

**TOWN OF ARRIBA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Monday, February 12, 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, and Troy McCue. Bob Rush joined via zoom. 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 trucks speeding on Highway 63.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the January 8 public regular meeting as written. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable**

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

**Approval of Bills**

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

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

**Zoning – Master Plan** Clerk Hart said she has an outline started for Arriba. She said she will work on researching population and housing trends. The Board agreed to start holding workshops for the Master Plan in May.

**Water Vault** Mike Becker reported that the State received the lab results from the town wells. The Town should be getting approval for the project soon.

**2024 Election- draw names for Ballot order** Clerk Hart reported that there are only 3 trustee seats up for election, and she only received 3 petitions back. The Town has to continue with the election as normal since there is a question on the ballot. Clerk Hart explained that the election judges will still count each candidates votes but it doesn't matter how many votes each gets as they are automatically elected.

Clerk Hart drew trustee candidate names from a hat. The order is as follows: Ben VanderWerf, Carolyn Steinsiek, Siobhan Steinsiek.

**Exemption from Audit** Clerk Hart said she is working with Lauer, Szabo and Associates out of Sterling. The Exemption will cost \$3,400. Trustee Steinsiek moved to approve Lauer, Szabo and Associates doing the 2023 Exemption from Audit. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Generator for Town** Mike Becker told the Board he needed a generator for running the hotsy, sump pump, and other random things. He said he found a Champion 4500 watt for around \$800. Trustee McCue moved to approve purchase of a generator. Trustee Steinsiek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Maintenance Report** Mike Becker said that the water vault flooded again. He said the chlorine is just so corrosive everything breaks down.

He said the wastewater plugged up, the hotsy broke down, but he has everything fixed and flowing now.

There was discussion on getting chemical tubs to haul water, it was suggested to get some from Paul Reida or Prosper Farms.

Becker reported that the road grader blew a hydraulic hose.

**Clerks Report** Clerk Hart told the Board that the State is requiring municipal websites to be ADA compliant by 7-1-2024. She said she is working with SIPA on this. She'll be using Adobe to change the documents she uploads. She said she might have to remove a lot of the documents on the website, change and re-upload them.

Clerk Hart reported that there was an email from the State regarding the informational sign at the Rest Area. The state is working on updating it and would like input from the Town.

Clerk Hart said that the Town needs to start the waterline inventory going street by street.

**Treasurer's Report** looked good.

**Trustees Report** none.

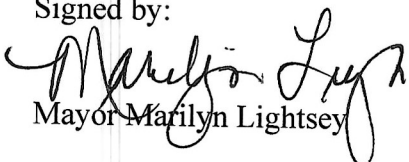
**LCEDC Report** Troy McCue gave his report.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Lightsey had nothing to report.

**Adjournment** Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

  
Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 3-11-2024

Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation  
Executive Director Report  
February 12, 2024

Work items of recent focus include:

1. Our **Grow With Google** classes have received great comments and survey results. Next week (Monday in Limon and Tuesday in Hugo) are going with Understanding the Basics of Google Ads.
2. **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.
3. **GrantCorps and CRC for Opportunity Now** was NOT funded. Planning on follow-up meeting with CRC to explore other AmeriCorps opportunities.
4. **Our SBDC Outreach** continues with new eateries (1-Asian, 1-Mexican) and other small business ventures.
5. 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 is looking at 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.
6. **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.
7. **Denny's** building has been purchased by Jose Cardenas and will soon be a new Mexican food restaurant, patterned after restaurants in Haxtun and Wray.
8. Participated in **Genoa-Hugo School Design** Session #3 virtually last month. Consultants are facilitating plans for more career pathways for high and middle schoolers.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. **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!
13. **New EDC Goals** include the formation of a small business loan-loss contingency 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.

**Town of Arriba  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting 6:00pm  
Monday, February 12, 2024**

**Sign In Sheet**

*Carolyn Steinsiek  
Ben Vander Werf  
Jay Spurling*

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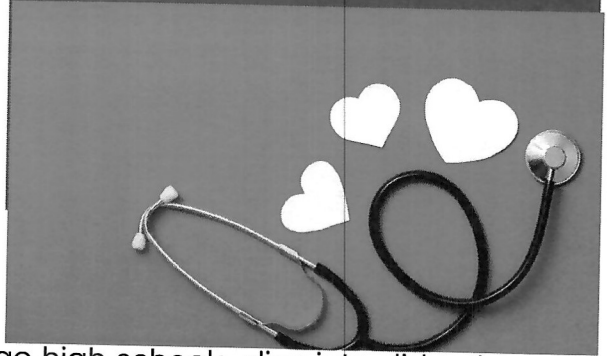
# LINCOLN HEALTH

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

## Show your heart some love

February is American Heart Month, shining a light on the leading cause of death in the US. Alarmingly, 1 in 2 Americans have key risk factors like high blood pressure, cholesterol, or smoking. But the good news? Many of these risks are controllable! Even small changes to diet, exercise, and stress management can make a big difference. Get checkups to know your numbers, talk to your doctor, and prioritize your heart health this February. Check out our offerings of heart healthy direct access labs online to “know your numbers”

<https://hugohospital.com/laboratory/>



### CNA Classes:

Lincoln Health, in partnership with Lincoln County Schools, Morgan Community College, and under the instruction of Chief Operating Officer Carrie J. Owens, RN, BSN, CEN, NHA, proudly presents a "Grow Your Own" program! This innovative, concurrent enrollment initiative focuses on high school sophomores, juniors and seniors interested in earning their CNA certification. The program allows students to seamlessly transition from academics to clinical experience, taking their CNA exam immediately upon semester completion.

The 7 enrolled students, representing Limon and Genoa-Hugo high schools, dive into didactic training, alternating between Limon and Hugo for convenience. Practical skills are honed at Lincoln Health, followed by real-world clinical experience at the Care Center. To foster future healthcare careers, job opportunities will be offered to program graduates, encouraging them to explore their passion in the medical field. From classrooms to clinics, we're nurturing the next generation!



**Generations- Modern Healthcare Facility for Eastern Colorado**

Despite the challenges ahead, Lincoln Health is fully committed to bringing the modern healthcare facility our patients deserve, to fruition, ensuring top-notch care for eastern Colorado. Keep an eye out for the soon-to-be-installed "Future Site of Lincoln Health" sign on the land deeded by the Town of Hugo along HWY 287. Additionally, McKenzi Stone, Lincoln Health Director of Development, received a technical assistance grant from CHFA to explore the possibility of a housing development on the site designated for the new hospital. She is working with a team of people to develop site plans and they are planning to work with a vendor to complete a housing needs assessment and market study to determine the best course of action

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

**Cardiology**



Lincoln Health Specialty Clinic is proud to offer two skilled Cardiologists through our Specialty Clinic.

Dr. Viswanathan is a cardiologist dedicated to personalized care. He is board-certified in cardiology and internal medicine, with expertise in advanced imaging and minimally invasive procedures. He previously worked at prestigious institutions like Cedars-Sinai and contributed to preventative cardiology programs. Outside of work, he enjoys family time and outdoor activities. Dr. Viswanathan cares for patients in Hugo the second Monday of every month.

Dr. John Ord, FACC, a board-certified interventional cardiologist specializing in advanced procedures like cardiac catheterization and stent placement, offers his expertise to patients at Lincoln Health Specialty Clinic on the fourth Tuesday of every month. If you're seeking an experienced cardiologist in the Hugo area, Dr. Ord brings his dedication and skills to this convenient location.

**Medicare Advantage**

**Medicare**

**Medicare Advantage Update at Lincoln Health:**

Be informed before enrolling! While Medicare Advantage plans offer extras, consider potential drawbacks for rural communities:

- limited doctor choices,
- approval delays,
- unexpected costs.

Traditional Medicare provides wider access and flexibility. Get unbiased information at 1-888-696-7213 or [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). To reach Lincoln Health about this issue, contact, Darcy Howard, CFO 719-743-2421.

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