



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
JUNE 23, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Breeanna Oxford, Linn County Deputy Treasurer; Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Joanna Mann, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

1, 2. At 11:00 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. 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 Heather Gravelle, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

3. Resolution & Order 2022-227 adopting the 2022-2023 Linn County Annual Budget declaring the tax levy and making appropriations.

Ms. Hawkins provided the Board with an overview of Resolution & Order 2022-227. She explained that, the only change since the Budget Committee had met, was the Health Department was provided almost three million dollars from the State of Oregon. The money is for the retention and acquisition of mental health staff.

Commissioner Nyquist expressed his concern that there needed to be concurrence from the Board and the Budget Committee that these were services that were needed and what was being provided was of fair value to the tax payers. He added that he would vote to approve the budget but would ask for a review by the Board and Budget Committee members of what the three million dollars was for, how it was going to be spent and who it was coming from.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he remembered that Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator, had agreed to send the Board his plan of how the money was to be spent. Mr. Lane concurred and stated that, at some point, the Board would have to approve those expenditures as Mr. Noble was not authorized to spend the money without Board approval.

Commissioner Tucker clarified that, today the Board was accepting the money into the budget, they were not approving the line item expenses. At the end of the calendar year if they do not have an agreement and plan to expend the money it would go back to the State of Oregon.

Commissioner Sprenger noted that she was prepared to vote yes and that she had great confidence that Mr. Noble would provide the Board with his plan. She added that, if there was not an agreement on how the money would be spent, or, if they did not feel comfortable spending the money, it would go back to the State. Further discussion followed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-227 adopting the budget as approved by the Budget Committee and amended by the Governing Body for 2022-2023 in the sum of \$224,627,296.00 setting the tax rate for the general fund at \$1.2736 and the Law Enforcement Levy tax rate at \$2.98.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would vote “yes” on the matter with the understanding that more details would follow on the addition of the three million dollars and the engagement of the Budget Committee.


The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. by unanimous consent.


Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Heather Gravelle

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 7-5-2022