



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer; Rachel Adamec, Linn County Real Property Program Manager; Matt Pitcher, Linn County Assessor; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Phil Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Cody Mann, 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. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of staff and committees.

6. Accounting Office – Bill Palmer, Linn County Accounting Officer.

A. Resolution & Order 2025-156 approving an Oregon Department of Revenue Assessment and Taxation Grant document.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-156. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Resolution & Order 2025-151 approving the easement to Hunter A. Olsen to certain real property located in Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-151. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Correspondence: Letter of Support dated Tuesday, April 29, 2025 for Alyrica Networks' Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

Commissioner Tucker provided background information.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to support the broadband letter.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that the Board had previously signed Letters of Support for broadband studies but not for action or services and asked how this Letter of Support was different.

Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer, stated that the Board had recently signed a Letter of Support for CPI/Peak, which covered mostly the Lebanon area. The letter before the Board today was for Alyrica who would be covering the southern part of the County. Mr. Lane stated that the agencies were not in competition against each other but, to get approval, it was helpful to them if they had a Letter of Support from the jurisdiction of the geographical areas they'll be serving.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that it would be good if both agencies notified the Board of what the outcome was for the residents. Mr. Lane agreed and stated that the Board would get notification when the grants were awarded to the agencies and how much funding they'll receive to provide the expanded broadband services.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that someone from Peak had told her that their projected completion date would be late summer of 2026.

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 2025-153 appointing members and designating a vacancy on the Linn County Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-153. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2025-154 appointing a member to the Linn County Mental Health Advisory Board.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-154. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution 2025-155 appointing a member and designating vacancies on the Linn County Noxious Weed Control Advisory Committee.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2025-155.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that the vacancies were due to one member having a health issue and another member having a full schedule. She stated that she would be working to get new members appointed on this Committee.

The vote was called. The motion passed.

E. Resolution & Order 2025-162 approving a Lease Agreement amendment between National Carbon Technologies – Oregon, LLC (NCT) and Linn County and delegating authority to execute the original.

Mr. Lane provided the Board with background information regarding the amendment.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2025-162.

Commissioner Tucker asked what the correct name was for the Lessee. Mr. Lane stated that the correct name was Aymium but there were still legal ties to the name National Carbon Technologies; the name on the lease document was provided by the Lessee.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that National Carbon Technologies and the community were a good fit for one another. They've shown a good faith effort despite adverse market conditions. He stated that he would support the motion and the amendment and would expect that, ultimately, lease payments would resume as they would be putting hundreds of millions of dollars into the value of the site and someone would be paying property taxes on it down the road.

The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars. Commissioner Sprenger stated that next Monday, May 5, 2025 two Commissioners would be attending a Resource Fair; Wednesday, May 7, 2025 there would be a Management Staff meeting; and, Thursday, May 8, 2025 at least two Commissioners would be attending the RV Dump Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

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

12. Announcement: Commissioner Nyquist announced that the Linn County 2025-2026 Budget Hearings were being held at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2025 through Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Commissioner Nyquist commented that the Budget Hearings got off to a good start yesterday, Monday, April 28, 2025. In general, the employees of Linn County work on financial prudence every day; it's a part of our culture. He stated that, if you look around the State, Linn County was in a better position than most local governments and it only works if they continue with financial prudence moving forward. Commissioner Nyquist then gave kudos to Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer/Budget Officer and to Darrin Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer for a great start with the Budget Hearings. He also stated that he thought Linn County Assessor, Matt Pitcher, had a great budget presentation yesterday in the way of leadership. The key moment was when he didn't appear to have an answer to a question but stated, "I don't know but would get back with an answer". To have an honest conversation and to get accurate information versus information that may or may not be on the mark was valuable. He thanked Mr. Pitcher who was in the audience.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that the newest citizen member on the Budget Committee stated to her "Wow, Linn County runs pretty lean".

13. 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.

14. Adjournment. There being no other business to come before the Board; the Board of Commissioners meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m. by unanimous consent.

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

[REDACTED] Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Marsha Meyer

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Roger Nyquist, Chair

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William C. Tucker, Vice-Chair

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Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 5-6-2025