



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Torri Lynn, Linn County Juvenile Department Director; Phil Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Stacey Whaley, Linn County Parks & Recreation Director; Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Terri McQueen Contracts/Recruitment Manager, Linn County Health Services; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Alex Powers, 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 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 February 18, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the February 18, 2025 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

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

Mr. Lynn provided the Board with a Juvenile Department Update for the month of January, 2025. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Lynn if his department had been impacted by the change in leadership at the State level. Mr. Lynn stated, yes, especially during this legislative session. Mr. Lynn stated that there currently was a backlog of 700 cases that hadn't been investigated. Although, he believed that cases should be investigated by law enforcement, the State believes that the Department of Human Services should investigate the cases. He stated that Linn County had no backlog of complaints waiting to be investigated. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist thanked Mr. Lynn for the work his department was doing and his approach to matters.

Commissioner Sprenger asked Mr. Lynn to tell the Board how the Linn County Juvenile Detention Center interfaced with the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). Mr. Lynn stated that the Juvenile Detention Center was separate from OYA, even though the facilities are next to each other, and that there was no co-mingling of staff or youth. He did state that the Juvenile Detention Center had offered a few horticultural program classes to the youth at OYA a few times a week. Mr. Lynn stated that, if there was an emergency situation, the agencies could call on each other; however, the Juvenile Detention Center had their own policies and rules separate from OYA.

Commissioner Tucker stated that other counties wouldn't be seeking beds at our facility if they weren't doing a great job.

7. County Attorney – Phil Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County.

A. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-064 amending an Ordinance for Forest-Park System Code codified at Linn County Code Chapter 610 and Declaring an Emergency.

Mr. Van Leuven asked the Board to read, into the record, the Title only. The Board had no objections. He then read by Title only.

B. Ordinance 2025-064 amending an Ordinance for Forest-Park System Code codified at Linn County Code Chapter 610 and Declaring an Emergency.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2025-064.

Commissioner Nyquist asked why this matter needed to be declared an emergency and Mr. Van Leuven stated that, without the declaration of emergency, this amendment would not take effect until after the Memorial Day holiday. The Parks Department was

wanting to implement the changes this weekend, as well as, before the holiday as it's the start of the summer season.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2025-026 approving a Grant Agreement (No. 35696) between Linn County and the Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-026.

Commissioner Tucker thanked Ms. Maudlin for her in-depth report.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Roadmaster's Bid Award Recommendation – Owl Creek – Peoria Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Mr. Mink recommended that the Board award the bid to Farline Bridge, Inc., Stayton, OR, as they met all the requirements.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Roadmaster's Bid Award Recommendation. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Roadmaster's Bid Award Recommendation – Cox Creek – Goldfish Farm Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Mr. Mink recommended that the Board award the bid to Cascade Civil Corp., Redmond, OR, as they met all the requirements.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Roadmaster's Bid Award Recommendation. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mink provided the Board with an answer to their question last week regarding funding and budget for these projects. He stated, at this time, the County Engineer indicated that they were on budget and on track with both of these projects.

10. Property Management – Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Program Manager.

A. Resolution & Order 2025-079 approving the sale of tax foreclosed property.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-079.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if there was anything else about this matter that he needed to know. Ms. Adamec stated, no, this was regarding the property involving the adjacent owner and the septic issue. Commissioner Nyquist thanked Ms. Adamec for being diligent with this matter; this was exactly why the Board supported her in what she was doing.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Health Department – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Contract Award Recommendation – Architecture and Engineering Services.

Mr. Noble stated that the bidder had met all the qualifications and scoring and recommended the Board award this contract to Pinnacle Architects.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the Contract Award Recommendation for Pinnacle Architects.

Commissioner Nyquist asked about the projected budget and Mr. Noble stated that they have part of the money and he was meeting with the Governor next Thursday, March 6, 2025 to ask for additional funds; this was the planning process for the money they know they already have.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2025-074 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Linn Benton Community College and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-074. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Tucker stated that both he and Commissioner Sprenger were on the same call for the legislative update last Tuesday, February 18, 2025 and they may, again, be on the same call today. He stated that they were interested in separate bills and did not hold any discussion.


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

16. Announcements: There was 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 10:02 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

, Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Roger Nyquist, Chair


William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair


Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 3-4-2025