



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Micah Smith, Linn County Undersheriff; Ted Langley, Captain Corrections Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office; Reagan Maudlin, Linn County Special/Rural Transportation Coordinator; Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor; Matthew Pitcher, Chief Appraiser, Linn County Assessment and Tax Office; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Diana Denham, Fiscal Services/Health Administrative Manager; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Phil Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Tre Kennedy, Attorney at Law; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Troy Jones; 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.

5. Approval of the January 30, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the January 30, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: None.

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

Ted Langley, Captain Corrections Division, Linn County Sheriff's Office, presented the following item on behalf of the Sheriff.

A. Resolution & Order 2024-030 approving a Contract for services between Lexisnexis and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Commissioner Nyquist asked for clarification on what Lexisnexis was and Captain Langley indicated that they provide the Linn County Sheriff's Office with legal research materials.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-030. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Micah Smith, Linn County Undersheriff, presented the following item:

B. Resolution & Order 2024-031 approving a Lease Agreement between Consumers Power, Inc. and Linn County Sheriff's Office and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-031.

Commissioner Nyquist asked for clarification on where Peterson's Butte was and Undersheriff Smith indicated that it was on the outskirts of Lebanon, OR. Discussion followed.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution 2024-033 adopting a Special/Rural Transportation Program Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan between Linn County Special Transportation and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-033. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2024-037 approving a Grant Agreement No. 35641 between Linn County and the Public Transit Division for the Oregon Department of Transportation and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-037. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Assessor's Office – Andy Stevens, Linn County Assessor.

Matthew Pitcher, Chief Appraiser, Linn County Assessment and Tax Office, presented the following item.

A. Resolution & Order 2024-035 approving a Contract for services between Scan-it, Inc. and Linn County.

Mr. Pitcher indicated that they would like to digitize outdated records for more efficiency in their office. Commissioner Tucker asked what would happen to the records after they were digitized and Mr. Pitcher indicated that they intended to keep them now but, at some point, the records would be purged. Discussion followed.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-035.

Commissioner Nyquist emphasized the importance of historical records and indicated that purging records warranted an additional conversation. Discussion continued.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2024-028 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the financing of community mental health, addiction treatment, recovery and prevention and problem gambling services (Contract No. 173142) between the State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-028.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if the public service gambling dollars still funded a counselor for Linn County. Diana Denham, Fiscal Services/Health Administrative Manager, indicated that those funds contributed two thirds of one provider's salary.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2024-036 adopting a new classification for Fiscal Grant Manager (Management/Exempt – Pay Range 18).

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-036. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution & Order 2024-043 amending a classification for Developmental Disabilities Program Manager.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-043. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Request for Refund from Linn County Alcohol & Drug to DAS Shared Services, \$122,179.34.

Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator, discussed the nature of the refund.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the Request for Refund from Linn County Alcohol & Drug to DAS Shared Services, \$122,179.34.

Commissioner Sprenger clarified that Measure 110 provided funding for Alcohol and Drug treatment and Mr. Noble indicated yes but, due to the system in place, there weren't any recipients compelled to take advantage of the available funding. Commissioner Nyquist asked if the date to file an extension for the money had already passed and Ms. Denham indicated that they already filed an extension and there wasn't another extension available. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nyquist asked if there was anyone inclined to cast a protest vote regarding this item. Commissioner Sprenger replied, yes.

The vote was called. The motion passed 2-1.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2024-032 approving an Amendment No. 1 to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Project Management, Engineering Services and Contract Administration between the City of Mill City and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-032. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2024-038 authorizing publication of a Bid Advertisement and setting a Bid Opening for Cedar Creek (Mill City) Pedestrian Bridge Project.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2024-038. 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.

B. Resolution 2024-039 reappointing members to the Linn County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-039.

Commissioner Sprenger indicated that the Board was in a unique position to grow leadership and expressed the importance of providing variety to each commission.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2024-042 reappointing members to the Linn County Fair Board.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-042. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

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

16. Announcements: Commissioner Nyquist announced that there would be an Elected Officials meeting from Noon to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Conference Room 4, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, NE, Albany and, also, there would be a Joint Work Session of the Linn County Board of Commissioners and Albany City Council Members at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024 at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, NE, Albany.

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

Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon.

Ms. Rodgers indicated that, due to budget cuts, her current position with the City of Lebanon was being eliminated. She shared with the Board that she accepted a new position with the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Albany and encouraged the Board to continue pursuing economic development in Linn County. Commissioner Nyquist congratulated Ms. Rodgers and Commissioner Tucker thanked her for her support. Commissioner Sprenger asked how the County could support

economic development and Ms. Rodgers indicated the importance of funding streams from the County and City to expand economic development and that certain counties have their own department solely focused on expansion.

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


Mr. Jones expressed his gratitude in being able to speak before the Board on a regular basis about his concerns with the Muddy Creek Solar Project. He indicated that he represented a group called "The Friends of Gap Road" and shared with the Board that the group started a marketing campaign. Commissioner Sprenger asked for the web address and Mr. Jones indicated it was www.friendsofgaproad.com. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that the Board's role with the Department of Energy for the project wasn't defined and that, if the decision came before the Board, they were bound to make a decision based on whether or not the criteria presented made practical sense or not. The Board thanked Mr. Jones.

18. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 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 2-13-2024