

**TOWN OF ARRIBA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, March 11, 2024  
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

**Call to Order** Mayor Marilyn Lightsey called the meeting to order at 6:00. Trustees in attendance included Marie Daniel, Siobhan Steinsiek, Troy McCue, and Bob Rush. Alex Flores and Ashlee Smithburg were absent.

Employee in attendance included Mike Becker and Josie Hart.

**Public Audience** Ben VanderWerf, Jay Spurling, and Carolyn Steinsiek. Ben VanderWerf talked about the semi-trucks going down Colorado Ave.

**Hospital Update** Erica Saffer gave her report.

**Approval of Agenda** Clerk Hart said she needed to add 'Easter Egg Hunt' and 'Viaero Permit Request' under New Business. Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the February 12 regular meeting as written. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the receivables and payables for February. Trustee Steinsiek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Bills**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the March bills for payment. Trustee Steinsiek seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Town Sales Tax** Nothing new on this.

**Zoning – Master Plan** Nothing new on this.

**Water Vault** Clerk Hart reported that the State approved the project, the project went out for bid on March 7. The bid opening is scheduled for April 4, 2024 at 3:00pm at GMS' office.

**2024 Election** Clerk Hart said the ballots will be mailed out this week. Ballots need to be returned by 7pm on Election Day, Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. She said she would be at town hall on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7am to 7pm. She will have the 3 election judges come in on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to count votes. The election judges will be Colleen Luft, Jody Schiffers, and Dale Amen. Clerk Hart explained that if anyone in town is not registered to vote but would like to vote in the Town election they have until election day to do so. After registering to vote they can request a ballot at Town Hall.

**Exemption from Audit** Clerk Hart said the exemption from audit has been completed. Trustee McCue moved to adopt the resolution approving the completed exemption from audit. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Clerk Hart said that the Town's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 30 at 1:00pm at the Arriba Park.

**Viaero Permit Request** Clerk Hart said that Viaero is requesting a permit for constructing underground conduits from Curtis Street to Lincoln Ave then continuing down to County Rd 63. Mike Becker suggested having them put the conduits on the South side of Lincoln Ave as the Town's water main is on the North side.

Trustee Rush said that all services line need to be potholed before crossing, and they need to maintain a min of 18" clearance.

Trustee McCue moved to approve the permit for Viaero as long as they place the conduits on the South side of Lincoln, pot hole all service lines before crossing, and maintain a minimum of 18" clearance. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Maintenance Report** Mike Becker said that he bought a new fuel pump for the backhoe and had Russ Myers put it in.

He said that there was an effluent violation at the wastewater due to ice build up from the below freezing temperatures in December. He said that Richard Hopp reported everything to the State and it should be good now.

There was discussion on Eastern Slope putting in fiber and the locates that will need to be done for them.

**Clerks Report** Clerk Hart said that there is an issue with the Town's discharge permit. She said she and Richard Hopp are working on getting it corrected with the state.

**Treasurer's Report** looked good.

**Trustees Report** Trustee Daniel said that the town needs to start planning for the time capsule opening which will be held on July 4, 2026. She suggested contacting the alumni this year before homecoming.


**LCEDC Report** Troy McCue gave his report.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Lightsey requested \$300 for the community garden. Trustee McCue moved to approve \$300 for the community garden. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment** Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

  
Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 4-8-2024

**Town of Arriba  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting 6:00pm  
Monday, March 11, 2024**

**Sign In Sheet**

*Carolyn Skinsick  
Ben VanderWest  
Jay Spurling*

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation  
Executive Director Report  
March 11, 2024

Work items of recent focus include:

- Our **Grow With Google** classes have received great comments and survey results. Next week (Monday in Limon and Tuesday in Hugo) are going with Make Decisions with Google Analytics.
- CHFA's Technical Assistance for Housing development** is working on their two plans, one for Lincoln Health in Hugo and one for the Karval Community. Soon we will have more shovel-ready housing plans. Newly-released housing needs assessment completed by Ayers & Associates has been provided to these consultants. Just sat in on Karval's near-complete plan for 2 to 3 new homes in Karval.
- GrantCorps and CRC for Opportunity Now** was NOT funded. Planning on follow-up meeting with CRC to explore other AmeriCorps opportunities. Awaiting AmeriCorps Review of concept paper submitted by CRC.
- Our SBDC Outreach** continues with new eateries (1-Asian, 1-Mexican) and other small business ventures.
- Current **travel centers and fueling stations** on corporate level has picked up. One Brownfields (old commercial being repurposed) and one Greenfield project in the works. Love's **has purchased** east Limon (within town – Scoops and Coyote East area) and Maverick is looking outside of town just south of the far east overpass to Limon/Hugo.
- Our Annual Meeting** is tentatively set for Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and we intend on having the Colorado Demography office as our keynote program at the Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- Denny's** building has been purchased by Jose Cardenas and will soon be a new Mexican food restaurant, patterned after restaurants in Haxtun, trying to assist with USDA low-cost financing for unforeseen extra costs (HVAC, drywall repair)
- Been observer and guest board member on **Friends of Genoa Tower** group and have been keeping track of their annexation and planning process. Spectrum begins restorative construction later this month.
- We submitted 3 applications for the **Business Preservation** grant applications to Limon-area businesses in cooperation with Downtown Limon for specific small business improvements, should hear by 3/21 if funded (10 days away!!)
- I have been consulting with County Extension for desired improvements to **Shooting Range** at south edge of Limon. GOCO was first contacted, but now CPW are the chosen agency for discussion of funding. We renewed our **Colorado Grants Guide** subscription (\$249). If any other groups want to access the guide, we will share login information.
- Plains Heating and Air** donated 2 new furnaces to the **Lincoln Theatre** last month due to a failed heat exchanger and a need to modernize. Many thanks to Plains!
- New EDC Goals** include the formation of a small business loan-loss contingency fund/revolving loan fund (being funded in part by sale of our housing property) and the exploration of the formation of a new industrial park somewhere in the county.
- Karval Community Building has broken ground on their new expansion to the **Karval Community Building**, as covered in the paper to eventually accommodate the Karval Food Pantry.
- A **new food pantry** and support organization is being formed in Limon to take off where Methodist Church has ended these services. Consulting with organizers of said new organization.



**Celebrating 60 Years of The Flagler Clinic**

February marked the 60th anniversary of the Flagler Clinic! Dedicated on February 23rd, 1964, the center began with a heartwarming community gathering of 350 supporters. Thanks to donated plans from the Sears Foundation, the \$40,000 medical center opened its doors, initially staffed by Drs. Beethe, Orr, and Austin from Burlington, who saw patients just three afternoons a week. Today, the clinic thrives under Lincoln Health, offering expanded services five days a week with Jennie Jolliffe, FNP, as the primary provider. In a small expression of gratitude to our dedicated staff and patients, donuts were served on February 20th. Here's to thanking the Flagler Community for their unwavering support of the Flagler Clinic for the past six decades!

**Lincoln Health Specialty Clinic: Your Health, Our Expertise, Every Need Met**

**Proctology**



Dr. Charles Frankum, a dedicated general and colorectal surgeon, has served rural communities along the Kansas-Colorado border for over two decades. Graduating from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1995, Dr. Frankum champions minimally-invasive techniques for faster recoveries. He treats a wide range of abdominal and digestive conditions, from cancers and polyps to hernias and colonoscopies. When not providing exceptional care, Dr. Frankum prioritizes family, enjoying outdoor adventures with his sons and supporting his wife Kristy, a successful interior decorator. Remarkably, Dr. Frankum utilizes small aircraft to reach his rural patients across multiple hospitals, showcasing his unwavering commitment to their well-being. Dr. Frankum \*is at Lincoln Health every Monday.

**Gastroenterology**



Dr. Nathan Schomaker is a gastroenterologist with South Denver Gastroenterology. He has an impressive academic background with a bachelor's degree in medical technology and a fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology. Gastroenterologists diagnose and treat a wide range of digestive system conditions, including treatable cancers like colorectal and liver cancer as well as chronic conditions like

- Pancreas & Biliary Diseases
- Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD)
- Stomach Diseases GERD & Esophageal Disorders
- Intestinal & Rectal Diseases
- General GI

Dr. Schomaker cares for patients at the Hugo Specialty Clinic the first Thursday of each month.

A schedule of specialists can be found on our website at [www.hugohospital.com/specialty-clinic-2/](http://www.hugohospital.com/specialty-clinic-2/)



# LINCOLN HEALTH

<p><b>1 RN : 2 Patients</b> National Benchmark 1 RN : 5 Patients NURSE : PATIENT RATIO</p>	<p><b>15%</b> National Benchmark 15% 30 DAY READMISSION RATE</p>	<p><b>1.6 Falls</b> National Benchmark 4.5 Falls / 1,000 Patient Days FALL RATE</p>
<p><b>COMING SOON</b> PATIENT SATISFACTION</p>	<p><b>COMING SOON</b> National Benchmark 3% HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS</p>	<p><b>94.0%</b> Comparison Benchmark 82.8% DISCHARGE MED RECONCILIATION</p>
<p><b>SEPSIS ALERT</b> <b>110 Minutes</b> National Benchmark 180 Minutes Average Time to Antibiotics</p>	<p><b>STROKE ALERT</b> <b>20 Minutes</b> National Benchmark 25 Minutes Average Time to CT</p>	<p><b>CARDIAC ALERT</b> <b>5.5 Minutes</b> National Benchmark 10 Minutes Average Time to EKG</p>
<p><b>COMING SOON</b> Patient Satisfaction</p>	<p><b>TRAUMA ALERT</b> <b>153 Minutes</b> National Benchmark 240 Minutes Average Length of Stay</p>	<p><b>RETURNS TO THE ER</b> <b>3.9% Returns</b> National Benchmark 10% w/in 72 hours</p>

## March Is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: Get Screened with Lincoln Health's 20% Off Offer

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, highlighting the importance of early detection for this preventable cancer. Lincoln Health is committed to this cause by offering a 20% discount on colonoscopies booked in March. This crucial screening is recommended for all adults starting at age 45, or even earlier if you have risk factors like a family history of the disease, certain lifestyle choices, or a history of inflammatory bowel disease. Talk to your doctor to see if a colonoscopy is right for you and take advantage of this opportunity to prioritize your health.

### Chief of Staff

Lincoln Health is excited to announce a transition in our Chief of Staff position. Dr. Mark Olson, who has served with dedication and distinction for over 30 years, is stepping down from the role. We extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Olson for his invaluable service to our patients and medical staff. His leadership and expertise have been instrumental in shaping Lincoln Health's growth and success. Taking the helm as Chief of Staff is Brianna Fox, MD. We are confident that Dr. Fox's experience and vision will guide Lincoln Health into a bright future.

### Welcome new providers!

Lincoln Health is thrilled to welcome two fantastic new providers to our team! Brittany Lugo, FNP, will be joining us in March and providing care at various Lincoln Health Clinics. Dr. Taryn McGilvery will be bringing her expertise to patients at the Limon Clinic. Both Brittany and Dr. McGilvery are dedicated to serving our community and ensuring excellent healthcare for all. Stay tuned for more information about these excellent additions to the Lincoln Health roster of local providers! We can't wait for you to meet them!

