



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer (*via teleconference*); Dr. Adam Brady, incoming Linn County Health Officer; Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager; Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Director; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon 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 and Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger were present, as well as, Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Will Tucker, Vice-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 9, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve the May 9, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed.

6. Board of Health – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports – Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer.

Mr. Muth started off by saying that Dr. Adam Brady, the new Linn County Health Officer, would do a great job. Dr. Muth then provided the Board with an overview of the Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports for April, 2023. A copy of the reports is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

In regard to the report, Commissioner Sprenger asked Dr. Muth if the 22 animal bites were all by dogs. Dr. Muth stated that he was not sure. Commissioner Nyquist asked Dr. Muth about the six COVID-19 outbreaks and Dr. Muth responded that the definition for outbreaks changes but, of the six outbreaks, two of the outbreaks were linked to a care facility.

Commissioner Nyquist conveyed to Dr. Muth, with this being his last report, his gratitude both personally and for the County in regard to the guidance Dr. Muth provided in maneuvering through COVID-19. He stated that one of the highlights were both the robust testing and vaccination program. He thanked Dr. Muth for the confidence in the County's team to pursue those endeavors; you were the right person at the right time. Dr. Muth stated that he enjoyed his 14 years with the County.

Commissioner Sprenger also thanked Dr. Muth for his wisdom and for doing his job in a way that instilled the values of Linn County.

B. Introduction of the new Linn County Health Officer Dr. Adam Brady.

Dr. Adam Brady introduced himself to the Board as Linn County's new Health Officer and stated that he was happy to be at Linn County. Commissioner Sprenger welcomed him and asked him a question about COVID-19 and Commissioner Nyquist stated that he looked forward to working with him.

C. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report – Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager.

Mr. Sanderson provided the Board with an overview of the Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report for April, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator, reviewed the following items with the Board:

D. Resolution & Order 2023-145 approving a Personal Services Contract between Samaritan Health Services, Inc. and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-145. The vote was called. The motion passed.

E. Resolution & Order 2023-160 approving a Personal Services Contract between Corvallis Environmental Center and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-160. The vote was called. The motion passed.

F. Resolution & Order 2023-173 approving a Personal Services Contract between Jeff Jimerson Design, Inc. and Madison Avenue Collective and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-173.

There was significant discussion in regard to this item. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was hesitant to approve this item but that he would vote for it today but wanted to see some work product and a list of their clients.

The vote was called. The motion passed.

G. Resolution & Order 2023-174 approving an Agreement between Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-174. The vote was called. The motion passed.

H. Resolution & Order 2023-180 approving a Letter of Agreement between SEIU Local 503, OPEU Linn County Local 390 and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-180. The vote was called. The motion passed.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Fair/Expo Update – Kris Barnes, Linn County Fair and Expo Director.

Mr. Barnes provided the Board with a Fair/Expo Update for the month of April, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Barnes several questions including if he was aware whether or not there was a national association regarding expo facilities and, if so, he encouraged him to get engaged with them. Commissioner Nyquist stated that the financial numbers looked great.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-172 approving a Contract Amendment (Change Order No. 1) for the Mill Creek, Folsom Road Bridge Replacement Project between Bent, LLC and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-172. The vote was called. The motion passed.

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

10. 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.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Nyquist stated that he would be out of the office on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

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

13. Announcements: There were no announcements.

14. 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.

15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

✓ [REDACTED] Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Roger Nyquist, Chair

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William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair

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Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 5-23-2023