



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director; Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator; Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Michelle Duncan, Linn County Sheriff; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Norman Bickell, Representative for Applicant; Christine Ferguson; Alan Kwan; Arnie Kampfer; Stephanie Glaser-Hagerty; Troy Jones; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Shayla Escudero, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

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

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Approval of the August 1, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve the August 1, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

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

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

Mr. Wills indicated that there were no Planning Commission meetings scheduled for the month of August, 2023 and there was only one Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023 for BC19-0002.

Mr. Wills informed the Board that on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 there was a meeting held for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to hear opportunities and concerns related to wildfire resilience in their community and he stated on Thursday, August 24, 2023 there would be two additional CWPP meetings and indicated that the first meeting would be scheduled with the Linn County Fire Defense Board and the second meeting would be an opportunity to hear from local organizations.

Mr. Wills indicated that there were 17 new code enforcement cases and 14 closed cases for the month of July. Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Wills to thank Ms. Carol Gordon, Code Enforcement Officer, for the closed code enforcement cases.

Mr. Wills also indicated that there were no Wildfire Permits issued for the month of July, 2023 and that House Bill 5006 was set up as a reimbursement program from the wildfires. He shared with the Board that the Linn County Planning and Building Department had received their first check in July, 2023 and that the program runs through June, 2025.

Mr. Wills shared with the Board that the "go live" date for the Accela Program would be Monday, September 18, 2023. Commissioner Sprenger asked for clarification on if the Accela Program was user friendly to contractors and people out in the field. Mr. Wills indicated that 93 or 94 jurisdictions in Oregon used the Accela Program and he had received good feedback. Commissioner Sprenger asked if there were built in controls for financials. Mr. Wills indicated that everything would be tracked in the Accela Program.

Commissioner Tucker informed Mr. Wills that, Christian Ministries would be building another home in Linn County and there would be an application showing up within the next few days to the Linn County Planning and Building Department.

7. Special Transportation – Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-292 adopting the 2023-2025 Linn County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Plan and delegate authority to execute originals.

Ms. Maudlin indicated that this was for a project that was in the 2023-2025 Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Plan regarding to the match funds. She indicated that the Linn County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) held a meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023 to review the proposals for the funds.

Commissioner Tucker asked if this was only a request to accept the STIF Plan. Ms. Maudlin clarified that, the STIF Plan was already approved by the Board and that her request was to delegate the funds.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-292. The vote was called. The motion passed.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2023-252 approving an Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Youth Development Division between the State of Oregon Department of Education and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Mr. Lynn indicated that this was a request to extend the timeline for the Juvenile Crime Prevention dollars.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-252. The vote was called. The motion passed.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-280 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Juvenile Detention Facility between Lincoln County and Linn County.

Mr. Lynn indicated that this matter was approved by the Board a couple weeks ago, however, this request was to fix some signatures that weren't correct on the original document.

Commissioner Sprenger asked for clarification on if this was the revolving Agreement with Lincoln County where they use the beds at the Linn County Juvenile Detention Center and Mr. Lynn indicated yes.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2023-280. 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 and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion 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.

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

13. Announcements: There was no announcements.

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

Troy Jones, 22335 Gap Rd, Harrisburg, OR 97446.

Mr. Jones indicated that he was part of a group named “the Friends of Gap Road” and he had concerns regarding the Solar Project in Harrisburg. Mr. Jones stated, on the record, that he would like to ask for the Board’s support in opposition of the project. He expressed concerns around the wetlands, animal species, the drainage into the Muddy Creek water source and the elimination of Exclusive Farm land. Commissioner Tucker indicated that he didn’t know if he had enough information to be in opposition but, he knew enough to be concerned. Commissioner Sprenger thanked Mr. Jones for his respectful approach to the matter. She indicated that she had been cautious regarding the project and that, she wasn’t a fan of it. She also indicated that, any decision making regarding the project wouldn’t come before the Board. Discussion followed.

Mr. Jones indicated, for the record, that this was a 1,500-acre project and that Friday, August 11, 2023 was the last day to submit any comments regarding the Solar Project.

Stephanie Glaser Hagerty indicated that she owns property in Brownsville, about 2 miles West of the start of the project. She expressed concern around the fact that this was quality land they were experimenting on.

Arnie Kampfer indicated he owned property adjacent to the Solar Project and his family has had a cattle ranch for 80 years. He expressed concerns regarding the noise to the community and the valuable farm land that would be eliminated to run a facility like this.

Commissioner Sprenger asked them how she could support them and if there was more that the Board could offer to support them. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Tucker recessed the regular Board meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Commissioner Tucker reconvened the regular Board meeting at 10:04 a.m.

15. Public Hearing – (*Continued from Tuesday, August 1, 2023*) PLN 2023-00192; concurrent applications by Dan Hafner for a Comprehensive Plan (Plan) Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment. The amendments are proposed as part of an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Amendment approved by Lyons to add 28.12 acres to the Lyons UGB. The amendments would remove 28.12 acres from the County Plan Map and Zoning Map – Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department.

Commissioner Tucker called upon Ms. Boles to share with the Board any written comments received.

Ms. Boles indicated that there were no additional written comments regarding this matter.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger made a motion to close the Public Hearing and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. The vote was called. The motion passed.

Commissioner Sprenger indicated that she was ready to move forward and approve PLN 2023-00192.


Action – Commissioner Sprenger made a motion to approve PLN 2023-00192 and Commissioner Tucker seconded the motion. The vote was called. The motion passed.

13. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m. by unanimous consent.


The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 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 8-15-2023