111.00  
39398 Osborne's, Supplies \$45.65  
39399 Pat McHone, Cleaning \$150.75  
39400 PayFlex, Cafeteria Plan \$100.00  
39401 Perry White, Trucking \$16,605.00  
39402 Pro-Vision, Bodycams \$2,790.00  
39403 Quill, Supplies \$1,180.63  
39404 Robert Safranek, Gravel \$271.50  
39405 Rocky Mtn Little Britches Rodeo, Rodeo \$1,500.00  
39406 Rosanne Safranek, Gravel \$271.50  
39407 Snap-On Tools, Tools \$113.00  
39408 Southern Health Partners, Contract \$5,132.18  
39409 Stand By Power, Parts \$1,940.02  
39410 State of Colorado, Postage \$266.43  
39411 Steve Burgess, Mileage \$518.40  
39412 Stevinson Chevrolet, Vehicle \$26,348.09  
39413 Structures Unlimited, Concrete \$11,000.00  
39414 The Great Outdoors Gun Shop, Ammo \$359.60  
39415 Town of Genoa, Water \$119.43  
39416 Tracy Grimes, Rent \$530.00  
39417 Transwest, Repairs \$120.00  
39418 Tyler Technologies, Contracts \$17,709.84  
39419 ULINE, Supplies \$139.18  
39420 US Corrections, Transport \$1,387.50  
39421 Verizon Wireless, Phone \$106.68  
39422 Wagner Equipment, Repairs \$1,633.43  
39423 Winterberg Oil, Repairs \$747.50  
39424 Witt Boys, Parts \$1,098.18  
39425 WWIT Dirt LLC, Dirt work \$400.00  
39426 Xerox, Lease \$271.68  
39427 Xerox, Lease \$691.06  
39428 XESI, Lease \$281.75  
39429 Ed Schiffers, Mileage \$150.75  
39430 Auto Chlor, Supplies \$178.70  
39431 Black Hills Energy, Utilities \$1,097.82  
39432 Blue Tarp, Supplies \$348.39  
39433 Christine Schinzel, Mileage \$426.60  
39434 Complete Wireless Technologies, Repairs \$264.85  
39435 DirecTV, TV \$203.98  
39436 Eastern Colorado Vet, Services \$134.06  
39437 ESRTA, Phone \$2,608.68

39438 Fox Electric, Office Security \$1,518.86  
39439 Frontier Telephone, Services \$320.00  
39440 Hart's Auto Supply, Parts \$85.43  
39441 Hillyard, Supplies \$1,999.52  
39442 Hugo Lumber, Supplies \$346.23  
39443 Jim Covington, Mileage \$170.10  
39444 KC Electric, Utilities \$5,132.28  
39445 Limon Leader, Ads \$445.44  
39446 LC Road & Bridge, Fuel \$4,767.18  
39447 Osborne's, Supplies \$294.50  
39448 Pro-Ag Solutions, Chemicals \$3,600.00  
39449 Pro-Vision, Shipping \$81.00  
39450 S & S Fumigation, Services \$75.00  
39451 Transwest, Repairs \$273.24  
39452 US Corrections, Transport \$2,662.50  
39453 USPS, Box Rental \$376.00  
39454 Vern's TV, Supplies \$13.99  
39455 Viaero Wireless, Phone \$407.55  
39463 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Parts \$1,176.72  
39464 ALSCO, Equipment Rental \$74.95  
39465 CDPHE, Permit \$15.04  
39466 Diesel Generator Services, Parts \$75.70  
39467 DISA, Testing \$69.50  
39468 DJ Petroleum, Fuel \$3,166.60  
39469 ESRTA, Phone \$368.29  
39470 Goodyear Tire, Tires \$902.42  
39471 KC Electric, Utilities \$153.80  
39472 Karval Water Users, Water \$95.20  
39473 LC Clerk, Plates \$21.96  
39474 MVEA, Utilities \$477.36  
39475 Osborne's, Supplies \$152.25  
39476 Perry White, Hauling Road Oil \$11,970.00  
39477 Rocky Mtn Cleaning, Equipment \$4,500.00  
39478 Silverstone, Tires \$826.51  
39479 Spradley Barr, Vehicles \$59,442.00  
39480 Stum Trucking, Trucking \$990.00  
39481 Town of Genoa, Water \$126.90  
39482 ULINE, Supplies \$244.28  
39483 Wagner, Parts & Equipment Rental \$13,007.87  
39484 Witt Boys, Parts \$77.09  
39485 Witt Boys, Parts \$1,556.99  
39493 Blackford Weighing, Catwalk \$4,052.14  
39494 Larry Monks, Equipment \$4,000.00  
39495 WW Mfg Co, Show Barn Panels \$2,213.20

39496 CenturyLink, Phone \$245.84  
39490 Steve Burgess, Supplies \$250.00  
39491 DJ Petroleum, Fuel \$2,008.20  
39492 ESRTA, Phone \$125.44  
39486 Center Point Large Print, Books \$538.68  
39487 DJ Petroleum, Fuel \$129.02  
39488 Hoffman Drug, Supplies \$27.30  
39489 USPS, Box Rent \$56.00  
39456 ESRTA, Phone \$286.51  
39457 Embroidery Creations, Services \$36.00  
39458 Henry Schein, Supplies \$222.40  
39459 Jenny's, Catering \$235.18  
39460 Kelly Linnebur, Reimbursement \$116.17  
39461 Osborne's, Supplies \$43.20  
39462 Witt Boys, Parts \$38.30

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68566 ESRTA, Phone \$734.04  
68567 Farm Gas, Fuel \$51.02  
68568 Lexis Nexis, Subscription \$50.00  
68569 LC Road & Bridge, Fuel \$726.26  
68570 Office Depot, Supplies \$532.88  
68571 Osborne's, Supplies \$12.15  
68572 Client, Refund \$807.00  
68573 Tyler Technologies, Contract \$780.00  
68574 Witt Boys, Repairs \$260.91  
68575 Void  
68576 Centennial Mental Health, Services \$205.50  
68577 CenturyLink, Phone \$91.96  
68578 CKLECC, Contract \$664.97  
68579 Evergreen Systems, IT Service \$267.00  
68580 Fast & Friendly, Client \$212.12  
68581 FNB Omaha, Charges \$97.70  
68582 FNB Omaha, Charges \$178.45  
68583 FNB Omaha, Charges \$12.99  
68584 FNB Omaha, Charges \$441.98  
68585 FNB Omaha, Charges \$534.27  
68586 FNB Omaha, Charges \$24.21  
68587 FNB Omaha, Charges \$410.97  
68588 FNB Omaha, Charges \$644.16  
68589 FNB Omaha, Charges \$12.19  
68590 FNB Omaha, Charges \$40.02  
68591 Tracy Grimes, Rent \$400.00

68592 Sherri Hansen, Mileage \$98.10  
68593 JD Power, NADA Guides \$150.00  
68594 LC DHS, Reimbursement \$1,098.27  
68595 LC Treasurer, Rent \$1,882.00  
68596 Rose Padilla, Contract \$132.50  
68597 Rocky Mtn Microfilm, Services \$850.00  
68598 Scranton Specht & Associates, Legal \$5,798.00  
68599 Client, Refund \$807.00  
68600 Mary Solze, Contract \$344.05  
68601 Transwest, Service \$120.00  
68602 Viaero Wireless, Phone \$47.46  
68603 XESI, Lease \$257.66  
68604 LC Treasurer, Withholdings \$13,142.46  
68605 CHP, Insurance \$23,708.35  
68606 Great West Life & Annuity, Deferred Comp \$1,745.00  
68607 SEI Private Trust Company, Retirement \$3,534.56  
68608 PayFlex, Cafeteria Plan \$200.00  
68609 AFLAC, Premiums \$794.69

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schiffers adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ed E. Schiffers, Chairman



Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for June 19, 2019

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

10:00 Parker Newbanks to present an annual update for the Lincoln County Veterans Office

10:30 Chris Monks, Road and Bridge District One Road Foreman, to discuss equipment at the Lincoln County Landfill

1. Approve the minutes from the June 7, 2019 meeting
2. Review the employee time sheet for Landfill Manager Mickey Jaques
3. Review the May, 2019, reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
4. Review the May, 2019, reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and the County Workers' Compensation Pool
5. County Commissioner reports
6. County Attorney's report
7. County Administrator's report
8. Old Business
9. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 19, 2019. The following attended: Chairman Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended as well.

Chairman Schifferns called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Stone to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 7, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed Landfill Manager Mickey Jaques' time sheet, the May 2019 reports from the Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer, and the May 2019 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property and County Workers' Compensation Pools. Mr. Piper said the county received payment for the sheriff's vehicle claim, and he also filed an incident report regarding the drivers' license customer who tripped and fell in the courthouse parking lot.

Mr. Schifferns called for commissioner reports, and Mr. Burgess said he'd dropped off the signal light in Flagler on June 8 so that Jim Shideler could work on it. He took a call from Roxie Devers on June 9; someone wanted to use a metal detector around the roundhouse. Mr. Burgess told her it wouldn't be an issue, and he got a text message on June 12 from the party asking if there were any areas where he could not use his metal detector. Mr. Burgess told him that the land north of the roundhouse belonged to the UP, but that he would be okay using it on the property east, west, and south of the building. Mr. Burgess reported going by the landfill on June 10. He also checked some roads. Christine Schinzel asked Mr. Burgess who to contact regarding leave time since there is currently no department head at the Extension Office to approve time off. Mr. Burgess told her to let Mr. Piper know. Mr. Burgess also reported that Mr. Schifferns called because the town of Arriba asked for some road millings, so they hauled three loads in for them. On June 11, Mr. Burgess met with Carlos Leonard at the fairgrounds to discuss drainage issues. He also received information concerning guardrail problems on County Road 33 and talked to Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy about putting millings in pits. Mr. Lundy said they could do so temporarily. Mr. Burgess attended the annual Baby Bear Hugs get-together on June 12 and the Centennial Mental Health meeting in Cheyenne Wells on June 13. He thanked Bob Johnson for allowing the county to use the stockpile area and told him they might need it again before the project was complete. Bruce Walters ordered a new Ford pickup at the same price as the other districts, and it will be in sometime in October or November. Mr. Burgess attended the Mountain View meeting in Monument on June 13 as well. Mr. Burgess received a call from a resident on June 14 who wanted some mowing done in the Arriba area so they will do it on Monday. He also checked roads that day. On June 17, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Stone, and Carlos Leonard worked on the rip-rap at the fairgrounds. Coming back from picking up parts in Burlington, he noticed four trucks associated with the new wind energy project using County Road 109 as a haul route when they weren't supposed to be. He contacted Chris Monks, and they agreed to impose the same \$500 fine as they had with Mortensen

Construction. They had anywhere from two-to-five inches of rain north of Arriba on June 17, so they started working on road damage later in the day on the Eighteenth and put up "Road Closed" signs on the roads with low water crossings. The road crew also worked on patching asphalt on County Road 63. Mr. Burgess attended the Economic Development meeting earlier this morning. The organization is changing its bylaws to increase the number of board members from nine to twenty.

Mr. Stone reported checking roads with Rick Ashcraft on June 10 to determine where to start chip-sealing, which they will begin on Monday. He attended the Economic Development meeting the morning of June 11 and the Colorado East Community Action Agency meeting later that afternoon where he mentioned the complaints the commissioners received regarding the food bank. They assured him the problems were taken care of. Mr. Stone met with Rick Ashcraft on June 12 to discuss the HDR Engineering Essential Repair Finding Memo regarding bridges in District 3. Mr. Stone said the inspection indicated that they should replace all railings, but he didn't know if it should be with metal, wood, or a different type of material. Mr. Burgess commented that if they wanted them to comply with state standards, they would have to put in regular guardrails, which would be quite costly. Mr. Stone said that most bridges have the lower rails so that people can get farming equipment across them, so they discussed putting in culverts instead, which would also be expensive. The letter from HDR recommended replacing the rails within ninety days, and Mr. Stone asked what would happen if they didn't do it. Mr. Burgess said the state could possibly withhold highway user funds. Mr. Stone continued with his report, stating that he'd stopped by the county shop on June 13 and also checked roads south of Karval. He attended the Rodeo Bible Camp on June 14 and reported that they had used the new show barn for the goat-tying. He received several positive comments about the building, but John Palmer told him he'd gotten a few negative remarks as well. The majority felt that the commissioners should have enclosed at least one side of the barn. Mr. Stone went by the fairgrounds on June 17 to help Mr. Burgess and Carlos Leonard with the drainage. They got quite a bit of rain that day and night, so he and Rick checked roads on June 18. There were several areas where the water went over the roads, but they were relatively easy to fix. That evening, Chris Monks called him about a party in Hugo who planned to call the governor about the county's roads. Later, they determined that the gentleman lived in the town limits and had contacted town maintenance about his issue as well. When he got no satisfaction there, he decided it was the county's problem and threatened to call the governor. No one had heard anything further.

Mr. Schiffers reported talking with Chris Monks on June 11. They suspended the I-70 project due to another equipment breakdown. Linda Hoover with Limon Housing Authority called him on June 12 to ask how the commissioners determine real estate taxes. Mr. Schiffers told her to call the assessor. He checked roads on June 13 and again on June 17 after the area received almost three inches of rain in places. He and Mr. Burgess discussed the rain and road issues on June 18, and they also made arrangements for District 2 to pick up some cement that the town of Arriba wanted to get rid of.

Mr. Kimble asked if the commissioners had seen the road that Robert Breault complained about in previous meetings. When they told him they had not, he encouraged them to watch the video taken by the sheriff's deputy, stating that the sheriff felt there wasn't an issue since the three gates were unlocked. The road does not appear to be on a section line as it meanders around, sometimes several feet from existing fence lines. Mr. Kimble said it would be very difficult for the county to make people border the road with fences. He went on to say that Mr. Lundy's letter, although it seemed to upset a few people, was merely a means of reminding residents that the road is a county road and to keep it open. Mr. Kimble thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the County Attorney conference, stating that as usual, it was extremely beneficial. He wanted to know if the commissioners listened to what the La Plata County attorney had to say about landfills and the recent legislation, but the Board told him their regional meeting wouldn't have included La Plata County. Mr. Kimble said they created a coalition of eleven counties (of which Lincoln is one) to determine what CDPHE would do. The department of health seemed to think that the primary purpose commissioners had was to protect groundwater, and La Plata County has already spent millions of dollars trying to comply with the state landfill regulations. The attorney felt that CDPHE would be back during the next legislative session and wanted everyone to be prepared. Mr. Kimble received an email from the attorneys representing the county in the Hubbard case. A judge will rule on the Summary Judgement this month. Mr. Kimble hasn't gotten a Road Use Agreement for the Bronco Plains Energy Transmission project yet and said he would speak with Mr. Lundy about it. Lastly, Mr. Kimble informed the Board he'd sent another letter to the party who had filled the creek with debris and other rubbish. The commissioners asked him to remove the trash almost two years ago, but he never did it. Mr. Kimble felt that it would be a good time to burn the trees since there had been so much moisture recently. He still hadn't heard anything back from the bond attorney regarding Karval Water Users.

Mr. Schifferns asked for an update on the Brent and Bode property dispute, and Mr. Kimble said that Brents planned to file a motion for the court to determine what the 1885 Order meant. Mr. Kimble has until Friday to file a response, but he said that the Order was for the county's benefit to create a county road system. Once that was done, the Order was no longer necessary, which was sometime in the 1950s.

At 10:00 a.m., Veterans' Service Officer Parker Newbanks, Jr. met with the Board to provide his annual report. The Board had no questions and thanked Mr. Newbanks for his work serving veterans.

District One Road Foreman Chris Monks met with the commissioners at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the compactor at the landfill. He provided a letter from John Rowe with Wagner Equipment Company outlining the problems and subsequent repairs to the machinery and the offer to extend the warranty until December 16, 2020, excluding travel time. Mr. Monks said he was reluctant to pay the \$35,000 repair bill when landfill employees reported that the machine was still making the same noise, adding that the county had already put quite a bit of money into it. Mr. Piper called the landfill so that the commissioners could speak with Mick Jaques and Allen Chubbuck. Both agreed that the noise was much better since Wagner put in the additive and

shims on the front turning cylinders, but also said they did still hear it periodically. Mr. Burgess asked if the air conditioning worked since that had also been one of the main problems, and Mick said it worked very well. In Mr. Rowe's letter, he mentioned that the new differential would need time to "break in," and as often as the landfill employees used the compactor, it would probably take a while. The commissioners suggested that they run it as much as possible to see if it improved.

Mr. Schiffers felt the county should withhold a portion of the \$35,000 payment until they were satisfied that Wagner had fixed the machine, but Mr. Burgess wasn't sure they could. Mr. Monks said they'd had a lot of problems with Wagner over the past couple of years, not just with the compactor but with various other pieces of equipment. Mr. Burgess suggested paying \$25,000 and withholding \$10,000, and Mr. Kimble said the company might consider it a breach of contract. Mr. Monks suggested asking them for another year on the warranty and paying the full amount, and the commissioners asked him to contact Mr. Rowe to see if that was acceptable. Mr. Kimble commented that it appeared the county had reasonable grounds based on the machine's performance.

The group briefly discussed the HDR Engineering bridge report, and Mr. Burgess said he'd speak to Travis Miller with CDOT. Mr. Stone commented that the county needed to know what the expectations were to fix it as they didn't want to have to do it twice.

Mr. Piper reported that he'd sent the ad for the new landfill rates to the newspaper and it would run for two weeks. He also said that they'd gotten the check from Daniels Electric straightened out through the Treasurer's office. The department heads met the previous day to discuss the number of magnetic lock requests for their offices, and the total amount was fifteen, which included four in the courts. Sheriff Nestor was going to ask them to pay for their own, as well as the labor to install them. The sheriff also said he'd like to see an LED light above each door that indicated if it were locked or not, which would help law enforcement when clearing the building. Mr. Piper asked if the commissioners wanted to ask for electrical bids, adding that the items weren't part of the 2019 budget. There is \$285,000 available in the Capital Projects fund, and Mr. Burgess said that based on the cost to do the Clerk's office, they would need roughly \$25,000. The commissioners suggested that Mr. Piper order the magnetic locks and hardware, and when they arrive, the Board could do a walk-through with interested electricians.

Mr. Piper also reported receiving information from American Fidelity, which would potentially replace the AFLAC and PayFlex cafeteria plans currently used by county employees. Mr. Piper presented the proposal at the department head meeting the previous day, but the group agreed that they were happy with what they had. Mr. Piper said the benefit of the new company was that they would administer the café plan for free; whereas, the current plan costs the county \$100 per month. After some discussion, Mr. Piper said he didn't think it was worth the change and the Board agreed to keep the current benefits as is.

Mr. Schifferns called for old business, and Mr. Burgess said he could borrow the core drill from CDOT any time so that they could put the post in front of the courthouse to protect the entrance from someone driving into the building.

The Board also discussed the recent incident with the accessible parking area and agreed to move the parking spaces across the lot to the east side and to install a handrail at the portion of the curb that the customer tripped over.

Mr. Schifferns asked if there were any updates regarding the sale of county vehicles. Mr. Burgess said that the shop now has the old blue pickup that the hospital had for a while to add to the list. Undersheriff Nall said they should have their vehicles ready in a week or so.

Mrs. Lengel provided an invoice for \$3,744 from Dave Dobbs to replace the cabinets in the clerk's office kitchen and driver examiner's office. Mr. Burgess said he'd seen Mr. Dobbs who told him he'd work on it over the weekend.

Mr. Kimble said he'd received a message and the party told him he would remove the debris from the creek bed as soon as possible. Mr. Kimble gave him thirty days.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schifferns adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for June 27, 2019

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Fred Lundy, Lincoln County Land Use Administrator, to discuss a land use matter
- 10:00 Corinne Lengel, Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder, to present a proposal for a County Finance Office
- 2:30 Attend the Colorado Department of Transportation 4-P Meeting at the Limon Community Building
1. Approve the minutes from the June 19, 2019 meeting
  2. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank Omaha
  3. Review and act upon a Request for Extension of Time to File Audit with the Office of the State Auditor
  4. Old Business
  5. New Business
  6. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2019. Those attending were Chairman Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended until 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Schifferns called the meeting to order and asked John Mohan to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Mohan met briefly with the Board to discuss furnace and air conditioning units in the courthouse and sheriff's department dispatch center. The latter is one of the original units, but it has had several repairs over the past couple of years. Jason Smith with SS Heating & A/C, LLC gave him an estimate of \$6,896.18 to replace the 2-ton unit with a 3-ton unit, installing new line sets, and labor for changing out the furnace. The day before, the compressor went out on the air conditioner that runs the courthouse lobby and remainder of dispatch, but it can't be changed out because it has the old R-22 Freon in it, so they would have to replace the entire unit. Mr. Mohan said they would also have to replace the coil in the furnace and flush the lines, and although Mr. Smith didn't have a cost estimate on it yet, the guess would be another \$6,000. Mr. Piper interjected that there was around \$11,600 left in the Repairs and Maintenance line item of the Grounds and Buildings budget, which would cover part of it. There is plenty in other line items within the G & B budget to cover the remainder. Mr. Mohan added that something to keep in mind was that there are five other furnaces/air conditioners that haven't been replaced in over five years.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to allow SS Heating & A/C, LLC to repair or replace the furnace/air conditioner units at the courthouse and dispatch center. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Road Foreman Chris Monks stopped by with another letter from Wagner Equipment regarding the landfill trash compactor repairs and warranty. Wagner agreed to extend the warranty for another year until December 16, 2021.

The Board discussed having a load of rock delivered, which is \$45 per ton if it comes from southwest of Colorado Springs. Mr. Burgess told Mr. Monks to skip the smaller rock that he'd suggested they buy and order a load of the bigger rock. Mr. Stone asked Mr. Monks how the chipping project was going, and the group also discussed the chipping machine they purchased in 1985 and what it might cost to get a replacement.

Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy arrived for his 9:30 appointment while Mr. Monks informed the commissioners that they should consider adding something to the Road Use Agreement that would stop trucks from using non-designated haul routes. They received a check for \$4,000 from the last fines that they imposed, but Mr. Monks said he'd still caught several Xcel Energy trucks trying to find alternate routes from those designated in the Road Use Agreement. Mr. Lundy suggested doubling the fine again to see if it would get their attention. Mr. Piper asked if Undersheriff Nall talked to Mr. Monks, as he'd come to him saying that CSP Trooper



Bandy had questions about the Road Use Agreement and whether or not the county could legally impose those penalties.

Mr. Monks left, and Mr. Lundy told the commissioners that SB19-181 passed, which gives the county the option to be involved with the siting process on oil wells. Currently, the county signs the permit but has no other involvement, but Mr. Lundy explained that the county would have to send a letter for each occurrence now, regardless of the decision. He provided a draft letter for the Board's review, and they agreed it was acceptable.

Mr. Lundy also said that a landowner has 330 acres that he would like to divide. He wants to keep forty-three acres that his house sits on and deed the other 277 to his cousin. At some point, they would put the land back into one owner's name again. County zoning regulations don't allow for non-conforming lots, and a subdivision exemption only applies to tracts of thirty-five acres or less, so Mr. Lundy asked for guidance from the Board. He wondered if the commissioners could grant special permission or amend the zoning resolution for any reason, but Mr. Burgess suggested he contact the landowner and ask if he would agree to break off less than 35 acres and apply for a subdivision exemption.

Lastly, Mr. Lundy said there would be a Land Use Board meeting on July 11 where they would decide on the Viaero tower. An owner of a small plot in the "lower L" would like to buy a readymade cabin and put it on her property to use as a gathering place when she and friends come out to camp. It would only be once or twice a year, and all parties bring their RVs, so the building would not require water or sewer since those accommodations are available in their campers. Mr. Lundy went on to say that he would not issue a Certificate of Occupancy for the dwelling, so if they ever wanted to change the classification, they would have to bring it before the Land Use Board again. The property runs along what would be County Road 1 if it existed, and there is no other access to the land. Mr. Burgess felt it wouldn't be a problem as long as the county had legal recourse for it.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Lundy if he would need a permit to put up a 22' x 24' metal round-top building on planks. Mr. Lundy told him he should get a permit so that the Assessor's office could pick it up for taxes, but the permit wouldn't cost anything because the building would be for agricultural use.

Mr. Lundy left, and Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 19, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Monthly Management Report from the First National Bank of Omaha, and then Deputy Treasurer LaRay Patton arrived for the 10:00 a.m. discussion regarding creating a finance department for the county.

Mrs. Lengel said she'd thought about it for quite some time, even before County Auditor Ronny Farmer mentioned it a couple of years ago. She'd come to the conclusion that the county should create a finance department and that the Clerk's office should no longer be responsible

for the liability of managing the county's financial accounts. Payroll, accounts payable, GL, monthly and quarterly tax reporting, 1099s, W2s, Affordable Care Act forms, monthly claims to the newspaper, EE04 reports, and general bookkeeping should be the responsibility of a finance director or bookkeeper, not the County Clerk.

Mrs. Lengel provided three documents to the Board: a comment from the auditor regarding the limited bookkeeping knowledge in the Clerk's office; a spreadsheet of clerks' offices statewide that are responsible for performing accounting duties; and an email from Ronny Farmer explaining why it would be a good idea for the county to create a finance or bookkeeping department. Mrs. Lengel said that Mr. Farmer's comment on the first document was correct as no one in her office had an accounting degree, even though one employee is currently working on it. Unlike election, motor vehicle, recording, and driver's license where state agencies require certification, she and her staff have never received training or attended meetings or seminars regarding accounting or bookkeeping duties and the liabilities related to them.

Of the forty-six responses Mrs. Lengel received from county clerks statewide, only four counties require that the bookkeeping responsibilities are carried out by the County Clerk's office. Two other counties perform some of the duties but not all of them.

The third document, Mr. Farmer's email regarding establishing a department within the county, discussed the fact that the accounting function is currently split between three different employees where it should be the responsibility of one person. He added that it is difficult for staff to know what authority and accountability they have in relation to the books, and a finance department would consolidate several functions into the hands of one person, which would also free up those three people to concentrate on clerk's office responsibilities. Mr. Farmer mentioned the DRIVES motor vehicle system as an example. Lastly, Mr. Farmer felt that the commissioners should back a bookkeeper or finance director, and that person should have the authority to make decisions or corrections to the financial statements if department heads or elected officials charged something to the wrong account.

Mrs. Lengel stated again that it was difficult for her to admit that it was time those responsibilities shifted when she'd always felt like she could "do it all," but she'd realized that "what has always been" wasn't necessarily the best for the future of Lincoln County.

Mr. Burgess asked if there would be enough work for her current employees in her office if three of them gave up some of their job duties. Mrs. Lengel responded that there would; the driver examiners she'd supervised over the years had asked for help, but she'd never been able to spare anyone long enough for them to obtain the certification and training required for the position. At least one of her current staff members expressed interest in learning driver's license, which would benefit not only county residents but people statewide as well. Being able to keep the office open in the driver examiner's absence would be extremely valuable. She would also like staff to cross-train on recording and liquor licensing as well as learn some of her election job duties.

The group discussed office availability, and Mrs. Patton said there would possibly be room in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Burgess asked if the empty desk in the Administrator's office would be an option, which it could be. Mr. Piper felt the person could stay in the Clerk's office, but Mrs. Lengel disagreed, stating that it wouldn't be fair for the finance director/bookkeeper to endure disruptions from her staff and other employees, members of the public, and the distractions of working in an open environment. She added that she'd considered the commissioners' meeting room but then realized that she would have no place for election judges, training, or equipment if they moved the person into that room. Mrs. Lengel said she'd certainly allow the bookkeeper to continue to use the vault in her office if they needed secure storage for anything.

Mr. Burgess asked if Mrs. Lengel could create a job description, and Mrs. Patton suggested they go and look at offices in a couple of counties that have a finance or bookkeeping department. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to contact Kit Carson, Yuma, and Washington counties and travel to those places on July 9, if possible. Mr. Piper agreed to go with them, but Mrs. Lengel said she would be at an election meeting that week and thanked the Board for listening.

Before leaving, Mrs. Patton said she wanted to be clear that the creation of a finance department wouldn't affect anything in the Treasurer's office other than the fact that she would work with one other person instead of three or four. Mrs. Lengel told her that was correct; the receivables that Mrs. Patton handles would still be a function of the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Stone made a motion to approve a Request for Extension of Time to File Audit with the Office of the State Auditor. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Schifferns called for old business, and Mr. Burgess commented on the Ranch Rodeo the previous weekend. There was a brief discussion on the cost of the roll-off dumpster provided by Rob's Septic Service and the possibility of changing the format of the Fair book, and then Mr. Schifferns asked about the cabinets in the Clerk's office. Mrs. Lengel said John Mohan and David Dobbs installed them over the weekend and that Mr. Dobbs did an excellent job.

As for new business, Mr. Piper said he'd received retirement reports for all of the county employees, but he hadn't had time to copy everything yet. He added that the actuarial study should be complete in a couple of weeks, and they should hopefully be able to discuss the county's retirement plan in more detail at the mid-July meeting.

The Board approved the June 2019 payroll and several expense vouchers, and then Mr. Schifferns adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. so that the commissioners could attend the Colorado Department of Transportation 4-P meeting at the Limon Community Building.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for June 28, 2019

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

10:00 Patricia Phillips, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report

1. Approve the minutes from the June 27, 2019 meeting
2. Review and discuss an information packet regarding an upcoming meeting with Benefit Health Advisor
3. Review and act upon proposed Resolution #987, a resolution approving the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project, Development Permit NO. 18-09
4. County Commissioner reports
5. County Attorney's report
6. County Administrator's report
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Approve additional payroll and expense vouchers if necessary

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 28, 2019. Those attending were Chairman Ed E. Schifferns, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Doug Stone, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel. Juliet Lundy with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman/Limon Leader attended until 10:55 a.m.

Chairman Schifferns called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Piper to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 27, 2019, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed an information packet regarding an upcoming meeting with Benefit Health Advisor. Mr. Piper said that Ty Ament and Tim Andersen, who are similar to brokers for the company, contacted him about the county switching over from the County Health Pool. They told him that they could provide the same coverage as what the county has now and that with their local package, Lincoln Community Hospital would provide discounts to county employees for using their facility. One of the downsides to leaving the Pool was that it might be difficult or extremely costly to get back into it if the county didn't like the new company. Mr. Piper said they want to run a test using current employee data to determine the risk level. The test might even conclude that it is better for the county to stay with CHP. Mr. Kimble asked what personal information they wanted from employees, and Mr. Piper said he thought it was names and birthdates, but he wasn't sure. Mr. Kimble said it was illegal to provide addresses or social security numbers, and the commissioners agreed that they weren't comfortable giving out employee names either. Mr. Piper said he'd scheduled Mr. Ament and Mr. Andersen an appointment with the Board on July 8, so they could talk about it in greater detail then.

Mr. Piper called Land Use Administrator Fred Lundy to come down for the discussion regarding a proposed resolution approving the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project Development Permit No. 18-09. When Mr. Lundy arrived, Mr. Kimble said that on February 21, the Land Use Board approved the application with conditions including a Road Use Agreement and confirmation of the route of construction. Mr. Lundy added that Cheyenne Ridge wants to sell to Xcel Energy, which is exempt from taxes, so they needed something concrete in writing that stated they'd met the county's conditions and could move forward. Mr. Kimble put in that it was possible that the Bronco Plains group might come back with the same request, but Mr. Lundy said they wouldn't sell to Xcel, so they would probably need a permit.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Lundy if he were satisfied that Cheyenne Ridge met all the requirements, and Mr. Lundy confirmed they had and said they'd done an excellent job.

Mr. Stone made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project Development Permit No. 18-09. Mr. Burgess 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 June 28, 2019, there were present:

Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman	Present
Steve Burgess, 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 #987** It was moved by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Burgess to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHEYENNE RIDGE WIND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  
PERMIT NO. 18-09**

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Land Use Board approved the application of the Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project on February 21, 2019, with certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Staff Report, signed by Fred Lundy, Lincoln County Land Use Administrator, is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 3-110, Section 4, of the Lincoln County Zoning Resolution provides that if the Board of County Commissioners does not schedule the Development Application for review pursuant to Section 3-110E, or if the applicant does not appeal the decision to the Board of County Commissioners within thirty (30) days of the Land Use Board decision, then the decision of the Land Use Board shall be deemed final; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Commissioners did accept the recommendations of the Land Board without scheduling any further review hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln County Commissioners have determined that all conditions of the Land Board recommendations have been met, including a Road Use Agreement and confirmation of the easement route of construction;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO:**

**APPROVAL:**

The application of Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project Development, for a Use By Special Review and Development Permit is GRANTED. The Use By Special Review and Development Permit, including

the applicant's right to construct, repair, maintain, and operate the requested electric transmission system, shall remain valid for a period of one year.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that a Use By Special Review and Development Permit is granted to Cheyenne Ridge Wind Project, to construct an electric transmission line in accordance with the terms of the Application, subject to the conditions set forth above. The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners retains continuing jurisdiction over the permit to address future issues concerning the project and to ensure compliance with the conditions of the permit. The applicant is responsible for complying with all of the forgoing conditions and all other county zoning or other land use regulations. Noncompliance with any of the conditions may be cause for revocation of the permit.

Upon roll call the vote was:

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

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Board of County Commissioners  
of Lincoln County

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

Before leaving, Mr. Lundy recommended that the Board not sign the Road Use Agreement for the Bronco Plains project until Chris Monks received the work schedule, which is essential to him.

At 9:30 a.m., Gillian Laycock met with the Board to discuss the Hugo Main Street Initiative request to use the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse for an interactive, educational session about the Colorado Main Street Program. First, Mrs. Laycock thanked the commissioners for allowing the Colorado Prairie Arts and Music Council to use the new show barn for their concert after the Ranch Rodeo Saturday night. She commended John Palmer for his help, stating he was an invaluable resource to them and he deserved recognition. The concert was well-attended for the kind of weather they had, the acoustics were excellent, and it wasn't dusty at all. Mrs. Laycock went on to say that they've decided to move the Ned LeDoux concert on the Saturday of the fair to the show barn as well. John Palmer initially thought there wouldn't be time to set everything up for the concert after they cleared the livestock out, but after seeing how easy the stage setup was for the Ranch Rodeo concert, he felt they would

have plenty of time. Mrs. Laycock added that Sheriff Nestor was also very pleased with how controlled and secure the location was.

Mr. Burgess asked if they used the bleachers, and Mrs. Laycock said some families with children did off-and-on, but most people were up dancing. They also had a few picnic tables and a designated smoking area that worked out very well. Mr. Schifferns asked if anything needed to be changed or fixed for the next event, and Mrs. Laycock said there'd been a leak in the roof, but Structures repaired it the following day. She added that everything worked incredibly well and that Veris Environmental donated a generator, so they didn't even have to plug any equipment into the building. Mr. Stone asked about the lighting, and Mrs. Laycock said they used the lights to illuminate the parking lot, but otherwise, the stage lights worked well. She added she'd be back with another Special Event Permit application for the beer garden as well as the event application for the fair concert. When Mr. Stone asked what the occupancy limit was, Mrs. Laycock said it depended on the use of the sides, but she guessed it would hold 1,500 comfortably. They will also put out an RFP for vendors to sell concessions during the Ned LeDoux concert.

Mrs. Laycock provided an invitation from Hugo Main Street Initiative and asked if they could use the roundhouse for an informal picnic on July 15. Mr. Burgess asked if she'd been inside the building and knew it had a dirt floor. Mrs. Laycock said she, as well as the other few adults attending, had been in the roundhouse before and knew what to expect. Larry Lucas, a Main Street designer from the state, said that the county should consider including the roundhouse in the Main Street District when they get it developed, as their program would open up grant funding opportunities. She added that they weren't anywhere close to designing a Main Street District, but it was good to keep options open. Mr. Burgess wanted to know if it would be a problem obtaining funding since the county owns the roundhouse, but Mrs. Laycock said since it was a partnership, she didn't think it would be an issue. She felt they would have a captive audience with people from the state coming out and asked the commissioners if they wanted to attend the meeting, which they agreed to do if they could. The Board gave their permission for the use of the roundhouse for the gathering.

Mrs. Laycock also briefly discussed the benefits of becoming a Certified Local Government on a county level. Certified Local Governments are counties or municipalities endorsed by the State Historic Preservation Office (History Colorado) and the National Park Service to participate in the national preservation program. Limon lost several historical assets in the tornado years ago, but there are many others in the rest of the communities in the county. Mr. Piper said he understood that the municipalities would have to have their own CLG designation, except for Karval, which is unincorporated, but Mrs. Laycock believed that doing it on a county level would alleviate that requirement.

At 10:00 a.m., Robert Kraxberger met with the Board to give the monthly Department of Human Services report. The commissioners reviewed the financial report, employee timesheets, and the Income Maintenance, Child Welfare, and monthly director's reports, as well as a list of DHS acronyms. Mr. Kraxberger reported that they'd had some people with the



state food stamp program come out, and they were very impressed with the county's statistics. Most counties have twelve or more errors, but Mr. Kraxberger said they only had five, one of which they corrected in May. He told them to pass on that there needed to be better communication as the county would have appreciated some help during the period when the program was so short-staffed due to illness.

Mr. Stone asked if the number of adoption cases seemed high, but Mr. Kimble put in that they could be cases that occurred quite some time ago but were still receiving compensation.

Mr. Kraxberger left, and Mr. Schifferns called for commissioner reports. Mr. Stone reported stopping by the Karval shop and meeting with Rick Ashcraft on the morning of June 20. District Three chip-sealed 3.2 miles west on County Road T on June 24 and 1.7 miles on County Road 23 on the Twenty-fifth. He attended the CDOT meeting in Limon the previous day with the other commissioners and Mr. Piper, and he stopped by the fairgrounds earlier this morning.

Mr. Schifferns talked to a resident on June 20 who asked if they were still getting the wind farm north of Arriba, but Mr. Schifferns told him the commissioners hadn't heard anything further about it. A farmer called him on June 21 to ask if the crew would grade a particular county road before harvest, and Mr. Schifferns told him they would get to it. On June 24, he checked roads and talked to Chris Monks about the Xcel trucks using the wrong haul routes. A party asked Mr. Schifferns on June 25 if they could have some of the rotomill from the I-70 project, but he told the person that the commissioners hadn't decided if they would give it to individuals. Mr. Burgess didn't believe they should start doing that and said he'd had several requests too, as had Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone commented that someone told him Fred Poss had gotten a bunch of it, but Mr. Stone said that Mr. Poss used his own trucks to haul it from the project. Mr. Burgess added that Witts did the same, and Mr. Schifferns said it seemed there was a lot of confusion about it out in the public eye. Mr. Schifferns also reported attending the CDOT meeting on June 27.

Mr. Burgess stopped by the landfill on June 19 and talked with Mick and Allen about traffic lights. Bruce Walters met him in Arriba, and they looked at the road damage north and east of town. The road crew worked on the washed-out areas and hauled concrete from the town of Arriba and millings from Flagler to Genoa. Mr. Burgess received a call from someone about road conditions north of Arriba and told her he'd have the road crew take care of it the following day. On June 20, Mr. Burgess got a call from Steve Monks regarding section lines and a thank-you call from the woman north of Arriba for taking care of the road issue. Chris Monks called to tell him Wagner extended the warranty on the landfill's trash compactor, and the party who received the county's warning about the wood and debris in the drainage channel removed it. Mr. Burgess checked roads on June 21 and reported that heavy rains washed the gravel off the roadway in several areas. Chris Monks got prices for the rock to use at the fairgrounds; the smaller rock was cheaper. Mr. Burgess got a thank-you for mowing east of Arriba and also talked with Travis Miller about bridges. On June 22, Mr. Burgess stopped by the Ranch Rodeo, and on the Twenty-fourth, he came to Hugo and also picked up a letter in Limon pertaining to senior center management. Ralph Bell called to tell him they'd completed the

first phase of the I-70 milling project and thanked the county for helping them. On June 25, Mr. Burgess borrowed the core drill from CDOT, and he and John Mohan drilled a six-inch hole in front of the courthouse for the pipe. He talked with Mr. Schiffers and Mr. Stone about getting a load of smaller rock for drainage at the fairgrounds and told Chris Monks to get one load. Ryan Bush went to the landfill to drill post holes with the skid loader. Mr. Burgess stopped by the Clerk's office to check out the new cabinets and talked to John Mohan about the air conditioning units. He spoke to John Palmer about trash service and Linda Orrell about the Tourism Board funding fireworks in Hugo and Limon. On June 26, Mr. Burgess went by the landfill where they had the posts set for the signs. He talked with Mark McMullen about using shingles for cover, but they would have to make sure there was no asbestos in them. Mr. Burgess talked to Jim Shideler about wiring lights on the scale, and he will try and work on it next week. After the meeting yesterday, Mr. Burgess stopped at the landfill and dropped off the letter regarding the compactor warranty and then attended the CDOT 4-P meeting in Limon. He called Kit Carson, Yuma, and Washington counties about coming to see their finance departments on July 9. Earlier this morning, he talked with Lincoln Community Hospital CEO Kevin Stansbury.

Mr. Kimble reported that he called Ms. Foster with HDR Engineering regarding the memo the county received about repairing the bridge on County Road 33. She told him the timbers were bad, and the structure was too low. They recommended attaching it to a curb and repairing it to thirty-one inches, which is standard height. Mr. Kimble told her that farmers need to move their equipment across it and asked her about the ninety-day deadline. Ms. Foster indicated they don't have much in the way of enforcement and assured Mr. Kimble the county wouldn't lose highway user money. She suggested that the county send a letter explaining the hardships, which they would review, but there would be another inspection in ninety days. Mr. Burgess put in that they'd discussed it at the 4-P meeting as well. Mr. Stone commented that he understood from CDOT that if the county repaired the railings to their previous condition, they wouldn't have anything to worry about. Mr. Kimble said he'd draft a letter, and in the meantime, it would help if the commissioners would show a good faith effort that they were working on it.

Mr. Kimble briefly reported on the mediation meeting and the 1885 order that gave counties the ability to establish a road system without having to pay for the rights-of-way. The law was repealed in 1953 when the state felt that counties had ample time to develop that system, but also indicated that if a road currently existed on a section line, it would remain a county road. Mr. Kimble said the question seemed to be why the state would repeal the law in 1953 if all section lines were still to be considered public roads. He added that the county could always change the road policy adopted in 2014, but the commissioners all agreed they were not in favor of that.

Mr. Kimble said he'd received Mrs. Lengel's email regarding creating a finance or bookkeeping department and commented that statutes dictate the job duties of elected officials, and while the commissioners can't tell another elected official what to do, they do control the budgets. Mr. Burgess told him they planned to visit a few counties to see what their finance departments

look like, and Mr. Kimble said that everything seemed to be very complicated and specialized anymore.

Mr. Piper reported that there would be a phone conference concerning the Karval Water Users on July 10 and said he would forward the call-in information to the commissioners if they wanted to listen in. He also had a meeting with Roxie Devers about the roundhouse, and she told him he would have to take over the day-to-day requirements when she moved. She said she'd still be involved with the pre-construction and whatever she could do remotely, but the daily diaries, interviews, payroll, and other immediate issues would become his responsibility. It might be the first part of April 2020 before the next phase is complete. Mr. Piper also ordered fifteen Maglocks for \$3,700, which included a 15% discount. Sheriff Nestor talked to the Chief Judge about reimbursing the county for the four they'd use in the courts as well as the labor to install them. She told Sheriff Nestor they'd try and find the money for it. Lastly, Mr. Piper said the person decommissioning the 2011 Tahoe offered to buy the vehicle and not charge the \$1,500 for decommissioning. The Board agreed they would prefer to put it out for bid with the other vehicles.

There was no old business to discuss, and Mr. Burgess said that as for new business, he didn't believe John Palmer or Carlos Leonard would have time to cut down the other four sets of bleachers before the fair. He wanted to know if the others felt they should ask someone to do it for them. Mr. Stone said it would be nice to have the bleachers available in case they needed them and offered to talk to John Palmer about it.

The commissioners approved an additional expense voucher, and then Mr. Schifferns adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Ed E. Schifferns, Chairman