

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County
Agenda for September 29, 2022

9:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

10:00 Andrew Lorensen, Human Services Director, to present the Department of Human Services monthly report

-To be completed as time permits-

1. Approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022, meeting
2. Approve the minutes from the September 26, 2022, budget meeting
3. Review and act upon an employee credit card request for Robert Kraxberger
4. Review and act upon an employee credit card limit change request for Kelly Meier
5. Review and act upon an Oil and Gas Lease with W-F Production, LLC to lease Lincoln County minerals located below the E2SW of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 55 West, of the 6th PM
6. Review and act upon a letter of support regarding a State Historical Fund grant application for the Lincoln County Roundhouse
7. Review and act upon a Committee Member Appointment for the CCI 2022 Legislative Committee
8. Review and act upon a memorandum of understanding for control of confidential data regarding sales and use tax and lodging tax for 2023
9. County Commissioner reports
10. County Attorney's report
11. County Administrator's report
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Approve Payroll

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2022. Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioner Steve Burgess, County Administrator Jacob Piper, County Attorney Stan Kimble, Clerk of the Board Corinne M. Lengel, and Limon Leader reporter Stephanie Zwick attended. Commissioner Ed E. Schiffers was absent and excused.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Mohan had stopped by to discuss installing heating and air conditioning in the new maintenance shop, and Mr. Burgess commented that the maintenance pickup was older and had more miles on it than the land use pickup. He felt they should pass the land use vehicle to Mr. Mohan and get rid of the maintenance pickup. Mr. Stone asked if they would put the latter up for bid or trade it in. Mr. Burgess suggested finding out if Vince's Chevrolet would give anything for it that the sheriff could put toward his new vehicles.

Mr. Mohan provided heating and air conditioning proposals, one from Plains Heating and Air Conditioning and one from SS Heating & A/C, LLC. If they went with a 2-Zone Mini-Split unit, Mr. Mohan said they could keep the thermostats set at different temperatures, which would be more cost-effective. While a single unit might be cheaper, it would mean keeping the temperature the same in the office and the shop, which wasn't necessary. The quote on the 2-Zone unit from SS Heating was \$7,215.21, while that from Plains Heating was \$9,009. Mr. Mohan said KC Electric offers rebates, which were also higher (between \$1,800 and \$2,400) on the 2-Zone unit.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve the \$7,215.21 quote from SS Heating & A/C, LLC, for heating/air conditioning in the maintenance shop. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 20, 2022, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Before approving the budget minutes, Mr. Burgess commented that while the auditor cautioned against continuing to take down fund balances, the county also needed to take care of its assets and not be quite as concerned with spending some of its money. Mr. Burgess moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 26, 2022, as submitted. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve a county credit card with a \$1,000 limit for Robert Kraxberger. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve a credit limit increase to \$2,500 for Public Health Director Kelly Meier. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Piper told Mr. Kimble they'd tabled action on the Oil and Gas Lease with W-F Production, LLC until they could get better direction. Mr. Kimble cited state statute, stating that the county could lease its minerals as long as the term wasn't longer than five years or less than twelve-

and-a-half percent, which this lease met. He said the company should have offered payment and asked how much it was. Mr. Piper didn't remember but said he'd check his email to see if it stated an amount per acre.

Mr. Burgess moved to sign a letter of support regarding a State Historical Fund grant application for the Hugo Union Pacific Railroad Roundhouse. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess moved to appoint Steve Burgess as the committee member for the CCI 2023 Legislative Committee, with Doug Stone as an alternate. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for control of confidential data regarding 2023 sales and use tax and lodging tax and to designate Jacob Piper as the person allowed to obtain the information. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Burgess reported attending the Economic Development meeting on September 21. Later, he and Chris Monks met with Martin Merklinger with Rock Sol to look at the bridge on County Road 109, south of Hugo. Mr. Burgess said he'd reported on it earlier and didn't have anything to add. Mr. Burgess called Eric Bergman with CCI about the grant application and when the county would know if it received funding. He also called Amber Poland about detailing the county van; Mrs. Lengel said they'd taken it to her this morning. Mr. Burgess talked to Bruce Walters about their air compressor that didn't work. Since they needed one to blow out the radiators and cooling fans on the mowers, Mr. Burgess offered to pick one up since NAPA said they were on backorder. Mr. Walters also told him he'd gotten a recall notice for the front end of his three-quarter-ton truck. On September 22, Mr. Burgess spoke with Mr. Walters about the heavy fog and light rain; the road crew worked on equipment. A resident complimented the district on its mowing. Mr. Burgess went to Garden City, Kansas, on September 23 and picked up an air compressor for the service truck. On September 27, he talked with Mr. Walters about their John Deere tractor's mechanical problems. He spoke with Ty Stogsdill about gravel pits and then stopped at CDOT and asked what their per diem was, which is \$56 per day. Mr. Burgess said he knew that wouldn't cover meals if an employee had to go to training or meetings in the mountains, but he felt the department heads could use their discretion and common sense, either for themselves or staff. On September 28, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Walters again spoke about the tractor. It had a broken cable on the hydraulic lever. The crew hoped to have the mowing done in three weeks, and they hauled gravel and asphalt from the pit to the yard. Mr. Burgess talked to Mr. Piper about the upcoming CDL training. Lastly, Mr. Burgess reported that Mr. Walters ordered parts for the John Deere tractor earlier this morning.

Mr. Stone spoke with Judd Kravig after the commissioner meeting on September 20. One of the roads in District 3 has two bridges on it, and they'd put the load limit sign on the first one, which was wrong. Mr. Kravig fixed the problem and relocated the sign. Mr. Stone attended the fair board meeting that night, where they discussed the county fair. All were pleased with how

it turned out. Mr. Stone talked to Chris Monks about fuel prices on September 21, attended the budget meeting on September 26, and went by the Karval shop to speak with Judd Kravig on September 27. He checked roads on the Twenty-eighth and stopped to see Louis Martin about a bridge, but Mr. Martin wasn't home. Mr. Stogsdill told Mr. Stone he thought Crowley County accepted the solar project.

Mr. Kimble reported on pending litigation. He also said an attorney's office contacted him about forming a Genoa Fire District; the process starts when someone files a Service Plan with the commissioners and pays the statutory fee, not to exceed \$500. The committee trying to form the district asked if the county would waive the cost, and the commissioners agreed. Mr. Kimble said the committee would have to file a petition with the district court if the commissioners approved the Service Plan. He felt the new district would probably encompass any remaining Lincoln County land not currently located in a fire district. If the court approved the plan and the boundaries, it would go to an election.

Mr. Kimble noted that since the county clerks won the lawsuit filed by Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters, attorneys were discussing if they should go after attorney fees. Most felt that the six counties that took the lead should do so.

Human Services Director Andrew Lorensen arrived for his appointment as Mr. Kimble finished his report. The Board reviewed the financials, timesheets, and DHS reports, and then Mr. Stone asked about the Colorado Works MOU. Mr. Lorensen explained it occurred every three years and covered the state's oversight and county's management of the Colorado Works Program. Mr. Burgess moved to sign the MOU, and Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Lorensen said he thought they might receive notification about the end of the Public Health Emergency sometime next month. He pointed out the high number of Child Welfare referrals reported in September and then voiced his concerns about possibly losing the person who handles in-home therapy services. The person could not compete with others and felt they would have to pull their services by the end of the year. Mr. Lorensen said his department would actively work to identify another service provider if that happened. Mr. Burgess wanted to know how much of the program were county dollars, and Mr. Lorensen said most were 100% covered with no county match, but some was 80%-20%.

Mr. Lorensen left, and Mr. Piper asked Mr. Kimble and Mrs. Lengel if they planned to make further changes to the CORA policy. Mrs. Lengel said she would look at it again but probably not before next year. Mr. Piper wanted to know if the inclusion of video recordings warranted another amendment to the resolution, but Mr. Kimble said he didn't believe it did.

Mr. Burgess provided information from the assessor's office regarding the county's wind farms, their assessed valuations, and total revenue.

As for the per diem rate, Mr. Burgess asked what they would do about the Road & Bridge employees paying for their meals when they went to the CDL training since they didn't have

county credit cards. Mr. Stone said it would be best to have them keep their receipts and reimburse them.

Mr. Burgess moved to increase the county's meal rate to \$56 per day, effective October 1, 2022. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

Mrs. Lengel updated the group on their progress regarding the commissioner re-districting, which must be done by September 2023. The Secretary of State's office worked with Colorado College to help counties without GIS departments develop precinct boundaries and maps. She said she'd keep the Board up-to-date on their progress.

Mr. Burgess asked if she'd heard anything further on the election room/voter service and polling center, and Mrs. Lengel said she'd heard no more from Mr. Wernsman and had moved on to Plan B, which was converting the commissioner meeting room and lounge. Holly Booker with Multicard (the company the sheriff used for the new keycard access and camera systems) came out Tuesday and did a site survey. Mrs. Lengel and her staff explained the requirements and let her know their thoughts, and Ms. Booker said she'd put together an estimate.

Mr. Piper went to look up the email regarding the Oil and Gas lease with W-F Production, LLC, and said they offered \$25 per acre or \$62.50 per year. Mr. Burgess moved to sign the Oil and Gas lease with W-F Production, LLC to lease Lincoln County minerals located below the E2SW4 of Section 20, Township 7 South, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

The Board approved the September 2022 payroll, and then Mr. Burgess moved to allow Amy Solomon, who will run out of FMLA leave, to use sick and vacation time until January 3, 2023. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, which carried.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at noon. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on October 6, 2022.

Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk of the Board

Doug Stone, Chairman