

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for June 29, 2023

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Meeting with the Karval Water Users board members to discuss the creation of a water authority
- 10:00 Andrew Lorensen, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 10:30 Jim Covington, County Treasurer, to discuss bids regarding new flooring for the Treasurer's Office
- 11:00 Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, to provide an LCH report

-To be completed as time permits-

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1. Approve the minutes from the June 16, 2023, meeting
2. Review a property assessment protest report from the Lincoln County Assessor's Office
3. Adopt an agreement for professional services with RockSol Consulting Group, Inc. regarding the Lincoln County Road 32 Bridge Deck Replacement Project
4. Discuss the vacancy of the Veterans Service Officer position
5. County Commissioner reports
6. County Attorney's report
7. County Administrator's report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Approve Payroll

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on June 29, 2023. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Wayne Ewing, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, Acting Clerk of the Board Mindy Dutro, Limon Leader reporter Stephanie Zwick and Lincoln County CSU Extension Agent Emily Baylie attended. Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel was absent and excused.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Dutro to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Burgess reported that he asked Travis Miller with RockSol Consulting Group, Inc. to look at the bridge on County Road 33 north of Genoa on Hell Creek. Collins Engineering put the bridge on the critical list of bridges to repair or replace. Mr. Miller stated that it needs to be replaced with a longer structure to avoid the abutments being in standing water all the time and that it will take six to seven months to design the new bridge after all the tests have been completed. Mr. Burgess asked if the bridge was ok for vehicles to use, Mr. Miller said that it should be fine, but they might want to limit heavy truck use.

Mr. Burgess asked the board if they wanted RockSol to give them an estimate to replace the bridge, it wouldn't be for this year, maybe not even next year depending on funding and it will take another five to six months to build, they all agreed to get an estimate. Mr. Burgess made a motion to have RockSol design a bridge to replace the current bridge on County Road 33 on Hell Creek for an estimate. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Next the board adopted an agreement for professional services with RockSol Consulting Group, Inc. regarding the Lincoln County Road 32 Bridge Deck Replacement Project.

At 9:15 a.m. Emily Bailey introduced herself as the new CSU Extension Agent for Lincoln County and gave an update on the fair and the extension office. Mrs. Bailey invited the Board to the 4-H open house on July 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Piper stated that Public Health has extra paint from when they painted their office last year and is planning to have the lobby of the annex painted before the open house.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 16, 2023, as submitted. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

At 9:20 Karval Water Users board members Lisa Hart, Cindy Leonard, Patrick Leonard and Cory Mengenhauser, and Emergency Manager Ken Stroud joined the meeting to discuss the creation of a water authority. The board joined a Zoom meeting with Dannah Koeniger with GMS, Inc., Crowley County commissioners, and Karval Water Users board member Dustin Hockett. Ms. Koeniger informed the group of the process to form a water authority and told them that Karval Water Users would still function the same way they do now, without Mr. Piper having to sign off on everything, and Crowley County's responsibility would just be to sign off on the creation of the water authority and then they step away. Mr. Kimble stated he would write up the contract. The group agreed that it sounded like something they wanted to proceed with. The Zoom meeting ended, the Karval Water Users, Mrs. Bailey, and Mr. Stroud left the meeting.

Department of Human Services Director Andrew Lorensen attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to give his monthly report. The commissioners reviewed the DHS financials, timesheets, and Income Maintenance report. Mr. Lorensen updated the Board on the Homelessness Prevention Grant, saying that they should be able to procure some of the \$75,000 of the regional grant. Mr. Lorensen provided the Child Welfare and Adult Protection Report, stating he applied for a Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention grant for child maltreatment prevention as well as the Family Voice Grant for \$9,400. Mr. Lorensen informed the group that they are applying for a physical grant to replace the front window in their office with something stronger than the current plexiglass. Mr. Lorensen concluded his report and left the meeting.

At 10:30 a.m., County Treasurer Jim Covington, deputy treasurer Ashley Erwin, and Andrew Pellett with Pellett Carpentry and Finishing, LLC met with the board to discuss bids regarding new flooring for the treasurer's office. Mr. Covington and Mrs. Erwin informed the board of their plans for their office to make it more ADA accessible while updating the flooring as well. Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the bid for \$36,400 from Pellett Carpentry and Finishing, LLC for the updating of the paint, flooring, and reception desk in the treasurer's office. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Covington, Mrs. Erwin, and Mr. Pellett left the meeting.

Kevin Stansbury, Lincoln Community Hospital CEO, joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m. to provide an LCH report. Mr. Stansbury stated that the hospital showed a loss in May due to Medicare taking back some of their funding for the month due to an adjustment. Next Mr. Stansbury gave an update on the plans for the new hospital facility saying that they simplified some of the automated features to help bring down costs. He also shared plans for affordable housing in conjunction with the new hospital. Mr. Stansbury told the commissioners that the new clinic in Byers has seen more visits than at the Limon clinic, which is consistently their busiest clinic.

Mr. Ewing asked Mr. Stansbury what the hospital was doing regarding the rising opioid epidemic, Mr. Stansbury replied that they have applied for grants and other funding that would enable them to treat those affected with in-patient services. The board asked what the new hospital was now projected to cost, Mr. Stansbury told them 65 million for the hospital and 80 million for the entire project. Mr. Stansbury concluded his report and left the meeting.

Next the board reviewed the property assessment protest report from the Lincoln County Assessor's Office then discussed the vacancy of the Veterans Service Officer position. The commissioners agreed it is important to take care of the local veterans, and the group asked Mr. Piper to call Regional Veterans Service Officer Glen Marciniak over the lunch break and ask if it was ok to rehire Joy Johnson for the position.

Grounds and buildings director John Mohan joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m. to discuss the lobby flooring and the leaking roof. He stated that they now have more leaks other than the one in the Department of Human Services, including a substantial one in the Sheriff's office lobby and a couple in the new commissioner room. Mr. Mohan then told the commissioners that when he had the tile cleaned and stripped several faults in the tile and grouting appeared,

and it either needed to be regouted or replaced. The board and Mr. Mohan went out to look at the flooring. When they came back into the meeting room, Mr. Stone stated they needed to talk to a flooring person to come look at it and give them some options on how to fix or replace it.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Mohan what the status of fixing the roof was, Mr. Mohan said that Valcore Roofing was currently having Sherwin Williams color matching the roof. Mr. Burgess asked if they would have to remove the wind guards to fix the roof. Mr. Mohan stated that Valcore would remove the wind guards, redo the valleys, scrub the roof, put the color-matched coating on, and then put the wind guards back on.

Mr. Piper then brought up the vacancy of the janitor position and stated that the previous janitor did not work out. He stated the complaints took up too much of his time and his other job duties were being put on the backburner, he apologized that it did not work putting him in charge of the position. Mr. Stone suggested putting the position under the grounds and buildings department and Mr. Mohan as department head. Mr. Piper said that the previous janitor had many of the same issues as the prior janitor with the annex. The group agreed to hire a five to ten-hour-a-week part-time person for the annex and a thirty-five-hour full-time position for the courthouse, hired by Mr. Mohan.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Kimble for his attorney's report. Mr. Kimble told the board that the deadline was the following day (June 30) for Anthony Johnson to either set the manufactured home on his property south of Limon or remove it from the property. He had a letter ready to send to Mr. Johnson regarding further action that the county would be forced to take. Mr. Kimble stated that he also has a letter ready to send to Ed Waite regarding his property south of Genoa. The group broke for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m., and Mr. Piper stated that Mr. Marciniak told him it would be a good decision to hire Mrs. Johnson back if she was willing and that offering her \$1,500.00 a month would be worth it. The board called Mrs. Johnson and offered her the Veterans Service Officer position for \$1,500.00 monthly, and Mrs. Johnson accepted the position.

Mr. Ewing gave his commissioner report. On June 19, he checked roads after speaking with Chris Monks and he reported some road damage in the north of District 1 in several low areas. Mr. Ewing stated that he also spoke with Dale and Brenda Toft regarding a weight limit sign on the bridge leaving their property, and they agreed there was no reason for the sign. On June 19, Mr. Ewing checked on the closure on County Road 2P and the Big Sandy bridge on County Road 2G and stated they may need to redirect the Big Sandy in the future to meet the bridge and that there was a hole over a culvert close to the bridge that needs attention. Lastly on the 19th he checked some other flooded areas and the closure at 2C.

On June 20, Mr. Ewing attended the Genoa Town Board meeting where it was reported that a clay valve went bad, and it caused their new pump to fail. He also reported that Genoa is

seeking a new maintenance person, that they have had several road problems due to moisture and the town board discussed the possibility of annexation of the Tower. Mr. Ewing also said that the Republican River Authority was concerned about the number of wells in use.

Mr. Ewing reported that on June 21 he spoke with Mr. Piper regarding road and property damage on County Road 3E to which he discussed the damage with Mr. Monks, the property owner contacted him about possible well water contamination to which he informed Mr. Stroud about. On June 22 Mr. Ewing spoke to Mr. Monks about road closures and some road materials at Arriba that could save District 2 some mileage and he also attended the hospital board meeting.

Next on June 23 Mr. Ewing talked to Darlene Carpio of Congressman Buck's office concerning flood disaster funding that was proposed by the Governor's office, she offered her services to support the county in obtaining the funding if it became available. Mr. Ewing spoke with Mr. Monks on June 26 about negotiations with CAT for the new road grader, road conditions, and that the road crew decided to take a vacation day on July 3 rather than exchanging it for working on a Friday, they also helped with chipping in District 3. Last on June 28 Mr. Monks informed Mr. Ewing that County Road 3C was open again but needed a lot of work and gravel and that County Road 2P is still closed at the Big Sandy.

Mr. Burgess gave his commissioner's report and stated that on June 19 the District 1 road crew was supposed to pave with the help of Districts 2 and 3, but McCormick did not have enough tack oil to do the work, so it was put off until the following day. Bruce Walters and Mr. Stroud looked at roads for damage due to excessive rain, and the road crew hauled dirt and gravel to fix roads. Next on June 20 he checked damaged roads with Mr. Walters where they found that County Road 38 north and south of County Road 4C have the most damage. Mr. Burgess also inspected the culverts on County Road 27 north of County Road 3T which will have to be addressed for damaged ends and trash. He reported that Mr. Stone called regarding new chairs for the commissioner room to which they decided that they did not need to replace the current chairs.

On June 21 Mr. Burgess went to Denver to pick up traffic cones for Districts 1 and 2 and he also spoke with Travis Miller and Steve Noble about the bridge on County Road 33. On June 22 they got heavy rain that took out the culvert on County Road 3V, they also got a lift arm kit for the new CAT road grader out of Sterling for \$7,000.00 instead of \$15,000.00 from CAT. He planned to sign the contract for a new 140 CAT road grader.

Next on June 23 Mr. Burgess spoke with Allen Chubbuck at the landfill regarding the state inspection on June 28, but it was moved to July 12. He also spoke with Mr. Stroud about progress with disaster paperwork. Mr. Burgess stated he was having trouble finding fill dirt to fix all of District 2's road washouts.

Mr. Walters and Mr. Burgess looked at roads on June 26 from north of Genoa to east of Arriba. District 2 road crews were busy hauling material to washout spots on roads, and Mr. Burgess

stated that three of his crew were helping District 3 chip roads. Mr. Burgess next reported that on June 27, Mr. Walters and crew pumped water where the road washed out on County Road 38 north of County Road 4C, and they found some road material that is close by for the washout. On June 27 three of the road crew were helping District 3 chip roads again. Mr. Burgess received prices for six and eight-foot spiral pipes, six feet for \$235.00 per foot eight feet and \$309.00 per foot with delivery in two-three weeks. He also reported that he found a place where they can get tank car culverts that are nine feet for \$225.00 per foot, the problem is that they are in Austin, TX. Mr. Miller called Mr. Burgess regarding the bridge on County Road 33 and said that he would send the scope of work for the board to review. Also, on June 27, Lora Thomas emailed Mr. Burgess and wanted to know if Lincoln County would sign a letter for Douglas County to get FEMA funding for them to get disaster declaration, he told her that they would probably be able to do that, and he let Mr. Piper know.

Mr. Burgess reported that on June 28 the District 2 road crew was hauling dirt to areas on County Highway 109 north of Genoa and that they were pushing material off the hill on the Gaede pit for Districts 1 and 2 to haul to washouts. Mr. Miller called again regarding coming to the commissioner meeting on June 29 to discuss the bridge on County Road 33.

Last Mr. Burgess reported the District 2 road crew was working on washouts on County Road 2 and that Districts 1 and 3 are helping District 2 haul pipes to put into washouts. District 3 also let District 2 use one of their tandem axel trucks.

Mr. Stone gave his commissioner's report. On June 19 he spoke with Judd Kravig about hiring someone part-time, he also spoke with Kevin Harris regarding tile cleaning, and he said that there needs to be some grout replacement and Mr. Harris said he also cleaned the walk-in rugs. Mr. Lorensen called Mr. Stone and said that he and some of his employees had been working at the house in Limon and asked if he could take them to lunch, Mr. Stone told him that would be fine. Also, on June 19 the District 3 road crew was helping District 2 pave and they also were grading roads and working on their bulldozer, and Mr. Stone checked roads.

On June 20, Mr. Stone spoke with Joy Johnson regarding reconsidering the Veterans Service Officer position, and she told him she would reconsider if it came with an increase in salary. Mr. Stone went to the Karval shop on June 21 and finished final paperwork for the purchase of a new loader, the road crew was also preparing to chip roads the following Monday.

Next on June 22 the Karval area received two and a half to four inches of rain, Mr. Stone reported that he checked roads and found that the rain washed out culverts on County Road T and they had water over the bridge on County Road M, washed out the bridge at County Road S and washed out the culverts on another road. On the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Stone met with Mr. Kravig, Mr. Stroud, and Eastern Colorado OEM field manager Cory Stark to assess the flood damage.

Mr. Stone stated that on June 23 he checked more roads for washouts and damage, he received a call from Dustin Stum asking if the county would be hiring trucks to haul materials to washed

out roads. On June 26 District 3 road crews finished chipping three miles of roads at 1:00 p.m. and spent the rest of the day hauling materials to washed out roads. Mr. Piper called Mr. Stone regarding his employee that would be running out of time for his benefits at the end of June. Mr. Stone called the employee who said he was not able to come back to work so Mr. Stone told him that he could no longer hold his position.

On June 27 the District 3 road crew finished chipping at noon and again spent the rest of the day hauling materials to washouts. Last, on June 28 Mr. Stone said his road crew continued to work on washouts.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Piper for his administrator's report. Mr. Piper reported that the landfill called and said that they would be closed Saturday, July 1 for the Limon Fourth of July festivities, and Mrs. Baylie called and asked if she could close the Extension Office on Monday, July 3. The board decided that if they wanted to be closed they needed to use personal days.

Mr. Piper also gave the board the May 2023 Treasurer's reports to review. Mr. Piper asked the commissioners to review the VALE grant. Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the VALE grant for \$6,600.00 in Victims Advocate funding. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved the June 2023 payroll, and then, with no further business to come before the board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2023.

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Mindy Dutro, Acting Clerk of the Board

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Doug Stone, Chairman