



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Steve Wills, Linn County Planning and Building Department Director; Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Rich Kellum; Steve Adams; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Shayla Escudero, 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 Courtney Leland, 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.

Action - Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to withdraw approval of the Agenda.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to amend the agenda removing Agenda Item No. 6A. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the December 3, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the December 3, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The following item was removed from the Agenda.

A. Resolution & Order 2024-400 approving an Engineering and Related Services Contract between David Evans and Associates, Inc. and Linn County and delegating authority to execute the contract.

7. 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 November, 2024. 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 is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m. today, Tuesday, December 10, 2024 for PD24-0237.

Mr. Wills shared with the Board that the Oregon Supreme Court declined to hear a petition for review of Saige Timber vs. Linn County; an appeal from the Court of Appeals of combined applications for two property line adjustments. He also indicated that the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals affirmed the County's decision which meant the Court of Appeals opinion affirming the County's approval of two property line adjustments was now a final land use decision.

Mr. Wills stated that there were six new Code Enforcement cases and 14 closed cases, as well as, two new fire hardening grant applications (one application was for a home that was completed and the other hadn't been started yet). Commissioner Sprenger asked what the chances were that any of the six new code enforcement cases were part of the 14 closed cases. Mr. Wills indicated that he would provide that information to the Board at next month's update.

Commissioner Nyquist asked how the Planning and Building Department's budget was. Mr. Wills indicated that, permits issued were stable, revenue had decreased but his initial forecast of the budget had reflected that. Everything appears to be right on track. Commissioner Nyquist commended him for his forecasting and encouraged him to meet his budget.

8. Correspondence: Letter of Proxy dated Tuesday, December 10, 2024 for the Association of O & C Counties Annual Meeting on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Commissioner Tucker as the designated vote for Linn County. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

B. Resolution 2024-403 reappointing members on the Linn County Law Library Committee.

Commissioner Tucker indicated that Scott Cowgill and Judge Thomas McHill were being reappointed to the Linn County Law Library Committee.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-403. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2024-408 reappointing members and designating a vacancy on the Linn County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-408. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Request for Refund from the Linn County Environmental Health Department to Barndo Builders, LLC, \$1,225.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the Request for Refund.

Commissioner Sprenger indicated that the customer applied and paid for duplicate applications by mistake.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: Commissioner Nyquist announced that Commissioner Tucker would be attending the Sweet Home City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 and that Commissioner Sprenger would be attending the Lebanon City Council meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 to commend them on their activism in improving the city's drinking water in regard to the Green Peter Drawn Down.

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

12. Announcements: There will be no Board meeting held the week of December 23, 2024.

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

Mr. Kellum provided the Board with a document titled "Stand Against the Wind". A copy of his document is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. He initiated a discussion with the Board about creating a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt process to recognize individuals with an award for saving public dollars. His idea behind this was to encourage government entities to look for more innovate ways to save money. He requested the Board's suggestions to ensure the process was successful. Discussion followed.

14. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

 Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Courtney Leland

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date December 17, 2024