

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for June 17, 2022

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:30 Gillian Laycock and Dee Blevins to discuss the Hugo Wine Walk

-To be completed as time permits-

1. Approve the minutes from the June 7, 2022, meeting
2. Review the May 2022 reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
3. Review the May 2022 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 May 2022 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property Pool and Workers' Compensation Pool
5. Review a report regarding the 2022 free dump day at the Lincoln County Landfill
6. Discuss Ports-to-Plains funding for breaks
7. County Commissioner reports
8. County Administrator's report
9. Old Business
10. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 17, 2022. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed E. Schifferns and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Acting Clerk of the Board Mindy Dutro attended. Nyal Smith and Limon Leader/ Eastern Colorado Plainsman reporter Stephanie Zwick also attended. Clerk of the Board Corinne Lengel and County Attorney Stan Kimble were absent and excused.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burgess moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 7, 2022, as submitted. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the May 2022 reports from the Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer and the Statements of Revenues and Expenditures from the County General, Public Health, Capital Projects, Conservation Trust, E911, Landfill, Library, Lodging/Tourism, Human Services, and Road & Bridge funds and individual road districts. The commissioners also reviewed the May 2022 reports from the Colorado Counties Casualty and Property and Workers' Compensation Pools.

Gillian Laycock, Dee Blevins, and David Smith joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m. Ms. Laycock addressed the Board and asked permission to include the roundhouse as a tasting stop for the upcoming Wine Walk on the same day as the Genoa-Hugo homecoming on September 24, 2022. She told them that in compliance with the town of Hugo's special event liquor license, they must have permission from the owners of each stop. Ms. Laycock told the Board that last year during the Wine Walk, they had around seventy-five participants, and this year they anticipate approximately one hundred participants.

Ms. Laycock continued by saying that this year's Wine Walk revenue would support the local non-profits, including the roundhouse. Mrs. Blevins stated that the Roundhouse Preservation is excited for the roundhouse to be included in the event and said they are always looking for new fundraisers to help with the roundhouse projects and possibilities of new revenue. Ms. Laycock also said that the town supports the proposed route that will start in the railroad park, go around the park, and over to the roundhouse, and they will have water stations and golf carts for mobility issues. Mr. Burgess suggested seeing if the COG bus would be available, and Ms. Laycock thanked him for the suggestion. After the Wine Walk ends, people will be encouraged to attend the Back Alley benefit that supports the local bars.

Mr. Burgess asked Ms. Laycock what the attendees would do for restrooms since there are none in the roundhouse. Ms. Laycock said they plan to have port-a-pots at the railroad park and the roundhouse. The Board asked if they had spoken with Sheriff Tom Nestor about the event to make sure he was okay with it; Ms. Laycock had not, so Mr. Piper called Sheriff Nestor to come over to discuss it with them. The sheriff and Emergency Manager Ken Stroud joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Sheriff Nestor told the Board that he had no issues with the event.

Mr. Schifferns made a motion to approving the Wine Walk event with a tasting stop at the county-owned roundhouse and writing a letter of support to send to the town of Hugo. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Laycock, Mrs. Blevins, and Mr. Smith left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Burgess asked Sheriff Nestor about the current burn ban level, and he responded that all areas in Lincoln County are at level two. Next, Sheriff Nestor reported that the automated external defibrillator or AED units that the EMS council donated to all county fire, EMS, law enforcement departments, and county buildings several years ago have expired and are no longer supported. Mr. Stroud stated that it would cost around \$108,000.00 to replace all the AED units. Sheriff Nestor said they have tried to get replacement batteries and pads for the current AED units, but they are unavailable. He suggested replacing the units in county-owned buildings and those in law enforcement and emergency vehicles.

Commissioner Schifferns asked what the cost per unit would be; Mr. Stroud replied that each AED unit with support would be \$1,900. It would be \$1,750 if they chose to purchase the units without support, and the company would give a \$75 refund for each old unit traded in, the total cost being \$38,070. Sheriff Nestor told the Board they tried to get funding from the EMS council to replace all the original units, but the council turned them down. Mr. Stroud said the company they are working with could take ninety to one-hundred-twenty days to get them in, but they would bill as we received them. The Board agreed to use Capital Projects funds to replace the county-owned AED units, keeping five old ones as backups and getting replacement pads and batteries when available.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve trading in twenty old AED units and purchasing twenty new ones for \$38,070. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Last, Sheriff Nestor reported that while two of his new patrol vehicles were in Calhan waiting for upfitting, they received hail damage, the damage was only cosmetic and not too bad, and he still planned on using them. Sheriff Nestor and Mr. Stroud left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Next, the Board reviewed a report regarding the 2022 free dump day at the Lincoln County landfill and decided to publish the information in the newspaper.

Director of Human Services Andrew Lorensen joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. to ask the Board what his department should do with the 2013 Dodge Charger they replaced. The commissioners did not want to keep it since they already have three other county-owned vehicles that departments can use sitting in the parking lot most of the time. Mr. Lorensen said he would talk to Transwest Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, where they purchased their new Dodge Charger, to see if they could get a credit on their next vehicle purchase. Mr. Lorensen left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Stone discussed sponsoring the snacks and beverages for the breaks during the Ports-to-Plains annual meeting on September 14-16. Mr. Burgess stated that the town of Limon said they would split the funding with the county.

Mr. Stone called for commissioner reports. Mr. Burgess reported that on June 8, he attended the Baby Bear Hugs annual meeting in Yuma, where they honored Ruth Seedorf for her retirement. Also, on June 8, he attended the COG meeting in Limon, where the audit was presented, and they discussed staffing problems. He checked a road east of Arriba where a resident used their tractor and dug ditches on the roadway to drain water. Last, on June 8, he called Mack to check on repairs on a District 2 truck, where he found they did not know when parts would be available. On June 9, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Piper went to a meeting for the new twenty-third judicial district in Centennial and called Sheriff Nestor to have a deputy inspect road damage on County Rd 3H and County Rd 44. District 2 road foreman Bruce Walters took pictures of where the resident dug in about twenty places. Then on June 10, Mr. Burgess spoke with Sheriff Nestor about the road damage, attended the meeting at the hospital to discuss plans for the new hospital, and attended the concert in the park in Limon that evening. On June 13, Mr. Burgess attended the Eastern TPR meeting in Limon at the CDOT building, where he learned that Limon received funding for sidewalks, and Hugo received an additional \$100,000.00 for the intersection of County Highway 109 and Highway 40/287. On June 14, he spoke with a new hire that will do his drug testing the week of July 4 and start on July 11. He had a meeting with Mr. Walters regarding when state bids would take place and attended the PDC meeting in Limon, where the audit was presented. Then on June 15, Mr. Burgess attended the Economic Development meeting at Mountain View Electric Association in Limon, where it was Jim Herron's last meeting, and they elected new officers as follows: David Churchwell, chairman; Sarah Schaffer, vice chairman; Linda Hawthorne, treasurer; and Randy Younger, secretary. Mr. Burgess spoke with Allen Chubbuck at the landfill and learned that CAT repaired the loader, and Mr. Piper called regarding the Ports-to-Plains sponsorship. Mr. Burgess reported that on June 16, the District 2 road crew hauled one load of asphalt from Colorado Springs and were laying it north of Arriba on County Highway 63. District 1 foreman Chris Monks called Mr. Burgess on June 16 and told him the town of Hugo was willing to patch the asphalt the county had dug up for the roundhouse sewer line. Mr. Burgess told Mr. Monks that sounded fine to him. Last, Mr. Burgess reported that Roundhouse Coordinator Roxie Devers called to let the commissioners know she found a letter from Union Pacific that allows the county to use the roundhouse for more than offices and museums.

Mr. Stone reported that he checked roads on June 8. On June 9, the District 3 road crew worked on fixing washed-out roads from the area's rain. On June 10, Mr. Stone attended the meeting at the hospital, and then on June 13, he went to the ETPR meeting. On June 14, Mr. Stone went to the Colorado East Action meeting in Limon. He also received a call from a member of the land use board, who was upset that after abstaining from the vote concerning the weather station tower because it affected him directly as a landowner, he was told by the county attorney that he could not voice his opinion as part of the crowd. Lastly, on June 15, Mr. Stone looked at a bridge on County Rd 11 and said that District 3 road foreman Judd Kravig was going to order tubes for the bridge.

Mr. Schifferns reported that he spoke with County Clerk Corinne Lengel on June 8 about when ballots would be mailed. Mr. Schifferns attended the hospital meeting on June 10 with the other commissioners and went to the bluegrass concert in Limon that evening. He attended the CDOT meeting in Limon on June 13 and the Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association annual meeting on June 14. He also received a phone call from Mr. Monks stating that the county mechanic had resigned and his last day would be June 23. Last, Mr. Schifferns stated that on June 16, he and Carl Dutro helped fairgrounds manager John Palmer get the new speakers and amps set up. He said it was a mess at first because the mixer and some of the cords were missing, but they got it all straightened out, and it sounded good.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Piper for his administrator's report, and Mr. Piper reported that he received word on the Opioid Settlement Fund from Johnson and Johnson. The Board needed to decide if the county wanted to opt in to receive \$51,782.70 over eighteen years or opt out, and the money would go to the region. If the county chose to opt in, the Colorado Opioid Council would have to approve the expenditures, and the county would have to send the Council expense reports. If the county chose to opt out, the region would be responsible for reporting.

Mr. Burgess moved to opt out of the county directly receiving the Opioid Settlement funds and forgoing them to the region. Mr. Schifferns seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Piper reported that the other elected officials planned to meet on June 21 to discuss salaries and would report their discussion to the commissioners at the June 29 meeting.

Under old business, Mr. Burgess said the state was talking about closing some of the eastern Colorado Veterans Services offices, so he sent a letter supporting keeping them open. There will be a Brownfield Social Hour in Flagler on June 29. Chris Monks had told Mr. Burgess that he'd heard all new road and bridge employees must have their CDLs before being allowed to drive or operate county vehicles or equipment. Mr. Burgess contacted CTSI about it and was waiting for a response.

Mr. Stone called for new business, to which Mr. Burgess reported he'd received a phone call from a landowner north of Arriba complaining about a neighbor who hadn't taken care of noxious weeds. Mr. Piper had already sent a letter to the landowner. The Board called Patrick Leonard, Weed Control Coordinator, who said he'd check it out the following day. The Board agreed that a second letter explaining the consequences would be in order if the neighbor hadn't already corrected the problem when Mr. Leonard arrived to inspect the property.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on June 29, 2022.

Mindy Dutro, Acting Clerk of the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman