

Linn County commissioners learn about COG projects

ALBANY — The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments has dispersed almost \$144,000 in federal CARES funding to area projects, Executive Director Ryan Vogt told Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker Tuesday morning.

Vogt said he is excited about micro-grants distributed in the three counties.

Vogt said that in all, 18 projects in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties., received funds.

The Linn County projects included:

- **Sweet Home:** A downtown streetscape project with a total budget of \$75,455, received \$10,000.
- **Albany:** \$10,000 out of a \$49,500 project to help the city establish a business registration program.
- **Halsey:** \$10,000 toward the Mid-Valley Partners Website, that will promote information about eight communities.
- **Harrisburg:** \$5,000 to support the Tri-County Business Expo, an event that will rotate among Junction City, Har-

risburg and Monroe.

- **Lebanon:** \$4,000 for an At Walk whose goal is bringing people to downtown Lebanon.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved a temporary easement valued at \$4,500 with Kendra Kimbirauskas and Ivan Maluski for construction work on Richardson Gap Road and the Shimanek Covered Bridge project. Also approved was a permanent easement for the project valued at \$2,450 with Daniel F. and Jessica Byers.
- Approved a change order of \$35,378.68 between Linn County and Legacy Contracting for the North Santiam River (Mill City) Bridge project.
- Approved the following road closures for the annual Best in the West Triathlon at Foster Reservoir: Sept. 18: North River Drive, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sept. 18: Quartzville Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sept. 19: North River Drive, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sept. 19: Quartzville Road, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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