

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

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:15 Public Hearing on a request from the Rotary Club of Limon, Colorado, for a Special Events Permit for June 24, 2023, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds
- 10:00 Kelly Meier, Public Health Director, to provide a Public Health update
- 11:00 Glen Marciniak, Veterans Affairs Regional Veterans Service Officer, to discuss State concerns
- 1:00 Rhianna Poss, Resident Engineer with the Colorado Department of Transportation, to discuss a highway project

-To be completed as time permits-

1. Approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023, meeting
2. Review April 2023 reports from the County Assessor, County Clerk & Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Treasurer
3. Review April 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 and act upon an Employee Credit Card Request for Lisa Hester
5. Review and act upon Resolution #1093; a resolution for the renewal of the ambulance service licenses for Community Ambulance Service, Incorporated, located in Arriba, Flagler, and Seibert, Colorado
6. Review and act upon a letter of support for inclusion within the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) no. 123
7. Review the Lincoln County Employee Pension Plan GASB Statement No. 68
8. County Commissioner reports
9. County Attorney's report
10. County Administrator's report
11. Old Business
12. New Business

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2023. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Wayne Ewing, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and Limon Leader reporter Stephanie Zwick attended. Charlie Kendrick and Delon Fox with the Limon Rotary Club were there when the meeting started.

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

Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 8, 2023, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the April 2023 reports from the Assessor, Clerk & Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer, and the April 2023 Statements of Revenues and Expenditures 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.

At 9:15 a.m., with no public present in addition to those already referenced above and having heard no objections regarding the permit, Mr. Stone dispensed with the public hearing on a request from the Rotary Club of Limon, Colorado, for a Special Events Permit for June 24, 2023, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and signed the permit.

Mr. Ewing moved to approve a county credit card with a \$500 limit for ECCOG driver Lisa Hester. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ewing moved to adopt a resolution renewing the ambulance service licenses for Community Ambulance Service, Incorporated, located in Arriba, Flagler, and Seibert, Colorado. 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 May 18, 2023, there were present:

Douglas D. Stone, Chairman	Present
Steve Burgess, Vice Chairman	Present
Wayne Ewing, 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 # 1093 It was moved by Commissioner Ewing and seconded by Commissioner Burgess to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Emergency Medical Services Act, Section 25-315.101, et seq., C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to establish requirements for the inspection, licensure, and operation of ambulance services, ambulance personnel, and ambulance vehicles operating in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commissioners adopted Resolution #651 and thereby established rules and regulations governing the licensure of ambulance services operating within Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Community Ambulance Service, with ambulances based in Flagler and Seibert in Kit Carson County and Arriba in Lincoln County, has presented the Board of County Commissioners with an application to license the ambulance service and to permit their ambulances as basic and advanced life support vehicles; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board of County Commissioners determined that the documentation presented met the rules and regulations established under Resolution #651.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County that Community Ambulance Service is hereby authorized to provide ambulance service in Lincoln County with basic life support ambulances.

Upon roll call the vote was:

Commissioner Stone, Yes; Commissioner Burgess, Yes; Commissioner Ewing, Yes.

The Chairman declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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ATTEST

Clerk of the Board

Mr. Ewing moved to sign a letter to World Trade Center Denver supporting inclusion within the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) no. 123. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The group reviewed the Lincoln County Employee Pension Plan GASB Statement No. 68 for the period ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Piper covered the plan history, including membership numbers, the net pension liability, and the plan fiduciary net position or market value of the trust's assets dedicated to the defined benefit provisions. While the plan lost over \$940,000 in 2022, reducing the total covered pension liability to 51.01%, Mr. Piper noted it was still higher than when the county switched to GRS. Before changing companies and increasing contributions, the county could have funded the plan through 2032. However, Mr. Piper said the single discount rate projection now showed payments through 2109 with the current employee pool. Consultants recommended \$488,035 actuarially determined contributions for 2023, which would put the county on track to fully fund the plan.

At 9:55 a.m., Andrew Pellett with Pellett Carpentry & Finishing, Inc. dropped by to talk to the Board about the election security and commissioner meeting rooms. Public Health Director Kelly Meier arrived shortly after that for her 10:00 appointment.

Mr. Piper ended the pension plan discussion by noting that if employees take the life annuity option, the accrued benefit is 1.750% of their average monthly compensation multiplied by their total years of participation. He estimated that a thirty-year employee would earn approximately 58% of their monthly paycheck. If the commissioners were interested in an actuarial evaluation report that would determine, as of the evaluation date, the service cost, total pension liability, and related actuarial present value of projected benefit payments, Mr. Piper could order one. It would cost between \$1,500 and \$3,000. Otherwise, they could consider 2022 a bad year and see what happened at the end of 2023.

Mr. Pellett asked Mrs. Lengel if she wanted him to address the door issue first or provide the carpet cleaning estimate from Stanley Steamer. Mrs. Lengel said the Board knew nothing of the problems with the door, so Mr. Pellett explained. Although installed according to the plans, the door between the election security room and the commissioner meeting room opened the wrong way for the election room to be completely secure. Mr. Pellett contacted the glass company, and they gave him two options to correct the problem. They could remove and reverse the hardware and door so that it opened into the commissioner meeting room, leaving the crash bar inside the election room where it needed to be, or they could order a new door that would take approximately eight weeks to receive. Since the doors have internal locking mechanisms, they couldn't swap the keycard access units or door handle hardware without reversing the door's swing. While the first option wasn't ideal and resulted in the door swinging into the commissioner meeting room, Mr. Pellett said it would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,500 versus at least \$10,000 for a new door. He added that he would discuss it further with Mrs. Lengel later in the day.

Stanley Steamer quoted \$6,884 to clean 3,300 square feet of tile and 13,058 square feet of carpet in the courthouse and annex building. They hadn't included the cost to repair the grout in the courthouse lobby, but Mr. Pellett suggested that John Mohan could probably do it in an hour or two.

Mrs. Lengel asked about the upholstery cleaning, and Mr. Pellett said Stanley Steamer typically charged \$20 per chair but would do it for \$15 since they would be on site anyway. Approximately twenty-four chairs needed cleaning, adding roughly \$400 to the total price.

Mr. Stone told Mr. Pellett the commissioners would discuss it later and let him know.

At 10:15 a.m., Mr. Stone recessed the Board of County Commissioners meeting and opened the Board of Public Health meeting. Public Health Director Kelly Meier presented the EPR contract, reminding the Board that the state cut funding to \$38,021, causing the loss of the regional EPR Coordinator position. Mr. Ewing moved to approve the annual EPR contract, and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Meier mentioned that she would receive an updated contract extending the ELC funding. The estimated \$100,000 would pay Ashley Pilling's salary until the money was gone.

Lastly, Mrs. Meier informed the Board that she'd received Bobbie Brent's resignation, effective June 30, meaning she would lose an RN again. Candace Meyer would continue to work part-time, and the hospital supported Public Health with nurses when they could, but Mrs. Meier said she would have to advertise for a replacement.

Mrs. Meier left, and Mr. Stone adjourned the Board of Public Health meeting and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Burgess asked to return to the pension plan discussion and wanted to know if there were a way to adjust the plan to help retain employee longevity. Mr. Piper said that employees working between one and five years would receive what they had put into the plan plus three percent. Mr. Burgess worried about ever getting to a point where the county fully funded the plan when it seemed they struggled to maintain fifty percent. Mr. Piper suggested doing away with the vested lump sum option for new employees and making it available after fifteen years of employment. The county could pay out more in the long run, which might help with employee retention. He added that he wouldn't mind having GRS figure out the total pension liability if the commissioners wanted to spend the money on the report. Another alternative would be for employees to contribute a monthly higher percentage or agree to increase the 1.750% in the life annuity option. Mr. Stone asked for an example, and Mr. Piper said if an employee made \$4,000 a month and stayed for ten years, they would calculate $\$40,000 \times 1.750\%$, giving them \$700 per month when they reached age sixty-five. Increasing the percentage to 2.25% would give them an additional \$300 monthly. If that same employee worked for thirty years, they would get \$2,100 a month or \$2,700 a month, respectively.

Mr. Stone felt they should wait and see where it was at the end of 2023. Mr. Piper commented that if young employees continued to leave early, the county wouldn't be able to keep up because the contributions would be less than the payouts.

Mr. Stone called for commissioner reports, and Mr. Ewing started by counting the blessings of countywide rain and Mother's Day. He attended the fair board meeting as an alternate with Mr. Stone on May 9 and said he would let Mr. Stone report what occurred. On May 10, Mr. Ewing spoke with Chris Monks about chipping and paving; McCormick Excavation and Paving would start on May 15. They also discussed road signs. Later in the week, Mr. Monks let Mr. Ewing know that McCormick could not come until May 17, which later changed again to the following week. It wasn't an issue because, with the rain, the road crew could grade roads instead. Mr. Ewing and Mr. Monks also discussed maintenance and fixing some sliced grader tires. On May 15, Mr. Ewing attended the Genoa town board meeting, which interfered with the Zoom Emergency Management meeting. The town board discussed scoping their water line because of a forty-four percent loss, code enforcement, town improvements, and the abandonment of the East Bovina well. Mr. Ewing had a constituent ask if the county could do something about the various vehicle licensing fees, but Mrs. Lengel said legislation and the Colorado Department of Revenue set them.

Mr. Stone reported stopping at the Karval shop to talk to Judd Kravig on May 8. They discussed personnel and overlaying. He attended the fair board meeting on May 9. Fairgrounds Manager John Palmer told him Mr. Piper should receive the rodeo contract soon. The Extension office budget would likely be over-expended in several areas because of price increases on ribbons, general supplies, meals, and lodging. Extension office employees also asked for a new computer, but James Martin would check with the Treasurer's office to see if they had any he could wipe clean. Mr. Piper said he'd talked to Amelia Sharp and told her most departments paid for computers out of their Office Supplies line items. Mr. Stone reported that Emily Bailey had accepted the position and would start as the new CSU Extension Agent on June 5. John Palmer also mentioned at the fair board meeting that they had trouble coordinating lifts to complete the light project. Mr. Burgess noted that he'd talked to Bart O'Dwyer, who told him he could supply one the first week of June. Farm Bureau removed their equipment from the concession stand beneath the grandstands; they will no longer rent the space. Mr. Palmer bought what he could and hoped to find someone to take their place. Mr. Stone checked roads after the rain on May 10 and again after it rained on May 12. He spoke with Judd Kravig about equipment and grading on May 11. On May 15, Mr. Stone went to the Karval shop. He and Mr. Kravig discussed oiling, equipment, obtaining quotes on the loader, and chipping. They continue waiting on the crushed rock, which they need in June. One of the road crew members failed his CDL test for the third time, so Mr. Stone said they had to let him go. On May 16, District 3 put in a cattleguard on County Highway 109 with the Reysteads' help. Lastly, Mr. Stone reported receiving a complaint from a resident who didn't want Viaero on their property. The company is installing fiber optic lines. Mr. Stone told them to contact the sheriff.

Mr. Burgess reported talking to Greg Vernie with CDOT on April 28 about the free landfill day. He and Mr. Piper participated in a Zoom meeting with 18th District Attorney Office leadership Tom Byrnes and Chris Wilcox to discuss the upcoming judicial district split. They preferred a standalone organization and that the 23rd Judicial District staff not become Douglas County employees. On May 1, Mr. Burgess went to Genoa; the new mower came in. The road crew hauled gravel and worked on roads. Emergency Manager Ken Stroud called and said they were

working on the Genoa tower and could use some gravel and help to bury a gas line. Mr. Burgess contacted Bruce Walters to let him know. Mr. Stroud had contacted Wagner Rentals about the light plant, and they were looking into a trade-in. He also brought up a new radio system, which could cost around \$100,000. Mr. Burgess went to the DA's office in Hugo, where he and Mr. Piper talked to staff about their benefit preferences. He stopped by the landfill; they were getting ready for the free landfill day on Saturday. On May 2, Mr. Burgess asked Jim Rudder with Kiewit Construction if the company would look at the 109 bridge project. Mr. Rudder agreed to pass the word along, and Mr. Burgess let Mr. Ewing, Chris Monks, and Mr. Stone know what occurred. Mr. Burgess checked roads north of Limon and Genoa and looked at the Broken Arrow pit. District 2 road crew members were busy pushing up material and hauling it to roads. Mr. Burgess reported attending another Zoom meeting on May 3 with Mr. Piper and the 18th Judicial District leadership to discuss the new 23rd Judicial District. Douglas County submitted a cost savings proposal if staff members became Douglas County employees. They also discussed legislation for splitting the victims' advocate fund. Mr. Burgess participated in a COG Zoom meeting on May 3. Mr. Burgess reported the District 2 road crew hauled gravel to County Road 3T on May 4. Bill Craig called about the amount of erosion to his property along State Highway 40/287, so Mr. Burgess told him to contact the Soil Conservation Agency. He then called Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill and asked if the county had any means of addressing the problem. Mr. Burgess participated in a Zoom Baby Bear Hugs meeting.

Between May 5 and May 11, Mr. Burgess received a phone call from Rick Ashcraft, who wondered if the county had heard anything about the landlocked property east of Hwy 71. Mr. Burgess hadn't, so he asked Mr. Stogsdill if he'd had any inquiries, which he had not. John Palmer called needing a man lift for the fairgrounds' light replacement project the first week of June and asked if Bart O'Dwyer might have one. Mr. Burgess called Mr. O'Dwyer and set it up for Mr. Palmer to call and get one. The District 2 crew got asphalt out of Colorado Springs for patching County Highway 109. They also hauled gravel and worked on roads, but after grading the old highway east of Arriba, a landowner used his tractor to knock down the three-inch ridge. Mr. Burgess contacted Mr. Kimble to see what he could do about it. He also picked up parts at John Deere and Mack in Denver for the road crew and took them to Genoa on Thursday morning. Mr. Burgess and landfill manager Allen Chubbuck discussed that the free landfill day went well. They received 103 loads, around forty loads less than last year. They got the compactor serviced and will have a service done on the loader next. Ken Stroud called about the light plant; the problem was with the automatic controls. They planned to get the trade-in value and look for a different unit. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stroud also discussed obtaining the resale value of several county vehicles and selling them without going through the sealed bid process.

Mr. Burgess reported talking to Bruce Walters on May 15. The roads were muddy after the rains, and District 2 was shorthanded due to employee illness, but crew members were working in the yard and checking roads. Mr. Burgess spoke with Mr. Stogsdill about the Simon gravel pit on Covington ground that they closed in 2015. He attended a meeting in Burlington put on by CU Boulder. They wanted people to know CU has four campuses and that going to Boulder wasn't the only option. Joe Kiley gave a presentation on Ports-to-Plains and the benefits of

having another north/south route. Mr. Burgess talked to Town of Limon Administrator Greg Tacha about splitting a \$500 sponsorship for the Ports-to-Plains conference, as the organizations have done in the past. On May 16, Mr. Burgess spoke with Bruce Walters and looked at County Road 3T to see if they could finish graveling, but it was too wet. Jim Shideler sent Mr. Burgess a message that he never received payment for work he did in Genoa last December. Mr. Burgess contacted the Treasurer's office and the finance director. He attended the Economic Development meeting at Mountain View Electric on May 17, but they didn't have enough members for a quorum. The company the county gave the tax credit to wasn't sure it would move to Limon after all. Mr. Burgess attended the CU meeting at the buffalo ranch south of Limon, where they took a tour. Mr. Burgess also reported receiving a call from AD Miller Services, Inc. about the 109 bridge project. He also talked to Bruce Walters about how much and where District 2 needed to pave.

Mr. Kimble reported that Sheriff Nestor didn't want to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the town of Arriba due to the liability and time involved, so the commissioners should be aware of that in case they received phone calls. Mr. Kimble had reviewed the roofing agreement with Valcore Roofing and said the contractor wanted the county to disclaim all general warranties but would warrant the new workmanship for ten years. Mr. Kimble didn't like the provision that any disputes would have to be resolved in Larimer County, but other than that, he didn't find any glaring legal issues with the contract.

Mr. Piper noted that the CTSI insurance adjuster came out, which didn't do much good. Since there was internal damage, they would have to tie it to a specific event, which they couldn't do. However, they could have an engineer adjuster come out and look at it since it was a repair and not a replacement. Replacing the entire roof with a ten-year warranty would cost approximately \$400,000. A twenty-year warranty would be around \$600,000. The Board had already approved the Valcore Roofing estimate, but Mr. Ewing felt they should see if they could change the dispute resolution location from Larimer to Lincoln County. Mr. Piper said he would check. He asked if the commissioners wanted to proceed with Valcore or wait until CTSI had the engineer adjuster come out and look at the roof. Mr. Burgess felt they should go ahead since more rain was predicted, and the others agreed. Mr. Piper said there was money in the Capital Projects budget, and Valcore had time to do the work now. If CTSI covered it, fine, but the work had to be done regardless.

Mr. Kimble reported he'd received a Findings, Order, and Decree Organizing the Genoa Fire Protection District. He noted the district's attorneys would record a court-certified copy with the County Clerk and Recorder within thirty days.

Lastly, Mr. Kimble said he'd attended the Colorado Power Pathway Pre-Application meeting with Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill. He wondered if he'd have time to come down and discuss it. Mr. Stogsdill arrived at 11:35 a.m., and Mr. Kimble said the PUC approved Xcel Energy's transmission line route, four miles of which was in southwestern Lincoln County. Mr. Stogsdill stated that the route zig-zags in and out of Lincoln County within the four-mile stretch, affecting seven landowners. Mr. Kimble said they never got a straight answer when they asked

if Xcel had easement agreements with those property owners. Mr. Stogsdill had the impression they'd gotten a few. He will file the permit application in June, even though construction won't begin until the end of 2024 or the beginning of 2025. Mr. Kimble commented that the landowners needed to understand the transmission line was going in since the PUC approved it, so they might as well get the best compensation possible. Mr. Stone said he'd heard from one landowner who didn't care how much they offered; he wasn't allowing them access to his land. Mr. Stogsdill said maybe that was the reason for the zig-zag route. He had also suggested approving a separate permit for the laydown yard if Xcel planned to put one in Lincoln County, and Mr. Kimble said that was a good idea.

Mr. Kimble informed the Board that Mr. Stogsdill had sent him pictures of Ed Waite's property, but he would like to see it for himself and possibly have Mr. Stogsdill take more photos. They planned to get together and look at it.

Mr. Stone asked if Anthony Johnson had done anything with his doublewide trailer, as he'd noticed even more stuff gathered on the property on State Road 71 the last time he went by. Mr. Stogsdill said he'd just pulled the permit for the trailer and planned to turn it into an office trailer. The deadline the Board gave Mr. Johnson to do something with the mobile home was coming up, and Mr. Stogsdill said he would have to block it, tie it down, skirt it, and have it inspected. Mr. Kimble asked if Mr. Johnson cleaned up the weeds, and Mr. Stogsdill said the place was officially up to code.

Mr. Stone asked if he knew what Xcel Energy was doing out east, and Mr. Stogsdill responded that they were working on changing the drainage on the east side of the substation.

Mr. Stone also explained that the Brewer/Pickenpaugh Pit sold but would sell again by the first of next year. He asked Mr. Kimble if it were best to sign a contract with the current owner or wait until it sold and sign one with the new owner. Mr. Kimble advised signing with both parties. Mr. Stone said the buyer who would have it next year wanted to change the pit name, and Mr. Kimble said he would have to contact the state.

Mr. Burgess asked Mr. Stogsdill if he'd passed his ICC test, but Mr. Stogsdill said he still didn't get to take it. He'd gone to Morgan Community College in Limon and spent two hours trying to get it to load on their computer. MCC felt the problem was on the other end but suggested Mr. Stogsdill call ahead if he wanted to come back, and they could try again. He wondered if the proctor would allow James Martin to sit with him. Mr. Stone said when they hired him, the commissioners gave him a deadline, which was rapidly approaching.

The group discussed adopting the new building codes, which they must do by June 30. Since the county had to publish the hearing notice for at least fourteen days, Mr. Kimble suggested doing so for the next two weeks and holding the hearing on June 16. He also said Mr. Piper needed to keep a copy of the new codes in his office for public viewing.

The group took a quick lunch break, and when the meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m., CDOT Resident Engineer Rhianna Poss met with the Board to discuss the State Highway 40/County Highway 109 interchange project. Town of Hugo Head of Public Works Jeremy Forristall and Road & Bridge District 1 Foreman Chris Monks also attended the discussion.

Mrs. Poss said they'd worked on the project for over three years but ran into several issues with the U.P. The latest problem concerned which political body should sign the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement as the road authority, the county or the town of Hugo. The railroad right-of-way utilized for the existing at-grade public road crossing over Third Avenue (aka County Highway 109) wasn't sufficient to allow widening the intersection at Third Avenue and Fourth Street to add turn lanes. The agreement would grant additional rights to the political body for that purpose. Since the county maintained the road, Mrs. Poss said CDOT assumed it belonged to the county; however, when CDOT's right-of-way team reached out to Hugo's town manager Maria Nestor, she told them it was inside town limits and could be Hugo's responsibility. Mrs. Poss added that CDOT didn't care who owned or maintained the 175' they were interested in widening, but the agreement with the U.P. was for the maintenance portion, so it would be best to decide who that was for the record and moving forward. CDOT would purchase two small parcels and then turn them over to the entity with jurisdiction.

Jeremy Forristall said that Mrs. Nestor hadn't found anything indicating the road belonged to the town, and Chris Monks said Gary Ensign had told him years ago that it was the county's. The county has maintained it for the past twenty-nine years, including asphalt overlay projects.

Mr. Burgess noted the road was definitely inside town limits, and Mrs. Poss asked if there were any legal issues with the county maintaining it. Mr. Burgess suggested entering into an IGA with the town. Mr. Kimble said it would be wise to check with CTSI first to ensure the county's insurance carrier didn't see a liability the Board had overlooked. He added that the Governmental Immunity Act covers many things but not roads.

Mrs. Poss said that CDOT planned to pay the \$4,400 invoice from U.P., one of the amendments they'd made to the agreement. Naming CDOT gave them an audit trail for paying the invoice. If the county planned to sign an IGA with Hugo, the commissioners should sign the Union Pacific agreement as the road authority.

Mr. Burgess noted that County Highway 109 was actually County Road 32 on the county map.

Mr. Ewing moved to sign the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement between the Union Pacific Railroad and Lincoln County with the understanding that the county would become the road authority upon entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the town of Hugo for maintenance of County Road 32, aka County Highway 109, aka Third Avenue south of U.S. Highway 40/287 to the south edge of the Hugo city limits. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

After Mrs. Poss and Mr. Forristall left, Mr. Burgess brought up the County Highway 109 bridge project, stating he felt the county had no choice but to pay the money for a set of plans. He felt having the completed design, even though it would cost around \$130,000, would at least be a step in the right direction. Mr. Stone agreed, adding that they would never get funding without the plans. Mr. Monks had heard from TLM Constructors that they couldn't get "that type of panels because the company went broke."

Mr. Ewing moved to allow RockSol Consulting Group, Inc. to design the County Highway 109 project meeting all CDOT requirements. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Monks asked if the commissioners planned to do anything with the courthouse parking lot this year, and Mr. Stone said it would be the time since the bridge project would be on hold for a while longer. Mr. Monks said they would have the crack sealer in Hugo to fill some cracks in the school parking lot, so they could do the courthouse parking lot while they had the machine here. If the commissioners intended to redo the parking lot, he didn't see the point in filling cracks. The Board agreed to discuss it again at a later meeting.

Mr. Piper needed a decision on the part-time maintenance position. If they made it seasonal, the person would not receive the health insurance benefit. John Mohan wanted a full-time helper, but the commissioners agreed it wasn't necessary. Mr. Mohan also suggested thirty-five hours per week. After discussing the wage and hours, the commissioners decided to advertise for a part-time, seasonal (from June 1 to September 30), thirty-two-hour-per-week employee at \$14 per hour.

The group set meeting dates through September and discussed the May 30 meeting. Since the commissioners would leave for their summer conference that day, they agreed to start the meeting at 8:00 a.m. and approve the May payroll. Mr. Piper said Lincoln Health CEO Kevin Stansbury had scheduled his monthly report for 9:30 that morning, but he could ask Mr. Stansbury to reschedule. The Board agreed they would meet with Mr. Stansbury and leave for their conference afterward.

Mr. Burgess asked what they planned to do about the door between the election security and commissioner meeting rooms. Everyone agreed it needed to be correct. Mrs. Lengel said she would talk to Mr. Pellett again.

Mrs. Lengel asked if the commissioners wanted to approve the Stanley Steamer carpet and tile cleaning bid, but Mr. Stone said he would speak with Kevin Harris about it and see if he would give the county a quote.

Mrs. Lengel updated the Board on the re-districting process, stating she still hadn't heard anything from Colorado College. Ryan Davis had done some work with the Census blocks and current commissioner districts and came up with population discrepancies that he felt were higher than five percent; however, he didn't know how accurate his numbers were. While state

statute dictates re-districting when there is more than a five percent deviation between the most populous and the least populous district, Mrs. Lengel said she understood it was ultimately the Board's decision. Mr. Kimble said he would research the statutes to see what he could find.

With no further business coming before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on May 30, 2023.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman