



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
MAY 17, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Todd Noble, Health Services Administrator; Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer (*via teleconferencing*); Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager; Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon and other audience members.

1, 2, 3. At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chair; William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin L. Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he had a 10:00 a.m. commitment to give a presentation and Commissioner Tucker indicated that he would be happy to proceed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that she was not prepared to second the motion at that time as she had a few questions before doing so. Discussion followed regarding moving a proclamation and testimony to be heard earlier on the agenda instead of being heard under Agenda Item No. 14. Commissioner Nyquist stated that his understanding was that there was a proclamation to acknowledge June, 2022 as “Pride Month” as it’s recognized nationally. He stated, in the spirit of managing the agenda and expediting agenda items, he recommended moving the proclamation up on the agenda. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Tucker stated that Claire Hall, Lincoln County Board of Commissioner, had provided a letter to the Commissioners and asked that it be shared in reference to the proclamation. He then provided the Board with a copy of her letter. A copy is on file in the Linn County Clerk's office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Commissioner Tucker stated that he was informed that others may be attending but they were not in the audience. Commissioner Tucker was not sure about moving the proclamation up on the agenda when he was aware of other people wanting to attend and they were told it would be on the agenda around 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Sprenger recommended that the Board move this matter to be heard after Agenda Item No. 6 - Board of Health in order for Commissioner Nyquist to be a part of the conversation regarding this matter. In reference to the letter from Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Sprenger stated that she had not received a text or email from her.

Action – Commissioner Tucker withdrew his motion to approve the agenda.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to amend the agenda to add the proclamation between Agenda Item Nos. 6D and 7.

Commissioner Nyquist recommended that the Board create a new Agenda Item No. 7 for the proclamation and then all other agenda items would be moved down by one.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of Agenda Item No. 7 - proclamation and resolutions; from there on, starting with Agenda Item No. 8, the agenda would be renumbered by one. Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the May 10, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the May 10, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Board of Health – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports – Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer.

Dr. Muth provided the Board with an overview of the Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports for April, 2022. A copy of the reports are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. The Board thanked Dr. Muth for all his work.

B. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report – Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager.

Mr. Sanderson provided the Board with an overview of the Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report for April, 2022. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Board, at the last Board of Health meeting, had asked Mr. Sanderson to send out a question to his peers around the state about levels of restaurant licensing versus previous years and asked if anyone responded. Mr. Sanderson stated that he did and received three responses which indicated that their numbers were the same as they were in 2019; Linn County was the only one who saw an increase.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-050 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Drug Court Probation Officer Services between the State of Oregon Department of Corrections and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-050. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2022-173 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for a backup Public Health Medical Director between Benton County and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-173. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Proclamation. *(This item was added during the regular Board meeting; the following Agenda Items were renumbered by one to follow numerically).*

There was discussion and the following audience members provided their comments in favor of the Proclamation declaring June, 2022 as "Pride Month": Students Zayn Chapman and Meka Salcido; Gamael Nassar, Lebanon City Council Member; Bo Yates, Lebanon School Superintendent; and, Keith Kalkow, Organizer of the Annual Albany Pride Event. There was no other members from the public or via teleconferencing wishing to speak regarding this matter.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve a Proclamation declaring June, 2022 as "Pride Month". Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion.

Commissioner Tucker thanked the Board for their support and thanked the public for their input. Commissioner Sprenger stated that everyone needed to be treated with respect and stated that she easily supported the proclamation.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Fair/Expo Update – Randy Porter, Linn County Fair and Expo Director.

Mr. Porter provided the Board with a Fair/Expo Update for April, 2022. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Porter informed the Board that several months ago he had brought before them a Facility Use Agreement for the American Red Cross. He stated that, per the Board's request, he worked with the County Attorney's office to revise Section No. 1 of the Agreement to state that the American Red Cross had to get written permission and, if determined feasible, to use the facility.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that she read the proposed agreement and indicated that, previously, the County did not have the latitude to say no, however, the wording was amended so the County could refuse access to the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in the event that it was full; it did not provide that the facilities would automatically be granted in the event of an emergency. Discussion followed. Commissioner Tucker stated that he would sign the agreement with the changes that were made.

Commissioner Nyquist noted that he had a concern in regard to what happened in 2020 with the wildfires where devastation was breaking out all over and the community was low on the priority list for assistance from the Red Cross. He stated that while they should work together, if there was a need and they could provide assistance and resources to our community, it all seemed appropriate. He did state that the County needed to be prepared as a county and community to help themselves without the help of the Red Cross.

Commissioner Nyquist then asked if the agreement was ready for a motion. Commissioner Tucker stated the agreement was shared for the Board to be aware of the changes and did not require action at that time.

9. Road Department – Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-169 delegating authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, for the purchase of oil rock to be supplied and delivered by Knife River to the Lebanon Maintenance Yard.

Action Taken Below.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-170 delegating authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, for the purchase of oil rock to be supplied and delivered by Knife River to various locations in the Sweet Home Maintenance District.

Action Taken Below.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-171 delegating authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, for the purchase of oil rock to be supplied and delivered by Knife River to the Scott Mountain Quarry located in the Sweet Home Maintenance District.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2022-269, 170 171. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 2022-172 approving use of County Road Number 611 by the Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair Association for the annual Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair Parade and related activities.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2022-172. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Correspondence – There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Personnel Action Forms list as Exhibit 1. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Order 2022-162 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Grants Fund, \$65,420.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Order 2022-162. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would not be at next week's Board meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 as he would be attending a meeting that was scheduled weeks ago in regard to the lawsuit *Linn County v. Oregon State Forestry*. He stated that he would report back to the Board about the conclusion of that meeting.

13. New Business: There was no new business to come before the Board.

14. Announcements: There were no announcements.


15. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): There was no one present from the public wishing to use this forum neither in person or telephonically.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2022.


_____, Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Roger Nyquist, Chair



William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair



Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 5-24-2022