

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, December 11, 2023
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 Troy McCue, Marie Daniel, Siobhan Steinsiek, and Bob Rush. Ashlee Smithburg joined via zoom. Alex Flores was absent. Employee in attendance included Mike Becker and Josie Hart.

Public Audience Ben Vanderwerf said that people off the highway have been defecating in the alley by his house and by the trees along his campground. There was discussion on what the Town can do about this. There was discussion about putting signs up pointing people to the Rest Area.

Hospital Update There was a printed hospital update.

Approval of Agenda Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as written. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the November 13 public hearing and regular meeting as written. Trustee Smithburg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable

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

Approval of Bills

Trustee McCue moved to approve the December bills for payment. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2024 Budget Clerk Hart said that the only changes were the property tax revenues. She noted that she figured in a 2% cost of living expense for employees. Trustee McCue moved to adopt the 2024 Budget. Trustee Rush seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Appropriate Sums of Money Trustee McCue moved to adopt the resolution appropriating sums of money as follows:

General Fund	112,946.00
Sewer Fund	104,875.00
Water Fund	170,183.34
Conservation Trust Fund	3,500.00

Museum Division Fund	300.00
Road and Bridge Fund	13,700.00
<u>Total Appropriations</u>	<u>405,504.34</u>

Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Certify Mill Levy

Clerk Hart explained that Arriba's assessed valuation is \$829,077. Setting the mill levy at 25.948 mills will generate property tax revenue \$21,513.

Trustee McCue moved to adopt the resolution certifying the mill levy at 25.948 to generate tax revenues of \$21,513. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Town Sales Tax Ordinance Clerk Hart explained that the Board will adopt this ordinance, but it only becomes effective if the voters approve it in the April 2nd, 2024 election. Trustee McCue moved to adopt the sales tax ordinance. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution for 2024 Election Clerk Hart explained that this resolution appoints her as the designated election official for the April 2nd 2024 election and sets it as a mail ballot election. Trustee Steinsiek moved to adopt the resolution. Trusting McCue seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Hart noted that Alex Flores, Marie Daniel, and Siobhan Steinsiek's trustee positions will be up for election.

Zoning Nothing new.

Water Vault Clerk Hart said the plans are awaiting approval from the State.

Cost of Living Increase for Employees Clerk Hart said that she figured a 2% cost of living increase for employees in the 2024 budget.

Trustee McCue moved to approve a 2% cost of living increase for employees effective January 1st 2024. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Employee Christmas Bonus Trustee McCue moved give Mike Becker, Josie Hart, and Marie Daniel that same bonus as last year. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report Becker said that he's had a lot of problems with the aerator plugging up. He said the pond needs solid removed. There was discussion on companies that do this. There was discussion on the repairs pond 1 needs and if the Town should talk to GMS about it.

Becker said that he bought a snowplow for the Town's orange truck. He also bought a new drive motor for the plow. The total cost for the plow and parts was \$800. Trustee McCue moved to reimburse Mike Becker \$800 for the snowplow and parts. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart talked about someone turning off the town's water and locking the water meter. There was discussion on this issue.

Clerk Hart said that Ted Grundmeier's remembrance service was on Sunday. She said that Ted had been involved with the Town as a trustee and mayor from 2001 – 2014.

Clerk Hart said that the High Plains Brass will play at the park on Saturday at 1pm.

Treasurer's Report looked good.

Trustees Report Trustee Rush asked if he could take some of the cement from the Town's pile. The Board agreed they were fine with this.

Trustee Steinsiek asked if she could start a Town of Arriba Facebook page for general information and events. The Board agreed this was fine.

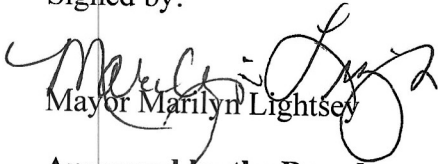
LCEDC Report Troy McCue gave his report.

Mayor's Report Mayor Lightsey had nothing to report.

Adjournment Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:


Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on:

1-8-2024

**Town of Arriba
Board of Trustees
Public Hearing 5:30pm
and
Regular Meeting 6:00pm
Monday, December 11, 2023**

Sign In Sheet

Ben Vandenberg

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation
Executive Director Report
December 11, 2023

Work items of recent focus include:

1. Our **Grow With Google** classes received great comments and survey results. The next class, Establishing Websites with Google will take place on Monday, 12/18 in Limon and Tuesday, 12/19 in Hugo.
2. **CHFA's Technical Assistance for Housing development** is in-process with a virtual meeting participation when they were in Karval, and an in-person meeting in Hugo at new housing site west of the high school.
3. **GrantCorps and CRC** continue to work with our organization for deploying VISTA members for greater grant writing capacity in the east-central plains region. CRC has submitted the application and we should hear by mid-January. We are participating in a training session for Downtown Limon's Business Preservation grant program.
4. Our **SBDC Outreach** continues with a possible new investment in the county for bulk fuel and fueling station (mom and pop) as well as continued work on eateries and small manufacturing.
5. Sat in on **MCC's** outreach breakfast at Metcalf's Old Schoolhouse on 11/9. Fairly well attended and learned a good deal of their plans for the future. **Collaboration campus** is a good concept given their soon-to-be-announced bachelor's degrees, and would still like to see if CU or CSU would like to partner in the concept.
6. 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.
7. I have been invited to sit in on an out-of-town **workforce panel** for the third week in January out of town. Also, I recently spoke at the COSSA meeting in Burlington on Lincoln County and green energy.
8. **Elizabeth Garner**, state demographer has been invited to be our guest speaker at our annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.
9. **Denny's** building is under contract with a closing set for 12/18. Purchase Party manage Mexican food restaurants in Haxtun and Wray.
10. **Roundhouse Estates** has garnered some recent developer interest from one our former clients.
11. Been passive 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 next month.
12. We recently distributed **Business Preservation** grant applications to Limon-area businesses in cooperation with Downtown Limon with a projected grant deadline of 01/19/2024.
13. **Pinbowl Alley** in Limon opened 11/29 with refurbished bowling lanes, pinball and arcade machines and food offerings.



<p>1 RN : 2 Patients National Benchmark 1 RN : 5 Patients NURSE : PATIENT RATIO</p>	<p>16% National Benchmark 15% 30 DAY READMISSION RATE</p>	<p>1.9 Falls National Benchmark 4.5 Falls / 1,000 Patient Days FALL RATE</p>
<p>COMING SOON PATIENT SATISFACTION</p>	<p>COMING SOON National Benchmark 3% HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS</p>	<p>94.0% Comparison Benchmark 82.8% DISCHARGE MED RECONCILIATION</p>
<p>SEPSIS ALERT 111 Minutes National Benchmark 180 Minutes Average Time to Antibiotics</p>	<p>STROKE ALERT 24 Minutes National Benchmark 25 Minutes Average Time to CT</p>	<p>CARDIAC ALERT 4.6 Minutes National Benchmark 10 Minutes Average Time to EKG</p>
<p>COMING SOON Patient Satisfaction</p>	<p>TRAUMA ALERT 164 Minutes National Benchmark 240 Minutes Average Length of Stay</p>	<p>RETURNS TO THE ER 5.0% Returns National Benchmark 10% w/in 72 hours</p>

Breakfast with the Elves

Join Lincoln Health & The Hugo Fire Protection District for a festive Breakfast with the Elves at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 16th from 9 am to 11 am! Enjoy a delicious breakfast of FREE pancakes, sausage, hot cocoa, juice, and coffee, and keep the kids entertained with free Christmas crafts!

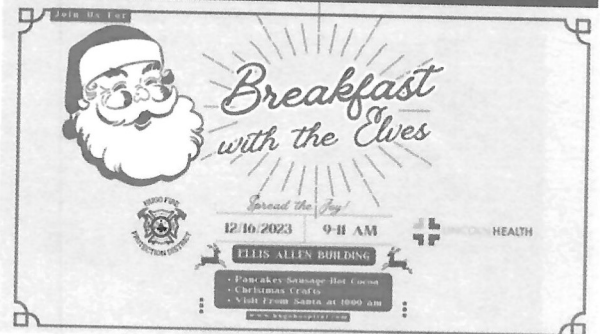
And the best part? Santa will be making a grand arrival escorted by our fine Hugo Firefighters at 10:00 am! Don't miss this festive event – bring the whole family and join us for a morning of fun and holiday cheer! Location: Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 33747 County Rd 2W, Hugo, CO 80821 Date: Saturday, December 16th Time: 9 am to 11 am Cost: FREE!

Physician Recruitment

We are pleased to report significant progress in our ongoing physician recruitment efforts. We recently welcomed two potential recruits, Dr. Alex Cantu and Dr. Taryn McGilvery, to our community. They had the opportunity to visit our service areas, meet our dedicated staff, and experience the warmth and vibrancy of eastern Colorado firsthand. We are optimistic that they will seriously consider joining our team and further enhance the exceptional care we provide to our patients.

Shop Local Gift Certificates

At Lincoln Health, we are proud to support the small businesses that are the backbone of our communities. Each holiday season for over five years, our Board of Trustees has gifted our staff with gift certificates redeemable at locally-owned businesses throughout the communities we serve. This year we are grateful to the over 40 locally-owned businesses from Byers to Flagler who partnered with us on this initiative. By keeping our dollars local, we're not only supporting our neighbors, but also investing in the future of our communities.





Lincoln Health Wellness Fairs

Following the closure of nonprofit 365 Health (formally 9 Health) in September 2023, Lincoln Health is stepping in to ensure continued access to vital healthcare services within our community. We are excited to announce the launch of our new Annual Health Fair Series beginning in Spring 2024, kicking off with our first event in Limon, in addition to utilization of our Mobile Health Clinic in more remote areas of our service areas. These fairs will provide a convenient and accessible way for community members to receive vital health services at a reduced cost or free, such as lab draws, health screenings, immunizations and an opportunity to connect with local healthcare providers. As always, we are committed to providing comprehensive and affordable healthcare options to all of our community. Stay tuned for more details about the upcoming health fairs and the Mobile Health Clinic schedule. We look forward to serving you!

....SO WE CAN BUILD A NEW HOSPITAL



A schedule of specialists can be found on our website at www.hugohospital.com/specialty-clinic-2/