

## COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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### New Mexico Special Meeting Board of County Commissioners

Thomas F. Stewart , Chair  
Lynn Willard, Vice Chair

Elaine Allen , Member  
Jon Crunk , Member  
Todd Proctor, Member

#### Minutes Thursday April 8, 2021

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 1:30 PM on April 8, 2021 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Stewart called the Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 1:30 PM.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Roll Call.

**Present:** Chair Stewart (Via Zoom), Commissioner Allen (Via Zoom), Commissioner Willard (Via Zoom), Commissioner Proctor (Via Zoom).

**Absent:** Commissioner Crunk.

Others present included Ira Pearson, County Manager; Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk.

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Chair Stewart.

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge – USA Flag
- b. Salute – NM Flag

#### 5. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Proctor, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Proctor.

#### 6. Award of Contract for Fort Stanton Road for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements, Reconstruction, Full Construction and Drainage Improvements

Ira Pearson, Manager stated the final bids for this project were received and tabulated on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021.

Mario Juarez Wilson and Company, representative presented the results.

Commissioner Crunk arrived via zoom at 1:33 PM.

Jeff Honeycutt, Road Superintendent stated two contractors came in at or above the 10% construction cost of 1.5 million. Mr. Honeycutt suggested we throw out the two bids and work with CES. Mr. Honeycutt stated the two bids were from Renegade Construction and Mesa Verde.

There was a general discussion regarding timelines and funding for the project.

**Motion:** Reject all bids in current bidding project and renegotiate with Renegade Construction and Mesa Verde through CES, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Proctor, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

**7. Approval of the Local Government Road Fund Program Funding Change for the 2022 Fiscal Year**

Manager Pearson reminded the Commission approved to proceed with over \$800,000 in LGRF funding during the Regular Commission Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Manager Pearson stated Lincoln County had received revised funding numbers for the LGRF program.

Jeff Honeycutt, Road Superintendent informed after an assessment of core samples for the Eagle Creek Canyon results displayed there was less than 1 inch of pavement, and less than 2 inches of base course. Mr. Honeycutt stated this changed the project outlook.

Mr. Honeycutt also stated they received an informative letter regarding a funding cut. Mr. Honeycutt stated it would reduce the length of the project to .7 miles of reconstruction in Eagle Canyon.

The preliminary funding, subject to change, being offered to Lincoln County is as follows:

	Entity (25%)	State (75%)	Total Project cost
Cooperative Agreement	\$33,333.33	\$100,000.00	\$133,333.33
County Arterial	\$55,716.67	\$167,150.00	\$222,866.67
School Bus Route	\$26,889.00	\$ 80,667.00	\$107,556.00

Lincoln County must submit an acceptance letter to the NMDOT by April 9, 2021.

**Motion:** Approve LCRF funding as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Allen, **Seconded by** Commissioner Willard.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

**8. Approval of Agreement Between the US Forest Service and the County of Lincoln for Maintenance of Roads in the Cibola National Forest**

Jeff Honeycutt, Road superintendent stated the annual agreement for the maintenance of roads in the Cibola National forest was up for renewal. The length of maintenance and the amount paid to the County of Lincoln had not changed from previous years' agreements.

**Motion:** Approve the Agreement between the US Forest Service and the County of Lincoln, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Willard, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

**9. Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Invoice Approve/Disapprove**

Manager Pearson reminded at the March Regular Meeting the Commission decided to table the agenda item. Manager Pearson informed Commissioner Willard volunteered to see the relationship history of the Ruidoso Chamber and the County of Lincoln.

**Motion:** un-table item, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Proctor, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

Commissioner Willard informed the County of Lincoln is a Blue Spruce member of the Chamber at \$350 per year. Commissioner Willard stated the County joined the Chamber in 2016.

Commissioner Willard informed we should maintain a membership and we should perhaps investigate a cost-efficient membership.

There was a discussion of membership and the original application.

**Motion:** Reject current invoice and subscribe to the lower level (Pinon) on annual basis for current year, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Willard, **Seconded by** Commissioner Crunk.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk.

**No:** Commissioner Proctor.

#### 10. Budget Adjustment FY 20/21 by Resolution 2020-36

Manager Pearson informed as per State Statute counties can request budget adjustments to accommodate changes in its financial operations during the fiscal year. Manager Pearson stated Commission approved adjustments must also be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration for approval.

**Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2020-36, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Willard, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

#### 11. Discussion and Direction of Re-opening Lincoln County Offices to the Public

Manager Pearson stated the Lincoln County offices are currently operating at a "limited contact" level with the public. Manager Pearson informed the Sheriff, Assessor, Clerk and Treasurer's offices all have some type of partition between the public and employees. Manager Pearson stated if a member of the public needed to meet with an individual employee, they set an appointment and must follow all safe social distancing protocols recommended by the CDC.

Manager Pearson stated the State of New Mexico had implemented a Red to Green tiered system to allow opening of businesses in each county. Manager Pearson stated the local county governments were not listed or included in the Red to Green system.

There was a lengthy discussion from the elected officials on current operations.

**Motion:** Approve a restrictive opening that must follow all safe social distancing protocols and sanitation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Willard, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, Commissioner Proctor.

#### 12. Solid Waste Department Update

No action was taken.

Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard, Commissioner Crunk, and Commissioner Proctor authorize the use the electronic or stamped signature.

#### 13. Upcoming Meeting:

- a. April 20, 2021- Regular Commission Meeting

#### 14. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stewart adjourned the meeting at 3:04 PM.

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ATTEST:

  
Whitney Whitaker, County Clerk

May 18, 2021  
Date Approved

