



# Linn County NEWS



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## Linn County Commissioners get monthly health report

ALBANY — There were 66 births in Linn County in April, Dr. William Muth told the Linn County Board of Commissioners by telephone Tuesday morning.

Of those, 38 were female and 28 were male.

There were 14 COVID-19 outbreaks and three deaths which had COVID-19 as a contributing factor.

In all, there were 126 deaths. Of those, 23 were tobacco-related, 15 were related to diabetes, two were related to alcohol and one was drug related.

Dr. Muth also reported there were 23 animal bites in April.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Unanimously approved a proclamation that June be recognized as “Pride Month”. Commissioner Will Tucker said he met with several Linn County residents who support the proclamation and that the issue of equality for all people is important to him. Commissioner Sherrie Sprenger

said the issue is one of “respect” and that all people deserve to be treated with respect. Several people—including two Lebanon High School students—asked the commissioners to support the proclamation that states “everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence and hatred based on race, ethnicity, religion, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, mental or physical disability and to be supported by their peers, educators and community leaders.”

- Were told by Environmental Health Manager Shane Sanderson that his staff completed inspections of 65 permanent restaurants in April, plus five temporary restaurants and six benevolent eateries.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Linn County and the State of Oregon’s Department of Corrections to provide an Adult Drug Court Probation Of-

ficer. The contract is not to exceed \$96,285 in pass through funding from the Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Courts Grant Program.

- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Linn and Benton counties for Backup Health Officer Coverage. The counties will each pay \$125 per hour for backup coverage to the Public Health Department.
- Approved the following for the Linn County Road Department: \$58,700 for the purchase of oil rock for the summer chip seal projects from Knife River for the Lebanon maintenance yard, \$80,226 for oil rock for various projects and \$83,248 for oil rock at the Scott Mountain Quarry site.
- Approved closure of a portion of the Scio Main Street (County Road 611) for the annual Scio Lamb and Wool Festival parade and other activities on Friday and Saturday.

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