

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for September 28, 2023

- 9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 9:30 Emily Bailey, CSU Extension Director, to present the Extension Office 2024 Preliminary Budget
- 10:00 Andrew Lorensen, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report
- 10:30 Kelly Meier, Public Health Director, to present the Public Health 2024 Preliminary Budget
- 11:30 Walkthrough for potential projects at the Lincoln County Substation in Limon with Ken Stroud, Emergency Manager

-To be completed as time permits-

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1. Approve the minutes from the September 18, 2023, meeting
2. Approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023, budget meeting
3. Conduct an introduction and first reading of proposed Lincoln County Ordinance NO. 1105, an ordinance amending and replacing Ordinance NO. 712 for the regulation of traffic
4. Review and act upon a memorandum of understanding for control of confidential data regarding sales and use tax and lodging tax for 2024
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 September 28, 2023. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Steve Burgess and Wayne Ewing, County Administrator Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel attended. County Attorney Stan Kimble arrived at 9:10 a.m., and Limon Leader reporter Stephanie Zwick attended until noon.

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

District 1 Road Supervisor Chris Monks came by, and Mr. Ewing asked him to update the others on his work at the roundhouse. Mr. Monks said he found numerous obstacles behind the building while mowing. There were guidewire anchors, exposed wires, a couple of footers, a stem wall, and a dirt pile to maneuver the mower around. He covered what he could but didn't know whose responsibility or decision it was to take care of what remained. Mr. Monks felt they would have to use a backhoe to dig up the anchors and voiced concerns about the mower blade catching the debris and damaging the mower. Mr. Burgess said they needed to clean it up.

Mr. Monks contracted for six loads of diesel fuel at \$3.25/gallon—two for each district. The commissioners told him to get three more loads, feeling the price would increase.

Mr. Monks said Amy Kneeder from Burlington did quarterly random drug and alcohol testing the previous day. She is a certified collector, required by federal DOT regulations, and all specimens go to one of four SAMHSA-certified testing laboratories in the nation. SAMHSA is the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Monks said they use Lincoln Health for pre-employment testing but didn't know if the hospital employed a certified collector. Mr. Burgess wondered if Public Health had a certified collector and said they could ask Mrs. Meier when she met with them at 10:30.

Mr. Monks left, and Mr. Ewing moved to approve the minutes from the meetings held on September 18 and September 21, 2023, as submitted. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Upon introducing and conducting a first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 1105, amending and replacing Ordinance No. 712 regulating traffic, Mr. Burgess moved to approve the first reading. Mr. Ewing voiced concerns about adding the requested \$20.50 administrative fee, stating that the government did it all the time, and he disagreed with it.

CSU Extension Director Emily Baylie arrived at 9:30 for her appointment.

Sheriff Tom Nestor and Captain Michael Yowell arrived at 9:35 a.m. and explained that the new fee would cover uncompensated recurring costs such as postage and administrative paperwork. Captain Yowell said the Treasurer already charges \$2.00 not covered in the ordinance and noted anything collected would go into the general fund. Sheriff Nestor agreed with Mr. Ewing's

statement about adding fees and didn't care what the commissioners decided since the revenue wouldn't go back into his budget. He said he would continue requesting additional funds in his budget to cover the recurring costs if the Board didn't approve the new fee. Sheriff Nestor commented that the new digital ticketing system carried an approximate \$6,000 annual cost, and there was nothing to backfill it if they didn't increase the fee.

Mr. Ewing thanked the officers for the information and seconded Mr. Burgess' motion, which carried unanimously.

STATE OF COLORADO }  
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COUNTY OF LINCOLN }

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Lincoln County, State of Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Hugo on Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 2023, there were present:

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| Douglas D. Stone | Commissioner, Chairman      |
| Steve Burgess    | Commissioner, Vice Chairman |
| Wayne Ewing      | Commissioner                |
| Jacob Piper      | County Administrator        |
| Corinne Lengel   | County Clerk                |
| Stan Kimble      | County Attorney             |

When the following proceedings, among other, were had and done, to wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1105**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 712  
FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC:  
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS  
IN CONFLICT THEREWITH: AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 30-15-401(1) (h), C.R.S., the Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter the "Board") is authorized to adopt ordinances to control and regulate the movement and parking of motor vehicles on public property: and

**WHEREAS**, section 42-4-110(1), C.R.S., authorizes all local authorities, including counties, to adopt by reference all or any part of a model traffic code: and

**WHEREAS**, the Board adopted Lincoln County Ordinance NO. 712 at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lincoln County, Colorado, that the Board adopt the 2003 edition of the Model Traffic Code for Colorado as promulgated by the Colorado Department of Transportation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to amend Section 10, Surcharges, of Lincoln County Ordinance NO. 712 in order to collect additional surcharges to be allocated to the genetic testing and DNA Testing Fund, as well as administrative fees to be allocated to Lincoln County, Colorado, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to adopt this ordinance establishing traffic enforcement and establishing the current authorities and priorities thereof on which Lincoln County will rely, hereby superseding and revoking all prior ordinances and resolutions inconsistent or overlapping herewith.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln, as follows:

**Section 1, Title.**

This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Lincoln County Traffic Control and Safety Ordinance," and may be cited and referenced as such.

**Section 2, Purpose.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the general public welfare and safety by imposing and enforcing reasonable and necessary traffic restrictions in Lincoln County.

**Section 3, Scope.**

This Ordinance shall apply throughout the unincorporated areas of Lincoln County, including public, private, state and applicable federal lands. This Ordinance shall in no way limit application and enforcement of any statutes of the State of Colorado but shall be in addition thereto.

**Section 4, Adoption of 2003 Model Traffic Code.**

Pursuant to sections 42-4-110(1) and 30-15-401(1)(h), C.R.S., there is hereby adopted by reference Articles I and II, inclusive, of the 2003 edition of the "Model Traffic Code for Colorado," promulgated and published as such by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Safety and Traffic Engineering Branch, 4201 East Arkansas Avenue, EP 700, Denver, Colorado 80222. The subject matter of the Model Traffic Code relates primarily to comprehensive traffic control regulations. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide a system of traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state

and nation. Copies of the Model Traffic Code adopted herein are on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Lincoln County, and may be inspected during regular business hours.

### **Section 5, Deletions.**

The 2003 edition of the Model Traffic Code is adopted as if set out at length save and except the following articles and / sections which are declared to be inapplicable to Lincoln County and are therefore expressly deleted:

- (a) Section 107
- (b) Section 108
- (c) Section 114
- (d) Section 203
- (e) Section 227(3)(b)
- (f) Section 233
- (g) Section 235
- (h) Section 507
- (i) Section 508
- (j) Section 509
- (k) Section 510
- (l) Section 611
- (m) Section 1101(8)
- (n) Section 1412
- (o) Section 1413
- (p) Section 1705
- (q) Section 1706
- (r) Section 1707(1)
- (s) Section 1707(2)
- (t) Section 1707(3)(b) delete reference to municipal attorney
- (u) Section 1707(4)(a) and (b)
- (v) Section 1707(6)
- (w) Section 1715(2) delete "forfeiture of bail," "Bail was forfeited" and "or forfeited"
- (x) Section 1715(3) delete "or whether bail was forfeited" and "or forfeiture"
- (y) Section 1901
- (z) Section 1902
- (aa) Section 1904

### **Section 6, Violation.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of this Ordinance.

### **Section 7, Penalty Assessment Procedure and Penalty Schedule.**

- (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance commits a traffic

infraction, pursuant to section 30-15-402(1), C.R.S. The penalty assessment procedure provided in section 16-2-201, C.R.S. shall be followed by the arresting officer for any such violation of this Ordinance.

- (b) Lincoln County hereby elects to have the provisions of section 42-2-127(5.5)(b), C.R.S., apply to violations of this Ordinance. If a violator receives a penalty assessment notice for a violation of this Ordinance, and such person pays the fine and surcharge for the violation on or before the date the payment is due, the points assessed for the violation are reduced as follows:
  - (1) for a violation having an assessment of three or more points, the points are reduced by two points;
  - (2) for a violation having an assessment of two points, the points are reduced by one point.
  
- (c) For its schedule of fines and penalties, Lincoln County incorporates by this reference the schedule of fines and penalties set forth in section 42-4-1701, C.R.S. (as that section may be amended), as those fines and penalties correspond to the sections of the Model Traffic Code adopted by this Ordinance, for all cases wherein the alleged violator acknowledges guilt or liability, is found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, or has judgment entered against him/her. If the penalty assessment procedure is not used, and the alleged offender is found guilty, court costs may be assessed in addition to the fine and penalties set forth in section 42-4-1701, C.R.S., and surcharges.
  
- (d) In the case of multiple traffic offenses involving aggressive driving, the applicable penalty or penalty assessment shall be doubled for each traffic offense. For purposes of this subsection, "aggressive driving" means committing any two or more of the following violations in a single act or series of acts in close proximity to another motor vehicle:
  - (1) exceeding the speed limits (1101);
  - (2) Following too closely (1008);
  - (3) failure to obey official traffic control devices (603);
  - (4) passing on shoulder of road (1004(2));
  - (5) failure to give an adequate signal (903);
  - (6) failure to yield right-of-way (701, 702, 703); and
  - (7) unsafe lane change (903).
  
- (e) The remedies provided in this ordinance shall be cumulative and in addition to any other federal, state or local remedy, criminal or civil, which may be available. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude prosecution under any other applicable statute, ordinance, rule, order or regulation.

### **Section 8, Enforcement and Prosecution.**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Lincoln County Sheriff. All prosecutions for all infractions under this ordinance shall be by the County Attorney according to the Colorado County Court.

### **Section 9, Disposition of Fines and Forfeitures.**

Unless otherwise provided by law, all fines and penalties, and the surcharge thereon, for the violation of this Ordinance shall be paid into the treasury of Lincoln County, the General Fund.

### **Section 10, Surcharges.**

In addition to the fines and penalties prescribed in this Ordinance, any person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the statutory surcharges of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Victims and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund, twelve dollars (\$12.00) for the Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund, two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for the genetic testing and DNA Testing Fund, in accordance with 24-33.5-416.5, C.R.S., and twenty dollars and fifty cents (\$20.50) for the administrative fees associated to the processing and management of this Ordinance. These surcharges shall be paid to the clerk of the court by each person convicted of violating this Ordinance. The clerk shall transmit the moneys to the respective funds in accordance with section 30-15-402(2), C.R.S.

### **Section 11, Severability.**

If any section, subsection, clause, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance are for any reason adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid provision. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts thereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone part or parts be declared invalid.

### **Section 12, Repeal.**

Existing or parts of ordinances covering the same matters as embraced in this Ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the taking effect of this Ordinance.

### **Section 13, Interpretation.**

This ordinance shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to conform with the State's uniform system for the regulation of vehicles and traffic. Article and section headings of the Ordinance and adopted Model Traffic Code shall not be deemed to

govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or extent of the provisions of any article or section thereof.

**Section 14, Effective date.**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as this Ordinance is amended, temporarily suspended or repealed.

**Section 15, Emergency.**

The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln County, Colorado. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption on second and final reading.

**Section 16, Certification.**

The Lincoln County Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and shall have on file copies of the Ordinance and the adopted Model Traffic Code available for inspection by the public during normal working hours.

INTRODUCED, READ AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING on the 28th day of September 2023.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, COLORADO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUGLAS D. STONE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CORINNE LENGEL  
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK AND RECORD

READ AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND THE PUBLIC HEARING on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 and ordered published in full.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, COLORADO

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUGLAS D. STONE, CHAIRMAN



ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CORINNE LENGEL  
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

Sheriff Nestor informed the Board of another unfunded mandate requiring holding court seven days a week. HB21-1280 required courts to hold bond hearings within 48 hours of a person's arrest and jail booking. Captain Yowell said HB23-1151 clarified HB1280 in that the 48-hour requirement applied even if a jurisdiction other than the one that issued the arrest warrant held the person in custody. October 1 is the effective date for the new law. Sheriff Nestor noted they'd had 100 out-of-county warrants already this year and that the jail only has one stall for video conference. Since they cannot advise the inmate locally, the sheriff warned that he would have to buy more video equipment and that deputies' overtime would increase. Captain Yowell said no one was happy with the bill, including judges, sheriffs, and public defenders. Nor did they know how to make the mandate work when scheduled hearings were often simultaneous. Before leaving, Sheriff Nestor told the Board he planned to ask for full-time help when he applied for the upcoming court security grant in June. He said he might ask for the commissioners' support to help push it through.

Human Services Director Andrew Lorensen arrived at 9:50 a.m.

CSU Extension Director Emily Baylie met with the Board at 10:00 a.m. to present the 2024 budget requests. Under the Salaries line item, she changed the Administrative Assistant title back to Extension Assistant and removed the Administrative Assistant position. Mrs. Baylie increased the other full-time positions and Social Security based on the projected two-step cost of living raises. The \$5,100 jump in the Office Supplies line item included new furniture for their board room. Since many community groups used the meeting room, Mrs. Baylie wanted to replace the table and purchase nicer executive chairs. She had applied for and received a \$1,000 grant to help cover the cost. Mrs. Baylie wanted to put the expense in the Capital Outlay line item, but since it was less than \$5,000 and didn't qualify, she added it to the Office Supplies line instead. She had increased her Repairs & Maintenance because of their new copier lease but decreased the Telephone line item since they got rid of the fax machine. Mrs. Baylie also reduced Postage but doubled the Fair Expenses line item, explaining that they spent \$2,500 on ribbons alone this year. They also paid for judges' meals and hotel rooms (if required) and fair supplies from that line item.

Mr. Burgess said \$4,500 seemed like a lot in the Overtime line item, and Mrs. Baylie responded that her two employees had almost 100 hours of overtime during the two-week county fair period. Mr. Ewing asked if CSU reimburses any of that expense, but they do not. Other than the hours staff accumulates for working at the fair, Mrs. Baylie said they receive comp time; however, they often can't use it during the thirty-day county policy period. She felt they should use it quarterly, which they could conceivably do in their less busy times. Mr. Piper told her the county policy does allow the department head to extend the thirty days if necessary. He also

suggested adding a separate line item for the furniture, and Mr. Lorensen suggested using Operating Supplies since it has an existing account number.

Mrs. Baylie said the county contributes \$15,000 toward her salary, and she received CSU's second-quarter invoice last week. She didn't know if they billed for the first quarter but planned to check. Before she left, Mrs. Baylie said she'd received over ten applications for the Administrative Assistant position and would conduct interviews soon.

Mr. Lorensen gave the monthly Human Services report at 10:20 a.m. The Board reviewed the financial statements, employee timesheets, and the director's, Income Maintenance, and Child Welfare & Adult Protection reports.

Public Health Director Kelly Meier arrived as Mr. Lorensen informed the commissioners he'd had no luck finding a replacement caseworker. He received a resignation letter from another employee the previous day. CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), the federal agency that administers Medicare and Medicaid, pushed the state to prioritize it after finding HCPF (Healthcare Policy and Financing) was out of compliance. That, of course, trickled down to counties that now have to offer sixty-day extensions on applications. Mr. Lorensen said the state was doing everything possible to keep people on the programs, which put extra work and stress on his long-term care employees. His newest hire finished another course and continues working toward caseload eligibility, but it would likely take three to six months.

The Northeast Region approved the homelessness application, making Logan County the fiscal agent. Mr. Lorensen said they could use this grant funding instead of TANF dollars through June 2024.

Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention awarded \$25,000 in grant money, and Mr. Lorensen said they also received \$9,400 for the visitation center, which was 100% state-funded.

Before he left, Mr. Lorensen said he wanted the coroner's office to move to a record-management system and stop storing paper records. He planned to use his Professional Services line item to pay the \$2,400 fee and said the system would save money over time.

At 10:50 a.m., Mr. Stone recessed the Board of County Commissioners meeting and opened the Board of Public Health meeting. Director Kelly Meier requested signatures on several contracts. Mr. Burgess moved to approve the \$15,351 Preventive Health Block Grant for the Public Health Improvement Plan and Community Health Assessment due in 2024. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ewing moved to approve the ELC Enhancing Detection Expansion Statement of Work, accepting COVID-19 ELC Round 2.1 funding. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve Task Order – HB22-1326 Contracts funded by the Fentanyl Accountability and Prevention Act. Mr. Ewing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Meier presented the Statement of Work amendments to the previously signed \$12,672 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) grant. She said they had already complied with the additional deliverables, but the contract needed a signature anyway. Mr. Stone signed the contract.

Mrs. Meier said they now have to offer flu and COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured and underinsured adults at least one evening each month. They received \$11,000 in Immunization Core Funds to offset the cost. The state allows them to see patients by appointment, so Mrs. Meier said they set the first Thursday evening and the second Saturday morning for vaccinations. If there are no appointments, staff will not have to be there.

She did not have the contract yet, but Mrs. Meier said the state awarded \$70,000 in ARPA 6.1 local planning and support funds. She promised to bring the contract as soon as she received it.

Mr. Stone asked if anyone in Mrs. Meier's office was a drug and alcohol-certified collector. He explained the county needed pre-employment testing to comply with CDL requirements and that a certified collector had to collect and submit the samples. Mrs. Meier said they were CLIA-certified but didn't know if it was the same.

As for the 2024 Public Health budget requests, Mrs. Meier asked to increase the RN's salary from \$35/hour to \$40/hour and add her to the step raise scale. CDPHE completely refunds the employee's pay and will do so through June 2024. Mrs. Meier said the nurse rarely works twenty hours a week, but the department also gets \$17,000 in Child Fatality and \$11,000 Immunization Core funding that can supplement it if necessary. Mrs. Meier also increased the Contract Labor line item by \$1,600 because their interpreter quit, and she didn't know what a replacement would charge. She lowered the Medical Insurance line item because an employee's spouse works for the county and already receives the benefit. Mrs. Meier increased the Office Supplies line item by \$1,000 since the COVID-19 funding will run out next June. She also raised Medical Supplies by \$1,500, Postage by \$50, and Travel & Transportation by \$500. Mrs. Meier lowered the Regional EPR amount from \$22,000 to \$3,749 because they had \$18,251 left in the grant, and EPR Coordinator Ken Stroud's salary appeared in the Salaries section, as did fifty percent of the STEPP Coordinator's salary. Mrs. Meier asked to add a WIC line item and said they'd only use the \$10,000 if needed, but since there wasn't a budget line item for it, she wanted one for easier tracking. Lastly, Mrs. Meier raised the Dues & Meetings line item by \$1,000. Overall, the 2024 budget requests were over \$93,000 less than 2023.

Mr. Piper pointed out an error on the Public Health revenue page, and Mrs. Meier said she'd received updated figures that the proposal didn't reflect. The Nursing Core Contract would receive an additional \$70,000 for dues, meetings, salaries, and other areas. Mr. Piper said he would revise the page when Mrs. Meier sent the new figures.

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

the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Kimble reported working up the warrant for Mr. Waite's property but had talked to Land Use Administrator Ty Stogsdill about improvements he'd supposedly made. Mr. Stogsdill planned to check on it, but Mr. Kimble hadn't had a chance to ask if he had. If there were no significant changes, Mr. Kimble said the county would serve the landowner with a zoning violation. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Ewing agreed the north end was better, but not the south. Mr. Kimble said they could decide whether to move forward once they had new photos.

Mr. Ewing moved to sign the Memorandums of Understanding for Control of Confidential Data for Lincoln County sales and use tax and lodging tax, appointing Jacob Piper as the authorized agent to receive confidential information. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Burgess reported going to Genoa on September 19. He and Bruce Walters discussed the 2024 budget. They felt that fuel, parts and supplies, utilities (heat), repairs and maintenance of buildings, and Capital Outlay expenses were top priorities. Mr. Burgess noted that after they pay for a new road grader, there will be \$13,000 left for the remainder of the year. They discussed how long they have to keep daily Vehicle Inspection Reports, and Mr. Burgess called CTSI. He learned they only have to keep them for three months. Mr. Burgess went to the landfill, and Jim Shideler came to see what they wanted for lighting at the shop. It was a simple fix: remove the existing fixture and replace it with a lightbulb fixture. Mr. Burgess ordered LED 3500 LM shop lights from Amazon. On September 20, Mr. Burgess attended the Economic Development meeting in Limon. They discussed selling property and the Brownfield program. He also asked Chris Monks to forward contract diesel fuel for 2024. Mr. Burgess attended the budget meetings on September 21 and took Rod Hamacher to the landfill on the Twenty-second to look at the 1962 Chevy truck. They couldn't start it, and Mr. Hamacher said it needed a tune-up and carburetor work. Mr. Burgess thought it might be time to replace it. He looked up 4-poster car lifts and found some cheaper than NAPA. Mr. Burgess called the lumber yard on September 23 and asked for a price on a roll-up garage door with a walk-in door. He felt it might be better than cutting an entry in the substation garage. Dave Dobbs had one at his shop, and Mr. Burgess asked the other commissioners to look at it before they left for Limon. Mr. Burgess went to the Genoa shop on September 25 and learned the John Deere mower had broken down. He also went to Dave Dobbs' shop in Hugo, looked at the door, and thought it would work, only costing about \$6,600. Mr. Burgess stopped at the landfill to see the lights Jim Shideler installed; they work well. He noted they should install a fifth-wheel ball in the Dodge three-quarter-ton truck and dispose of the 1962 Chevy. The District 2 road crew mowed and worked on the John Deere mower on September 26. They also hauled material to the yard. They got the landfill truck running with new spark plugs on September 27. Allen Chubbuck called him about vehicle tire prices. Lastly, Mr. Burgess let the others know that Mark McMullen would be at the landfill on the morning of October 5.

Mr. Ewing reported attending the Genoa town board meeting on September 19 and the budget meeting on September 21. He had several conversations with Chris Monks about mowing,

employees, and fuel contracts. It's taking longer to mow since Mr. Ewing asked the crew to mow fence line to fence line or double-mow when possible. Mr. Ewing also talked to a resident about the landfill and said they would discuss it under new business.

Mr. Stone went to the Karval shop on September 19 to look at the new loader. He and Judd Kravig discussed personnel and asphalt projects, and then Mr. Stone checked some roads. Mr. Stone attended the budget meetings on September 21 and checked roads south and southwest of Karval on the Twenty-second. He spoke with Mr. Kravig about an employee's CDL on September 25 and received a call from Chris Monks about fuel contract prices on September 26. Mike Vaughn also told him they'd bring District 3 a new tractor.

Mr. Piper asked if all the commissioners planned to attend the CCI Winter Conference, which they did. He said Mr. Lorensen had expressed an interest in it, too.

Mr. Piper asked if the commissioners wanted to increase the hourly pay for the Bookmobile employees, and Mr. Burgess said Katie Zipperer's should go to \$20 per hour. They agreed to increase Kevin Pickerill's to \$18 per hour.

The landfill employees accrued a lot of comp time, and Mr. Piper asked what the Board wanted to do about it. Mr. Burgess said the personnel policy dictates that employees must use comp time within thirty days or lose it.

Mr. Stone called for other business, and Mr. Burgess said Gini Pingnot resigned from CTSI, which would be a significant loss. He also brought up the call from Allen Chubbuck regarding tire prices. Mr. Stone felt the county lost money on tires when the rates Haulin' Hass charged to collect them were higher than what the customer paid to drop them at the landfill. Mr. Chubbuck suggested raising the automobile tire recycling price to \$6 per tire instead of \$4. Mr. Piper noted that the tire revenue was consistently short, almost \$2,000 yearly. Mr. Stone liked Mr. Chubbuck's suggestion. The Board also agreed to increase large tractor tires to \$45, matching Hass' price.

Mr. Burgess said they also needed to consider replacing the landfill's Gator, but they only budgeted \$10,000, which wouldn't cover one.

Mrs. Zwick left at noon, and Mr. Burgess called landfill secretary Brenda Howe to discuss the proposed new rates. The Board ultimately agreed to refund Raz Roofing \$92 since the county hadn't posted the price Ms. Howe recently charged.

Mr. Stone asked Mr. Piper to list the Road & Bridge job openings on the county's Facebook page. Mrs. Lengel said Secretary of State rules required that election watchers be able to hear what election judges were doing. James Martin had looked into possible solutions since there was no sound system in the new election room to comply with the requirement. He had asked if the commissioners were interested in spending a little money to install a system they could use to record meetings in the future. Mr. Stone didn't feel the commissioners needed microphones,

and no one else provided feedback. Mrs. Lengel said she would ask Mr. Martin to give her some prices.

Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m., and the commissioners went to Limon for a walkthrough of the sheriff's substation to discuss potential projects with Emergency Manager Ken Stroud.

The next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on October 6, 2023.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Doug Stone, Chairman