



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Andy Franklin, Captain Support Services Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; 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; 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 Marsha Meyer, Recorder for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Nyquist was excused.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

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

Andy Franklin, Captain Support Services Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office presented this item to the Board on behalf of Sheriff Duncan.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-361 approving a Part-Time Temporary Employment Agreement for a Medication Aide.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-361. The vote was called. The motion passed.

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

Ms. Maudlin was absent. Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, presented this item to the Board on her behalf.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-363 approving a Grant Agreement No. 35593 between Linn County and the Public Transit Division for the Oregon Department of Transportation and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-363. The vote was called. The motion passed.

7. Reports of Staff and Committees:

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

Mr. Lynn provided the Board with a Juvenile Department Update for the month of August, 2023. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Mr. Lynn thanked Commissioner Tucker for getting the Juvenile Detention in touch with Cycle Oregon. The youth helped move luggage and bags for people and, at the end of the event, each youth ended up making \$30 in tips. Mr. Lynn stated that it was a good experience and, actually, the youth stayed longer than planned to help people load their trailers. Commissioner Tucker stated that he appreciated Mr. Lynn for providing opportunities for the youth to be engaged in the community.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-322 approving a Personal Services Contract between Grace Wellness and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-322. The vote was called. The motion passed.

8. Planning and Building – Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director.

Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department, presented the following item.

A. Resolution & Order 2023-352 approving a Property Line Adjustment Applications filed by Casey Meadows to adjust lines between three properties.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-352.

Commissioner Tucker asked if there was any requirement for a public hearing or process besides it being announced and the Board now voting on this matter. Ms. Boles stated that the Planning and Building Department would send a notice to all the

parties that had “standing” in this matter notifying them that the Board approved Resolution & Order 2023-352 affirming their decision.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Director, presented the following item.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-362 approving an update to the construction excise tax rate set by the Lebanon School District and Linn County.

Mr. Wills stated that the Construction Excise Tax (CET) for residential structures was currently \$1.25 and would be increased to \$1.56 and for non-residential structures the current tax was \$.62 and would increase to \$.78.

Commissioner Sprenger stated, for the record, that the tax increases were a decision passed by the Board of Directors for the Lebanon School District who get to unilaterally make that decision. She clarified that, what the Board was voting on today, was to allow the County Planning and Building Department to collect those taxes. Mr. Wills responded that was correct.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-362. 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.

B. Resolution & Order 2023-356 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and Pacific Bellwether, LLC, dba Sweet Home Dairy Queen.

Action – Commissioner Sprenger moved to approve Resolution & Order 2023-356. The vote was called. The motion passed.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Tucker mentioned that, in two weeks, he would be out of the office.

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): There was no one telephonically wishing to use this forum.

Michele Eldridge, City Administrator, City of Harrisburg and a member of Rural Economic Alliance (REAL), stated that she was before the Board on behalf of both entities.

Ms. Eldridge thanked the Board for what they were doing and indicated that the City of Harrisburg had just received notice that their \$96,000 grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) had been approved which would enable the City to start building a 43,000 sq. ft. regional dog park in Eagle Park and to improve about a quarter mile of trails. Ms. Eldridge also stated that the City was working on their water bond project. They are \$4.5 million short of the total project bid from over a year ago. She stated that the City would probably be pursuing a public works fund loan from the State of Oregon.

Commissioner Tucker stated that he loved her community and thanked Ms. Eldridge for coming to see the Board today. Ms. Eldridge gave her condolences to everyone in regard to the passing of Linn County's Clerk, Steve Druckenmiller and stated that if the rest of the nation could've come in to see how Mr. Druckenmiller, ran his elections there wouldn't have been any doubt of the integrity or how an election should be done. The Board thanked her for her comments.


15. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 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 10-3-2023