



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200
MARCH 8, 2022**

The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Kevan McCulloch, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Phillip Van Leuven, Deputy County Attorney for Linn County; Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Arthur Gouin; Lucy Gouin; Hasso Hering; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer and Tim Gruver, 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 L. Lane, Linn County Administrative Officer and Heather Gravelle, 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 March 1, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Nyquist explained that a handout clarifying Oregon's Land Use Regulations regarding potential development of large-scale chicken farming facilities planned near Scio was available. The handout is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Commissioner Nyquist recommended attaching it to the minutes as Exhibit 2. He added that it was also on the Linn County website for interested parties to review.

Commissioners' Sprenger and Tucker asked for a five-minute recess in order to review the handout.

Commissioner Nyquist recessed the regular Board meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioner Nyquist reconvened the regular Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the March 1, 2022 Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes, attaching the handout clarifying Oregon’s Land Use Regulations regarding potential development of large-scale chicken farming facilities planned near Scio as Exhibit 2. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Staff and Committees:

A. Planning Update – Alyssa Boles, Planning Manager, Linn County Planning and Building Department.

Ms. Boles provided the Board with a Planning Update for the month of February, 2022. A copy of the report is on file in the Linn County Clerk’s Office in the Commissioners’ Staff File. She noted that the Planning Commission had no meetings scheduled for March, 2022 and the Board had no land use hearing’s scheduled. Commissioner Sprenger asked if staff were still having quarterly meetings with the contract cities and Ms. Boles replied that they were. The Board thanked Ms. Boles for her work and the update.

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

Mr. Mink provided the Board with an overview of the following items:

A. Resolution & Order 2022-052 approving a Construction Contract for the Thomas Creek, Richardson Gap Road (Shimanek) Covered Bridge Project between Marcum & Sons, LLC and Linn County.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-052. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution & Order 2022-062 delegating authority to the Roadmaster to execute a Purchase of Supplies Contract with Blueline Transportation Co., Inc.

Action Taken Below.

C. Resolution & Order 2022-079 delegating authority to the Roadmaster to execute a Purchase of Supplies Contract with Sierra Santa Fe Corporation.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2022-062 and 079. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nyquist asked Mr. Mink for an update on the progress of the Hasso Hering bikeway. Mr. Mink explained that engineering staff were working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the matter. He added that there were right-of-way concerns with the curves and agricultural use of big trucks and tractors. Mr. Mink further explained that they were trying to get a safety corridor study completed by ODOT as well. Brief discussion followed.

8. Treasurer's Office – Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer.

A. Order 2022-095 approving a transfer of certain appropriations within the Health Fund, \$150,000.

Ms. Hawkins provided the Board with details regarding Order 2022-095. Discussion followed on why the transfer was necessary.

Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Order 2022-095. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

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

10. 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.

11. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars and Commissioner Tucker noted that both he and Commissioner Sprenger were scheduled to attend a Local Business Film Premiere sponsored by Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Rio Theatre in Sweet Home.

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

13. Announcements: Commissioner Nyquist noted that this was the last Board meeting where masks would be required. Discussion followed on the fact that, throughout the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, Linn County had not closed but had stayed open for business ensuring that citizens could get the services they needed. The Board also expressed their thanks to Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator and all staff at the Health Department for all their hard work, dedication and long hours through the pandemic.

14. Business from the Public (3-minute limit per speaker): Lucy Gouin, 43550 Thomas Creek Drive, Scio, Oregon 97374, expressed her opposition to the proposed chicken farm in Scio. She noted that her concerns included a lack of water to support a large operation.

Arthur Gouin, 43550 Thomas Creek Drive, Scio, Oregon 97374, stated that the chicken farm would be an enormous operation in a small community. He stated that they lived less than a mile from the proposed location and it was likely there would be emissions they would smell on a daily basis.

Commissioner Nyquist provided Mr. and Ms. Gouin a copy of the handout that staff had prepared clarifying Oregon's Land Use Regulations regarding potential development of large-scale chicken farming. He explained that there was state level contact information on the handout and he encouraged them to engage in that process.

Commissioner Sprenger added that this was an opportunity to look at changing the current law by going through the legislative process. She stated that she could assist Mr. and Ms. Gouin through that process if they were interested. The Board thanked them for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns.

Alex McHaddad, 30733 Sodaville Road, Sodaville, Oregon 97355 (via teleconferencing) explained that he was the new City Recorder for the City of Sodaville. He stated that he wanted to introduce himself to the Board and that he looked forward to working with them. The Board congratulated Mr. McHaddad for the new position and thanked him for the introduction.

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

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

[REDACTED], Recorder
For Board of Commissioners
Heather Gravelle

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Roger Nyquist, Chairman

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William C. Tucker, Commissioner

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Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 3-15-2022