



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Micah Smith, Linn County Undersheriff; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Joanna Mann, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

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, 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 April 4, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the April 4, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Planning and Building Update – Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director.

Mr. Wills provided the Board with a Planning and Building Update for the month of March, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Wills stated that there were no land use hearings scheduled before the Board for April, 2023. He stated that there were no changes in the past four months regarding wildfire permits and asked the Board if he could give them an update as the permits come in and the Board agreed.

7. Linn County Quarterly Financial Report as of March 31, 2023 – Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer and Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer.

Mr. Palmer presented the Quarterly Financial Report to the Board. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Palmer stated that the County was 75 percent through the fiscal year and, overall, the Fund balances were in good shape. Discussion followed.

8. Correspondence: Commissioner Tucker stated that he had drafted a letter to the Board of Forestry in regard to the Habitat Conservation Plan and asked for the Board's support. Discussion followed. Both Commissioners' Nyquist and Sprenger gave their support.

9. 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.

Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, provided background information regarding the following items.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-147 executing a Cooperative Agreement with Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-147.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the language of the contract and what RAIN provides to the businesses within Linn County.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2023-149 approving a Lease Agreement between the Courthouse Diner and The Mad Platter Café and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-149. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution & Order 2023-152 approving a Personal Services Contract between Public Affairs Counsel, Inc. and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-152. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Tucker stated that he would be out of the office for a few days but would be available if needed.


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

12. Announcements: There were no announcements.

13. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon, provided information of how the Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network (RAIN) had helped businesses in her community.

14. 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, April 18, 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 4-18-2023