



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
JANUARY 4, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Courtney Leland, Commissioners' Administrative Assistant; Kelcey Young, City Manager, City of Sweet Home; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Alysia Rodgers, City of Lebanon; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and other audience members.

1, 2, 3. At 9:30 a.m. Chair Nyquist called the meeting to order. The flag salute and roll call followed. Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Chair; Will Tucker, Vice-Chair and Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the December, 20, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the December 20, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution 2023-001 election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Linn County Board of Commissioners for the Year 2023.

Commissioner Nyquist asked the pleasure of the Board. Commissioner Tucker stated that, for continuity, he would move to continue with Commissioner Nyquist as Chair and himself as Vice-Chair.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-001 with Commissioner Nyquist as Chair and Commissioner Tucker as Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Sprenger agreed with Commissioner Tucker's comments about continuity; Linn County is a very highly functioning County government and it is commendable but stated that she remembered Commissioner Tucker's comments from last year about rotating the positions and that she was supportive and agreed. Commissioner Sprenger stated clearly that there were three incredibly capable and experienced members on the Board and it was important to remember that all three members were capable of carrying out the duties of Chair and/or Vice-Chair. She stated that any one of the three members could lead the County and make good decisions as they were all qualified to serve. She then explained the definition of the word continuity and reiterated that last year the Board discussed rotating the positions but she could tell it was important for Commissioner Nyquist to remain as Chair and Commissioner Tucker as Vice-Chair so she supported the motion. Commissioner Nyquist thanked her for her comments.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution & Order 2023-002 designating newspapers for official publications for Year 2023 for Linn County.

Commissioner Tucker stated that the Democrat-Herald was designated as the official publication.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-002. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Joint Resolution of the Board of Commissioners and Fair Board & Commissioner Order No. 2023-003 adopting a Resolution and Order regarding the use of the Linn County Fair and Expo Center for July 2023.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Joint Resolution & Order 2023-003.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Joint Resolution was crafted by the County Attorney. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the statutes were not clear of who had control of the fairground facilities but the Joint Resolution indicated that the County

owns and operates the facility for 50 weeks of the year and the Fair Board has it for two weeks of the year.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Resolution 2023-004 amending the Linn County Public Contracting Rules (LCPR) and declaring the Attorney General's Model Public Contracting Rules not applicable.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-004. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Resolution 2023-005 approving the appointment for the Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore (District 4A).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-005. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Resolution 2023-006 approving the appointment of a Linn County Tax Collector.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-006.

Commissioner Tucker noted that the Board was appointing Andy Stevens as Linn County's Tax Collector.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were none to come before the Board.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-016 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (USDA APHIS-WS) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-016. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Sealed Bid Openings.

Ms. Adamec provided background information and stated that she had two bids; one for each property. She stated that both bids were from the adjoining neighboring property owners. Ms. Adamec then opened the sealed bids as follows:

Account No. 119806 – Ms. Adamec stated that the bid was from James Wach; cash bid of \$10 and \$105 in cash for recording fees. Included was a form to consolidate the property for tax purposes.

Commissioner Tucker stated that both properties were on the same street and were reserved strips with two separate tax lots.

Account No. 388518 – Ms. Adamec stated that the bid was from Robert and Nancy Alexander for \$100 including a \$10 deposit. Also included was the tax lot consolidation form.

There were no other bids for either of these Accounts.

Commissioner Tucker stated that these were two lots that the County did not want. They are un-useable narrow strips and it was a chance to get them consolidated into the properties they belong with to clean up the records. Commissioner Nyquist asked if there was any reason the Board should not accept these bids and get the property back into private hands. Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that this was a great example of what the Board should be doing; getting the property back and consolidated into the adjoining tax lots.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept a bid of \$10 from James Wach for Account No. 119806 and accept a bid of \$100 from Robert and Nancy Alexander for Account No. 388518. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Correspondence: There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

16. 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.

17. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he planned to be at AOC all day Monday, January 9, 2023. He asked if anyone else from the Board would be attending those meetings and Commissioner Nyquist replied that he would not be attending.

Next, Commissioner Tucker stated that he had sent a note to Mr. Lane with a copy to the Board about a request from the City of Sodaville. A copy of the note is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Tucker stated that there had been a land swap between Habitat for Humanity and the City of Sodaville. When the swap happened, the City was not aware that Habitat for Humanity had not put the land into a "not for profit" status. During the time they owned the property, the property taxes were not paid which created a tax liability back in 2014 that remains on the books today for \$1,100 with interest of \$1,400; if all the interest was accumulated to date, it would be about \$30,000 with penalties.

Commissioner Tucker stated that the City of Sodaville was asking for the Board to pay the taxes for them on the four pieces of property. He stated that the legislature fixed the law so that the transfer of land like that could not occur without the tax assessor signing off that there are no passed due taxes on the books. The law does allow for the Board to go back to the principle interest to the year of the event which would be a total of \$2,680 and, with the Board's support, he would like to pay those taxes out of General Fund money and distribute the funds to the taxing districts and get the taxes current. Commissioner Tucker stated that Linn County Assessor, Andy Stevens and staff supported this effort. A lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Tucker asked that, if the Board approved the request, he would make a motion and would want the letter from the City of Sodaville to be initialed by the Board and given to the County Treasurer so she can prepare a check for the County Assessor.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to pay the taxes on four City tax lots in the amount of \$2,680.18.

Commissioner Nyquist stated for clarification as described in the document and the conversation, that the payment would come out of General Fund money to pay the property tax bill on the four parcels as discussed on behalf of the City of Sodaville.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

19. Announcements: Commissioner Nyquist announced that there would be a Management Staff meeting held today, Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the Basement Meeting Room at the Linn County Courthouse.

20. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker):

Kelcey Young, 44829 Bark Loop, Sweet Home, OR - Ms. Young stated that she was the new City Manager for Sweet Home and she was very excited to attend the Board meeting and was impressed at how efficient the meeting went given the number of agenda items.

She's excited about the changes and progress that will be made in Sweet Home and has had the pleasure of already meeting Commissioner Tucker and looked forward to getting to know the other Board members.

Commissioner Tucker asked if Ms. Young could brief the Board on a possible future park site. Ms. Young stated that the Board was invited to attend their new dog park opening on Arbor Day. She then mentioned the low barrier shelter, putting in community parks, Strawberry Park, as well as, the waste water treatment plant which is their biggest project that they hope to start construction on next fall.


Commissioner Tucker asked about a possible mayor for Sweet Home. Ms. Young stated that there would be a vote held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 for a new mayor and she hoped that she and the new mayor could meet with the Board, at some point, to talk about the progress in Sweet Home.

21. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. by unanimous consent.

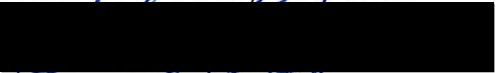
The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 1-10-2023