

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for April 6, 2022

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Ken Stroud, Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, to present the annual review of county plans
- 10:00 Kelly Meier, Public Health Director, to discuss EHR System and public health flooring
- 11:00 Kari Linker with Senator Hickenlooper's Office to provide legislative updates

-To be completed as time permits-

1. Approve the minutes from the March 31, 2022 meeting
2. Review the employee timesheets for County Administrator Jacob Piper, Landfill Manager Allen Chubbuck, Weed Control Coordinator Patrick Leonard, Office of Emergency Management Director Ken Stroud and Public Health Director Kelly Meier
3. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha
4. Review an updated Lincoln County personnel disciplinary form
5. Discuss potential maintenance to the Lincoln County Courthouse parking lot
6. County Commissioner reports
7. County Administrator's report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Approve Expense Vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on April 6, 2022. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioner Steve Burgess, Commissioner Ed E. Schifferns, County Administrator Jacob Piper, Acting Clerk of the Board Mindy Dutro, and Casey Love, John Dewitt, Kenny Davis, John Mohan, Nyal Smith and Stephanie Zwick with the Limon Leader attended. County Attorney Stan Kimble and Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel were absent and excused.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burgess stated that Kenny Davis, Town of Limon Building Inspector, wanted to discuss updating the building codes that the local towns and counties follow. Mr. Davis reported that the county and the towns of Hugo and Limon all currently follow the 2006 codes, which are very out of date and he is looking at updating to the 2018 codes. According to his contact at the state the towns and county can make amendments to the newer codes to fit their needs. Mr. Burgess said that he thought that it would be good to have uniform codes across the county. Mr. Davis mentioned he plans to go through the whole code with a representative from the state and decide what codes they want/need and then he would like to get together with the towns and the county to be approved. According to Mr. Davis, the process should take around three to six months for the process and he was told by the state that it should be zero to minimal cost to update the codes. Mr. Davis said that he has also been told that updating the building codes can possibly give the homeowners a discount on their insurance. The commissioners agreed that they would like to be involved, along with the new land use administrator. Mr. Davis, Casey Love, John Dewitt, and David Smith all left at 9:25 a.m.

Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, Ken Stroud joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Stroud told the Board that the Department of Homeland Security grant requires almost all paperwork done online, so he will need to have the chairman signature on his timesheet every month. He also asked the commissioners to sign a letter of acknowledgement for the Emergency Opposition and Recovery Base plan for the county. Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign the letter of acknowledgement for the Emergency Opposition and Recovery Base plan. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Last Mr. Stroud asked the commissioners to sign a letter approving Mr. Stroud to represent the county for the Department of Homeland Security EMPG grant including signing for approval for the county. Mr. Burgess made a motion to sign a letter approving Mr. Stroud to represent the county for the Department of Homeland Security EMPG grant. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Stroud left the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 31, 2022, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried. The Board reviewed the employee timesheets for the administrator, landfill manager, weed control coordinator, emergency manager, and public health director, and then reviewed the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha.

Public Health director Kelly Meier joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Meier reported that she found a cheaper option for the electronic health record system that Kit Carson County uses and that they really like. She stated that it will cost the county around four to six hundred dollars a month, which would be covered by COVID funds until 2024. Kit Carson County has offered to help them train on it too, Mrs. Meier she would give the commissioners more information when she gets it.

Next Mrs. Meier said that the state approved her flooring quote from Hi Altitude Flooring, which is covered by the state, but they would not agree to replace the rest of the flooring in the lobby and the extension office side of the building. Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approve the flooring quote from Hi Altitude Flooring for the public health office. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Meier also mentioned that her office has a big heavy metal desk that they do not need but also do not have room for. John Mohan said that there really isn't any more room to put it in the storage here at the courthouse either. The commissioners discussed having a sale to see if they could get rid of some of the extra furniture that no one wants or can use, Mr. Piper stated he will bring it up at the next department head meeting.

Mrs. Meier reported that she has been informed that the county is supposed to receive more COVID funds from the state, but she felt like they have no need or use for them and is going to try to decline them. Mr. Stone asked Mrs. Meier if there is a sign in front of the public health office because he received a complaint that there isn't one and that the office is hard to find. Mrs. Meier told the Board that they do have one, but it was blown over and needs to be put back or replaced with one that cannot be blown over. Mr. Burgess told her that they can use the same company that road and bridge uses to get a new sign, and they should also look at getting a couple others to put in town with direction arrows to the public health office. Mrs. Meier and left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The Board reviewed an updated Lincoln County personnel disciplinary form, Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the updated Lincoln County personnel disciplinary form. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stone asked for discussion on the potential maintenance to the Lincoln County Courthouse parking lot, Mr. Burgess stated that he has heard its very hard to purchase pvc pipe and they would need a lot of it for the drainage for the courthouse parking lot, he asked the Board if they should consider purchasing the pvc pipe for the parking lot and storing it until they did the project. Mr. Stone said that he thought it would be a good idea to look and see if they can purchase it right now and if they needed to order it, how long it would take to get it to see if it was something they should order now. Mr. Smith left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Stone called for commissioner reports, and Mr. Burgess said that on March 31 he spoke with weed control coordinator Patrick Leonard who had been spraying pre-emergence weeds on county roads north of Limon. Mr. Leonard also reported that he built a spray bar that fits in the receiver hitch that will spray ten feet wide. Also on March 31, Mr. Schifferns called to discuss an inquiry about someone wanting to grind up wind tower blades at the landfill. On April 1 Mr. Burgess checked roads north of Genoa and had one road crew member out grading roads as well as having Mack out to work on the 2012 Mack truck. Mr. Burgess went to the Genoa shop on April 4 to talk with the road crew and they spent the say hauling gravel and working on roads. On April 4 he went to Hugo to have a workshop with Mr. Stone and Mr. Piper and stopped by the landfill. On April 5 Mr. Burgess reported talking with district 2 road foreman, Bruce Walters about getting the new truck and trailer hauling gravel, and then met with district 1 road foreman Chris Monks on the Big Sandy bridge south of Hugo on county highway 109 before the commissioner meeting. Mr. Burgess stated that upon inspection of the

bridge it looks like the steel decking is rusted and shows possible signs of failure. The Board placed a call to Scott Huson at State staff bridge to have someone to come out and inspect the bridge. Mr. Huson asked if someone could send him and Rhianna Poss, Resident Engineer for CDOT in Limon, pictures of the bridge so that they can assess it right away before they send someone out. The bridge discussions brought up the topic of purchasing a man lift for issues like this and projects that require being up high, Mr. Piper said he would bring some prices for man lifts to the next meeting.

Mr. Schifferns said that he left his calendar at home but reported receiving the call about someone wanting to grind up wind tower blades at the landfill and reported checking roads.

Mr. Stone reported that on April 1 he spoke with Mr. Piper about personnel issues, on April 2 Rick Ashcraft returned the county pickup to Mr. Stone's house. Then on April 3 he checked roads to gravel and on April 4 he attended a workshop with Mr. Piper and Mr. Burgess and found a cattle guard that needed repaired, so he had the crew come weld it, he also reported that one of district three's maintainers had broken down and they hope to get it repaired the following week. Mr. Stone reported on April 5 he had the district 3 road crew blading and graveling and worked on timesheets in the office.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Piper for the administrator report, Mr. Piper said he had the ARPA funds potential uses report that was due soon and he provided an update to the breakdown of funds, the Board agreed it looked good and to submit the report. Last Mr. Piper asked the commissioners to consider scheduling the free "dump day".

At 11:00 a.m. Kari Linker with Senator Hickenlooper's Office arrived to provide legislative updates. Ms. Linker told the Board that the state's revolving fund for drinking water is available and any of the local towns or communities can go to the state website for more information. Mr. Piper stated that the Karval Water users project of all new pipes and well should be listed with the state. Ms. Linker said she hadn't seen it but will look for it, she also said that Hugo town manager Maria Nestor had reached out to her regarding some improvements the town of Hugo was wanting to make to their existing drinking water system.

Rural Economic Development Coordinator, Troy McCue joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Next Ms. Linker told the Board that there will be a regional broadband meeting in on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Flagler at the Wheatland Conference Center. Ms. Linker asked if the commissioners had any concerns or questions for Senator Hickenlooper. Mr. Burgess stated that congress must do something to combat the rising fuel prices and the inflation affecting the cost of living, Ms. Linker said that Senator Hickenlooper has been attending several hearings regarding the issues surrounding export and imports, including supply, trucking delays and port issues. She stated that congress has been asking for answers as to why the price of fuel has not gone down after fuel reserves have been released to the public. Mr. McCue mentioned that something needs to be done with all the restrictions in Colorado on oil and gas drilling. After discussing fluctuation in CRP payments in the county over the past few years, Ms. Linker and Mr. McCue left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

There was no old or new business to discuss, so the commissioners approved the March expenditures.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2022.

Mindy Dutro, Acting Clerk of the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman