



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY MEETING  
LINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – ROOM 200  
AUGUST 16, 2022**

**The Linn County Board of Commissioners met for the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.**

Those present at various times for the matters as indicated below were: Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator; Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer (via teleconferencing); Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager; Wayne Mink, Linn County Roadmaster; Michelle Hawkins, Linn County Treasurer; Rachel Adamec, Real Property Program Manager; Alex Paul, Linn County Communications Officer; Alysia Rodgers, Economic Development Catalyst, City of Lebanon; Rebecca Grizzle, Executive Director, Lebanon Chamber of Commerce; Ken Silveira; Ron Edwards; Alan Kwan and Joanna Mann, Reporter for Democrat-Herald.

1, 2, 3. At 9:00 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 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 August 9, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve the August 9, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Staff and Committees: There were no reports of staff and committees.

7. Board of Health – Todd Noble, Linn County Health Services Administrator.

A. Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports – Dr. William Muth, Linn County Health Officer.

Dr. Muth provided the Board with an overview of the Communicable Disease and Vital Statistics Reports for July, 2022. A copy of the reports are on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Dr. Muth then provided the Board a brief COVID-19 update. The Board thanked Dr. Muth for his work and the reports.

B. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report – Shane Sanderson, Linn County Public Health Program Manager.

Mr. Sanderson provided the Board with an overview of the Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report for July, 2022. A copy of his report is on file in the Linn County Clerk's Office in the Commissioners' Staff File. Brief discussion followed. The Board thanked Mr. Sanderson for the update.

Mr. Noble provided the Board an overview of the following items:

C. Resolution 2022-275 reappointing a member to the Linn County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2022-275. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. Resolution & Order 2022-281 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the 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 2022-281.**

Mr. Noble explained that this item would accept a \$226,089 grant from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide local counseling programs for persons with mental illness who had been charged with a crime. Discussion followed regarding a major shift in programs since the state had closed mental health hospitals statewide, reduced the number of in-patient beds available and shifted the responsibility to local governments.

Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was disappointed that there had not been honest, public conversation about how we got to this point. He added this was not an issue that affected just Linn County, it was everywhere and they needed to press policymakers to let them know what we think was needed. After further discussion, the Board agreed to approve the contract, but that the County Attorney's Office would send a letter to OHA outlining the Board's concerns.

**The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

E. Resolution & Order 2022-284 approving an Agreement with MODA Health Plan, Inc. Participating Provider Agreement delegating authority to execute originals.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-284. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

F. Resolution & Order 2022-295 approving an Amendment No. 1 to an Intergovernmental Agreement between Benton County and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-295. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

G. Resolution & Order 2022-298 approving a Student Affiliation Agreement between the University of Oklahoma and Linn County and delegating authority to execute originals.

Commissioner Sprenger stated that she appreciated that the Health Department was casting a wider net to get qualified mental health professionals in Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-298. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mr. Mink provided the Board with details regarding the matter below.

A. Resolution & Order 2022-293 approving a Construction Contract for the Mill Creek, Folsom Bridge Replacement Project between Bent, LLC and Linn County.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Order 2022-293. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Ms. Hawkins provided the Board with background information regarding Order 2022-303.

A. Order 2022-303 accepting an expenditure of a certain grant within the Grants Fund, \$34,417.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Order 2022-303. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**



10. Property Management – Rachel Adamec, Real Property Program Manager.

A. Sealed Bid Openings – Account Nos. 940403 & 926462.

Ms. Adamec informed the Board that this matter involved two properties: a 0.31 acre property in Scio with a real market value of \$1,390 and a 0.01 acre property in Brownsville with a real market value of \$1,000. She stated that there was no minimum bid required and no requirement to go through the auction process.

She then opened the sealed bid for Account No. 940403 as follows:

1. Ken and Ronda Silveira - \$1,000 plus a deposit of \$552.50.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the bid for \$1,000 for Account No. 940403 and approved to sell the property to Ken and Ronda Silveira. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Adamec then opened the sealed bid for Account No. 926462 as follows:

1. Nathan Mickelwright - \$1.00.

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to accept the bid for \$1.00 for Account No. 926462 and approved to sell the property to Nathan Mickelwright. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

12. 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 & Order 2022-296 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and **Horner Enterprises, Inc.**

**Action Taken Below.**

C. Resolution & Order 2022-301 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and **O & M Tire Shop, Inc.**

**Action Taken Below.**

D. Resolution & Order 2022-302 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and **Kirk Century Farms, Inc.**

**Action Taken Below.**

E. Resolution & Order 2022-306 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and **Miller Grass Seed, Inc.**

**Action Taken Below.**

F. Resolution & Order 2022-307 approving a First-Time Youth Wage Grant Agreement between Linn County and **Wirth Farms, Inc.**

**Action – Commissioner Tucker moved and Commissioner Sprenger seconded the motion to approve Resolution & Orders 2022-296, 301, 302, 306 and 307. The vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.**

13. Unfinished Business and General Orders:

A. Calendar Update: The Commissioners updated their calendars.

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

15. Announcements: There were no announcements.

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

Ron Edwards, Lebanon, Oregon, provided his concerns regarding the upcoming drawdown of the Green Peter Dam. After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers requesting their attendance at a future Board meeting to provide them with an update, as well as, discuss the possibility of the Corp holding public forums to allow Linn County citizens the opportunity to provide input.

Ken Silveira, Scio, Oregon, commented on the proposed chicken farms in Linn County and explained that the community was worried. He shared his concerns which consisted of vast water usage and the potential pollution of Thomas Creek. Commissioner Nyquist noted that he had concerns as well and suggested that Mr. Silveira and others engage with the Department of Agriculture as they were the ones who would issue the CAFO permit. Commissioner Nyquist added that he was part of a workgroup on the matter and the opportunity for public input was scheduled for late August; the details would be posted on the Linn County Website. Further discussion followed.

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

The next regular public meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

 Recorder  
For Board of Commissioners  
Heather Gravelle

**LINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Roger Nyquist, Chair



William C. Tucker, Vice Chair



Sherrie Sprenger, Commissioner

Date 8-23-2022