

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for December 18, 2023

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 Open and Review sealed bids for chemicals for the Lincoln County Weed Control Department

-To be completed as time permits-

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1. Approve the minutes from the December 8, 2023 meeting
2. Review November 2023 reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
3. Review November 2023 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, Road & Bridge and Individual Road Districts
4. Review the November 2023 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and Workers' Compensation Pool
5. Review and act upon a credit card limit change request for Levi Miller
6. Review and act upon a 2024 CCI Steering Committee Designation of Proxy
7. County Commissioner reports
8. County Attorney's report
9. County Administrator's report
10. Old Business
11. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on December 18, 2023. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioner Wayne Ewing, County Administrator Jacob Piper, Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and Limon Leader reporter Stephanie Zwick attended. Commissioner Steve Burgess and County Attorney Stan Kimble were absent and excused. Weed Control Coordinator Patrick Leonard and Terry Saffer with Try-Me Spraying were there when the meeting started.

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

Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 8, 2023, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Piper said that 9:00 a.m. was the deadline to receive sealed bids for chemicals, and he had received none other than the bid from Mr. Saffer.

Mr. Saffer said he'd submitted a bid for the first time since 2020; his chemical suppliers felt comfortable with stable prices throughout the year, which they hadn't since the pandemic. Mr. Saffer said if the county's volumes remained consistent with other years, the amounts and costs he'd bid should work. Mr. Leonard said there had been no problems with Try-Me Spraying since he'd taken over as weed coordinator.

Mr. Ewing moved to approve the 2024 weed chemical bid prices from Try-Me Spraying, LLC. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Leonard noted that the Russian Olive, considered a noxious weed, was on the extension office's tree list. He planned to speak with someone at the extension office about it.

Mr. Stone told Mr. Leonard that Scott Poss and David Riemenschneider wanted off the Weed Board and asked if reducing it to seven members instead of nine would be a problem. Mr. Leonard said they never had a quorum anyway and had no issues with dropping two members. Mr. Saffer, a member of the Weed Board, agreed. He and Mr. Leonard left.

The Board reviewed the November 2023 reports from the Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, and Treasurer; Mr. Piper hadn't received the November sheriff's.

The commissioners also reviewed the November 2023 statements of expenditures and revenues for the General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, and Road & Bridge funds, and the individual road districts.

As the Board reviewed the November 2023 Colorado Counties Casualty and Property and Workers' Compensation Pool reports, Mr. Piper said they were the same as the previous month. However, the Workers' Comp report would show a claim from the sheriff's department next time.

Mr. Piper explained that Human Services Director Andrew Lorensen asked to increase DHS accountant Levi Miller's county credit card limit from \$1,000 to \$2,000. He wanted to autopay the monthly Verizon and Conexon Connect bills because of their due dates. As other departments do, DHS would begin using electronic fund transfers to pay the credit card bills this month.

Mr. Ewing moved to approve an increased credit limit for Levi Miller. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Piper provided the 2024 CCI Steering Committee Designation of Proxy designating Steve Burgess, but after reading it more closely, Mr. Stone felt the designee should not be a county commissioner. Mr. Piper didn't remember doing one in the past, but Mrs. Lengel remembered them from previous years and said she thought the administrator had been the designee. She offered to check and see when the commissioners had signed the last one. Mr. Piper told the group it wasn't due until January and that the Board could wait until the next meeting to approve it.

Mr. Ewing reported talking with Chris Monks almost daily since the last commissioner meeting to discuss finalizing repairs for the FEMA funding and expenditures throughout the rest of the year. He attended the county Christmas/employee appreciation party on December 14 and said it was a good day.

Mr. Stone reported going to the Karval shop on December 11 and later checking roads. Since it was a cold day, the road crew members were indoors, changing and fixing tires. He also met the new employee. Mr. Stone attended the Colorado East Community Action Agency meeting on December 12. Nu 2 U was still seeing a lot of sales, and CECAA was busy preparing for the tax season. Like Mr. Ewing, Mr. Stone attended the Christmas/employee appreciation party on December 14. He received a call from a resident on December 15 that he said he would discuss later.

Mr. Piper said Mr. Kimble had not left an attorney's report, so he gave his administrator's report. He provided an updated 2024 E911 budget for the commissioners to review. While the fund had always paid someone a full-time salary, the E911 board requested doing away with the position (since the sheriff's administrative assistant now handles the duties) and absorbing the money into a maintenance line item. The E911 authority thought they would bring in more revenue in 2023 than previously expected and spend less. Mr. Piper said his sheet showed a fund balance of approximately \$50,000 higher than the initially submitted budget. It was the only significant change before the adoption of the 2024 budget on December 28.

Mr. Stone called for other business, and Mrs. Lengel said she should receive her new office furniture and the commissioners' new chairs the following week. Although she would be on vacation, her deputy, Ryan Davis, would take the minutes at their December 28 meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Mrs. Lengel returned before the commissioners left to say she'd found that the last time the Board signed the CCI Steering Committee Proxy form was in 2016, and they had designated the county administrator as the proxy for 2017.

The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on December 28, 2023.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Doug Stone, Chairman