



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
JUNE 7, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Erik Petersen, Operations Project Manager for the Willamette Valley Project; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Property Program Manager; Brian Carroll, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and Alan Kwan.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Vice-Chair Tucker called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair and Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin L. Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Heather Gravelle, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Roger Nyquist, Chair, was out of the office.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the agenda. The vote was called. The motion passed.

5. Approval of the May 31, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the May 31, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of staff and committees.

7. Treasurer's Office – Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer.

Ms. Hawkins provided the Board with details regarding the orders below:

A. Order 2022-178 approving a transfer of certain appropriations within the Road Fund, \$214,700.

Action Taken Below.

B. Order 2022-204 approving a transfer of certain appropriations within the General Fund, \$400,014.

Action Taken Below.

C. Order 2022-205 approving a transfer of certain appropriations within the Health Fund, \$600,000.

Action Taken Below.

D. Order 2022-207 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Grants Fund, \$55,000.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Orders 2022-178, 204, 205 and 207. The vote was called. The motion passed.

8. Property Management – Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager.

A. Discussion and possible decision regarding Sealed Bids – Account No. 2457 (Continued from Tuesday, May 31, 2022).

Ms. Adamec explained that the Board had requested that she conduct a site visit and take photos of the property for them to review before making a decision on the two bids that were received. Ms. Adamec explained that she had conducted the site visit and had forwarded the pictures to the Board via email.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the bid received from Mohammed Mursalin Hakimi in the amount of \$5,000. The vote was called. The motion passed.

9. Corps of Engineers Willamette Update – Erik Petersen, Operations Manager for the Willamette Valley Project.

Mr. Petersen provided the Board with updates regarding the Willamette Valley system of dams and reservoirs; miles of tributaries and mainstream revetments; public parks and hydroelectric power facilities and stored water that he stated was important to Linn County and the quality of life for all people in Western Oregon.

Mr. Petersen then provided the Board with details on the following items: the development of an updated Master Plan that was largely focused on land use and recreation development; the Department of Transportation grants they had been collaborating with Linn County on; environmental impact statements for operation and maintenance for the Willamette Valley and the Endangered Species Act and 2020 litigation that required them to implement operational measures working towards facility modification.

Next, Mr. Petersen shared that the key milestones ahead included: a draft environmental impact statement and a draft biological assessment expected in the fall of 2022; a biological opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2023 and the finalization of the environmental impact statement and record of decision in 2024. He stated there would be a public input phase and encouraged the Board and the public to participate in the “once in a generation” process. Discussion followed. The Board thanked Mr. Petersen for his work, attending the meeting and providing them with the updates.

10. Correspondence: Joint Letter with Marion County dated June 2, 2022.

Commissioner Tucker shared that the Board had signed a joint letter of support with Marion County to the Oregon Housing and Community Services regarding a community block grant request. The joint letter of support is on file in the Clerk’s Office in the Commissioners’ Staff File.

11. Special Orders:

A. Personnel Action Forms.

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

12. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars and noted that all three Commissioners were scheduled to attend the FTLC meeting on Friday, June 10, 2022 and may be attending Duane Nyquist’s memorial service on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

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):

Ron Edwards, Lebanon, Oregon, provided comments regarding the Corps of Engineers Willamette Update.


Wyatt King, Lebanon, Oregon, thanked Mr. Petersen for his presentation and his work and effort in emergency management to keep Linn County safe.

16. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Heather Gravelle

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 6-14-2022