



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Andy Franklin, Captain Support Services, Linn County Sheriff's Office; John Pascone, President, Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp. (AMEDC); Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Stacey Whaley, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director; Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Justin Thomas, Linn County Alcohol and Drug Program Manager; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; 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; 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 May 16, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the May 16, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Sheriff's Office – Michelle Duncan, Linn County Sheriff.

Captain Andy Franklin, Captain Support Services, Linn County Sheriff's Office, presented the following item:

A. Resolution & Order 2023-176 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the State of Oregon, Oregon Department of Human Services (Agreement No. 179636) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Commissioner Tucker stated it was a great product and he was glad the County will have one available.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-176.

Discussion followed regarding the cost and the use of the equipment.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp. (AMEDC) – John Pascone, President.

A. Resolution 2023-181 approving an Extended Property Tax Abatement Agreement between Linn County, a cosponsor of the Linn County Enterprise Zone and ATI SAC.

Action Taken Below.

B. Resolution 2023-182 granting an Enterprise Zone Exemption to ATI SAC by waiving statutory requirement to increase employment by ten percent.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2023-181 and 182.

Discussion followed.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Juvenile Update – Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director.

Mr. Lynn provided the Board with a Juvenile 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.

Mr. Lynn stated that his department was seeing a resurgence post-COVID compared to last year. Commissioner Sprenger asked if Mr. Lynn was seeing different types of

issues with youth since COVID and he replied that the youth were presenting significant problems such as mental health and substance abuse issues. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Tucker asked about the work crews and their ability to now do Fire Wise work. Mr. Lynn stated that his Department has contracts with the BLM and he will be bringing before the Board a contract with the State Fire Marshall next week.

9. Parks Department – Stacey Whaley, Linn County Parks and Recreation Director.

Ms. Whaley presented the Board with a copy of the new Parks' Visitor Guide. She then provided background information on the following items.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-183 delegating authority to the Linn County Parks and Recreation Director to execute grant applications on behalf of Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-183. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-186 authorizing the Parks Department to submit an application for a permit to operate federal campgrounds in the Willamette National Forest (Federal Campground Operation Permit).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-186.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Ms. Whaley if this application included parks located in Marion County. Ms. Whaley stated yes and Commissioner Tucker added that he and Ms. Whaley would be meeting with them tomorrow, Wednesday, March 24, 2023. Marion County Commissioner, Kevin Cameron, would be attending the meeting as well.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist commented on a job well done with the new Visitor's Guide.

10. Planning and Building Department – Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-175 approving a Personal Services Contract between Avocette Technologies, Inc. and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-175.

Commissioner Sprenger thanked Mr. Wills for his hard work and diligent efforts to get the contract in place. She stated that she had confidence that this was a good option in getting better services.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Office – Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer.

A. Order 2023-190 approving a transfer of certain appropriations within the Road Fund, \$252,000.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Order 2023-190. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Correspondence: The Board signed a letter dated Tuesday, May 23, 2023 to the Criminal Justice Commission supporting the Justice Reinvestment Grant Amended Application for 2023-2025.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the Letter.

Commissioner Tucker asked the Board to approve it and stated that, attached to the letter, were documents from Doug Marteeny, Linn County District Attorney and Justin Thomas, Linn County Alcohol & Drug Program Manager. It's the right thing to do.

Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the County had been concerned with the strings that went with this grant and having the Sheriff and District Attorney signing off on it was an important component of his support.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

13. 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.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-178 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Oregon and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, provided background information regarding this item.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-178. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

14. 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. Commissioner Sprenger noted that two or more of the Board may be attending a Joint COG/CSC planning session tomorrow, Wednesday, May 24, 2023.


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

16. Announcements: There were no announcements.


17. 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.

18. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 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 5-30-2023