



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

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

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Dee Baley-Hyder, Linn County Veterans Services Officer; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Ryan Vogt, Executive Director, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Scott Cowan, Mayor for the City of Millersburg; Additional audience members from the City of Millersburg and Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer.

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 Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Courtney Leland, 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 March 28, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the March 28, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COG Update – Ryan Vogt, Executive Director, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments.

Mr. Vogt provided the Board with a Cascades West Council of Governments Update for February, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if Meals on Wheels had enough drivers. Mr. Vogt mentioned that they were always seeking more drivers.

Mr. Vogt indicated that, since coming out of the nationwide pandemic they were seeing more small businesses interested in opening for business. He indicated that interest rates were impacting their ability to find financing. Discussion followed.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Veterans Services Quarterly Report – Dee Baley-Hyder, Linn County Veterans Services Officer.

Ms. Baley-Hyder provided the Board with a Veterans Services Report for the last quarter. A copy of her report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Ms. Baley-Hyder indicated in her report that they were taking around 715 calls a month on average. Commissioner Tucker asked how many of those calls were related to the PACT Act. Ms. Baley-Hyder stated that Veterans had been seeking assistance for many reasons and indicated that the link to apply for the PACT Act was now available on the Linn County Website.

Commissioner Sprenger asked how transportation services were going for Veterans. Ms. Baley-Hyder indicated that Veterans were trying to use more local services for their transportation needs.

Commissioner Nyquist indicated that he was a little concerned that Ms. Baley-Hyder might not have the staffing needed with this additional workload and would like to follow-up in a meeting with her.

8. Health Department – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-106 amending a classification and title from Application Systems Analyst to Health Informatics Analyst and amending the Pay Range from 17-21 (Management/Exempt – Pay Range 21).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-106. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-133 adopting a new classification for Developmental Disabilities Quality Assurance Specialist (Management/Exempt – Pay Range 14).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-133. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Juvenile Department – Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-143 approving an Amendment No. 10 to an Intergovernmental Agreement (Agreement No. 5264j) for the Oak Creek Youth Correctional Facility between the State of Oregon, Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-143. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-126 approving the selling back of tax foreclosed property to former owner.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-126. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-130 approving the sale of tax foreclosed mineral rights.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-130. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2023-132 approving the sale of tax foreclosed property by private sale.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-132. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Adamec asked the Board to clarify the process of a request to waive Policy 8. She provided them with a letter from a constituent dated March 30, 2023 regarding a property located on Hill Street in Albany, Oregon. The Board indicated that they were willing to consider but weren't going to make a motion to waive the Policy until the funds for the property had been obtained from the constituent.

11. Correspondence: Scott Cowan, Mayor for the City of Millersburg, submitted a letter to the County dated April 3, 2023 in regards to the Public Hearing - PLN-2022-00807. A copy of the letter is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. He indicated that he would like to further discuss the topic in a meeting with the Board. Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County, provided more background information on the matter. The Board agreed to further discuss the matter. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Tucker excused himself from the Board meeting at 10:15 a.m. due to another meeting.

12. 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.

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Sprenger noted that a Zoom meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 and that more than one Commissioner might attend.


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

15. Announcements: There were no announcements.


16. 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.

17. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. by unanimous consent.


The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 4-11-2023